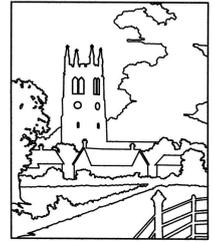




RIPPINGDALE NEWS

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

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SUN 1st BCP Eucharist @ 6.00pm
8th Sung Eucharist @ 9.15am
15th NO SERVICE [Mothering Sunday]
22nd Family Service @ 10.30am
29th GROUP SERVICE Morton @ 10.45am

APRIL 4th Holy Saturday Group Easter Vigil @ 7.00pm
5th FAMILY SERVICE @ 10.30am

ALWAYS CHECK THE NOTICE BOARD IN THE HIGH STREET FOR ANY CHANGES

EASTER FLOWERS: *No flowers during Lent.*

May I ask all our dedicated flower ladies to decorate our beautiful Church for Easter? It will be open on Good Friday [3rd April] and also on Easter Saturday [4th] when we are having a Group Easter Vigil @ 7.00pm. There is no Service on Good Friday. *Pam Baylis, Churchwarden.*

PLOUGH SUNDAY [18th January]

This is always a successful and enjoyable Service with the old horse drawn plough being wheeled down the church to be blessed and also the children's plough and tractor toys. Homemade soup** and nibbles were provided with sweets for the children and our thanks go to all concerned. Thanks to Ben Atkinson for providing a large tractor with plough, parked in the High Street for all to see and Stephen Burt for providing the plough. ** The soup recipe can be found elsewhere in the Newsletter.

FAMILY SERVICES

We are trying to have Family Services once a month. The next one is Sunday 22nd March @ 10.30am. The one on Easter Sunday [5th April] @ 10.30am will be followed by an Easter Egg hunt for the children. *Jonathan Newell, Churchwarden*

COFFEE MORNING

Unfortunately, the one in February was cancelled because of inclement weather. The next one will be on Tuesday 3rd March in the Church @ 10.30am.

200 CLUB - Winners for February: £200 Mr/Mrs B Cook [143]
£ 50 Mr/Mrs R Ayres [199] Mrs D Gearing [193]
Mrs S Hall [183] Mrs M Jessop [34]

OPEN GARDENS 2015

Unfortunately, the response to my request for gardens to open in April has resulted in nobody coming forward. This means that the event has been cancelled. It is the first time for over 20 years that we cannot raise enough enthusiasm to carry on this community Fund Raising event. The Garden Club hope to do something to raise funds in the near future and further information will be forthcoming in the April Newsletter. *Chris Bladon*

VILLAGE WALKS

This month's Walk will take place on Sunday 15th March, commencing @ 10.15am sharp. The walk will start from the Church in Hacconby. Please park considerately. For more information, contact Derek Diess on 440063.

RIPPINGDALE FEAST – CAR BOOT SALE – EASTER SATURDAY 4th April

Rippingdale Playing Field. Set-up 12noon – Buyers from 1.00pm. £5 per table. Free entry. NO TRADERS PLEASE. Refreshments and toilets but, sorry NO DOGS. For more information or to pre-book, call Chas Mayhew on [01778] 440430.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS 7th MAY, 2015- A SALES PITCH.

Overall Aim of Ripplingale Parish Council: “To provide services for, and manage and maintain the assets of, the village of Ripplingale within the law and the resources provided by the annual precept and other incomes, taking into account the wishes of the residents and obtaining value for money.”

Parish Councils (which are the same as Town Councils in Law) are Statutory Local Authorities. They have an extensive range of powers that means they can – if they wish – provide and maintain a wide variety of important local amenities and services including allotments, open spaces, transport schemes, safety and crime reduction, leisure and sports facilities, litter bins, street cleaning ... and much more.

As the most local level of democracy, and the tier of government most closely linked to the area in which everyone lives, Ripplingale Parish Council wishes to encourage contested elections on **7th May 2015**. Democratically elected and accountable councillors are essential for the Council to be involved with its electorate. The **“Overall Aims of Ripplingale Parish Council”** statement indicates its wish to be a proactive and united Council that represents the concerns and aspirations of our local community.

The Council does its best to encourage residents to know more about its work so that they can then make an informed decision about what the position of “Councillor” entails, and whether or not they wish to stand for office. Councillors recognise that there is a great need for Councillors to reflect the community they serve and to make the position appealing to young and old alike. New blood in the Council is both welcomed and encouraged – it can bring about new enthusiasms and new initiatives. Elections on 7th May provide an opportunity to bring in “new blood”.

To encourage residents to find out more about what the Council is about Parish Councillors will be very pleased to talk with potential candidates. There is also a lot of information “out there” that outline the role of a local council and its members. A very useful source is the NALC (National Association of Local Councils) website www.nalc.gov.uk. The village website has more detailed information on the election process (courtesy of Lincs. Association of Local Councils.)

There are eligibility requirements to stand for election, but in simple terms someone is eligible if they are:

- A British, Commonwealth or European Union citizen and
- 18 years or older on the day they become nominated for election.
- Are registered as a local government elector for the parish
- Have for the whole 12month period up to the date of the election occupied (as owner or tenant), land or other premises in the parish; or
- Have had their main or only place of work during that same 12month period in the parish; or
- Have during the whole of that same 12month period resided in the parish or within 4.8Km (3miles) of it.

Sometimes residents can be put off from becoming involved because they do not have information about what is expected of them, how often meetings are held or how long they last. The Clerk to the Council will be pleased to answer any questions you may have about the Council’s work and pass on Councillor contacts for you. (440200 /clerk@rpcouncil.co.uk)

It is also perhaps worth here stating what a Parish Council is NOT! It is NOT a voluntary organisation, a charity or anything at all to do with the church.

From 23rd of this month (March 2015) the SKDC District and Parish Elections process begins with the publishing of the Notices of Election. Your Parish Councillors are encouraging you to get involved, stand for election on 7th May and to take up their invitation to learn more about how it all works. Nomination papers for Election Candidates must be returned by **9th April, 2015** (4.00p.m.).

Election information and updates can be accessed via www.RipplingaleVillage.co.uk/elections or follow the links from the Home Page.

ALLOTMENTS
Spring is (hopefully) in the Air!



Allotments – full and half plots – are available for Rippingale residents to rent.

Please contact the Clerk to arrange a site viewing if you are interested in growing your own (vegetables, that is, not dandelions!)

Clerk: 440200; clerk@rpcouncil.co.uk

PLANNING MATTERS & APPLICATIONS.

1. SKDC Local Plan Consultation – Helping Shape the District.

Thanks to the residents who have replied to the initial consultation request, and informed the Parish Council of their views. Please keep the progress of this Consultation in mind and take future opportunities to *express your views* if you would like to have a say in development of your village. The Parish Council will keep you informed of the comments it is putting to the District Council – but YOUR opinion is needed to make the consultation as effective as possible.

Current Applications and Results:

1. **S14/2711 – 12 High Street, PE10 OSR.** Retrospective application, retention of side, front and rear extension. Approved 21st January, 2015.
2. **S17/3459 – Installation of External Wall Insulation, 93 – 107 (odds) Station Street, PE10 OSX.** Application withdrawn 22nd January, 2015.
3. **INV/M/0113/14 – Land off Main Road, PE10 OSP – Unauthorised breakers yard.** Monitoring Visit.

“GROUND FORCE” PLAYING FIELD WORKING WEEKEND 21st & 22nd MARCH.

Following the Annual Safety Inspection Report, the Parish Council is arranging a “Ground Force” style working weekend to attend to minor repairs and maintenance work on the Playing Field. Councillors would be grateful for anyone who can spare a few hours between the times of:

Saturday 21st - 9.00a.m. – 12.30p.m. & 2.00p.m. – 4.00p.m. & Sunday 22nd 10.00 – 1.00p.m.

If you are able to lend a hand – painting, fixing litter bins in situ, rubbing down and cleaning wooden furniture and play equipment, back-filling eroded grass surfaces, cleaning off graffiti etc – it would be greatly appreciated, and help the Council keep down costs.

Specialist contractors are being called in to repair/replace specific areas and some items needing attention are to be repaired by our own maintenance contractor.

It would be a great help if you could let the Clerk know in advance if you can help so that the Councillor organising the weekend’s work can plan his campaign of work! Please ring/email 440200, clerk@rpcouncil.co.uk with your name, contact details and when you are available.

The Council will be providing materials but if you could bring along your own small tools, buckets, rubber/work gloves it would be helpful. We will arrange refreshments and a Risk Assessment!

ICE ON UNGRITTED ROADS

Concern has been expressed by resident(s) of Pinfold Close that the road - not on the County Council’s gritting schedule – is used as a main “cut through” route and is dangerous when icy. The Parish Council has put in a request for grit bin(s) which LCC Highways will consider in due course. In the meantime, we are asked to see if any volunteer “grit spreaders” would come forward to assist if needed. Please contact in the first instance the Clerk who will pass information on to the concerned residents.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS -

FULL COUNCIL	WORKING GROUP or	PARISH SURGERY THE	OTHER /NOTABLE DATES.
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	COUNCIL MEETING IF REQUIRED.	BULL, 10.00 – 12.00noon	
	12 th March	27 th March	
9 th April			7 th MAY, ELECTIONS
			19 th MAY, PARISH MTG 7.00p.m.
21 st May (AGM)	28 th May (New Council)	5 th June	
11 th June	9 th July	7 th August	
13 th August	10 th September	2 nd October	
8 th October	12 th November	4 th December	19 th NOVEMBER, PRECEPT
10 th December.			

RIPPINGALE OIL CONSORTIUM

Oil price comparisons are usually posted on the village website the same day that Chandlers publish them, sometimes [but not always] within minutes of them being sent out. Chandlers E-mail out to subscribing customers the delivery price a day or so before the start of the group deliveries and the Members who have placed an order with Chandlers can cancel and place an order with a cheaper suppliers if they wish, providing they contact Chandlers straight away, so do go on line and check before your next delivery.

Fuel Delivery Comparison Prices – price in pence per litre EXCLUDING VAT:

Chandlers ROC	38.05	500+ litres	Delivered	5 February 2015
Chandlers [Web]	43.45	2000	Quote	“
Boiler Juice	42.75	1000	“	“
Fuel Fighter	41.40	1000	“	“
Home Fuels Direct	41.95	1000	“	“
Direct Oil	38.45	1000	“	“
Value Oils	45.00	1000	“	“
Lindsey Fuel	38.95	1000	“	“
Rutland Oil	40.85	1000	“	“

For up-to-date local comparisons and deliveries go to <http://www.rippingalevillage.co.uk/oil> and follow the links.

Useful telephone numbers:

Chandlers Oil	0845 20 20 10
Boiler Juice	0800 321 3275
Fuel Fighter	On-line only
Home Fuels Direct	01642 700 725
Direct Oil	01666 511 245
Value Oils	09058 890 100
Lindsey Fuel	01507 609 359
Rutland Oil	01780 782 848

THE BULL INN – OPEN MEETING

The meeting on 22nd February was cancelled. At the time of writing, it was felt that, as there is still a lot of interest from outside parties, the commercial route must be allowed to take its course. Please keep an eye on the Newsletter for further updates. Thank you for your support. *Bev Machin*

RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT WI

We had an hilarious February meeting when Dawn Blunden, a Cake Maker to Royalty, explained how she was selected to make the wedding cake for Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall, which lead on to making many cakes for the rich and famous. Her creativity with sugar icing is a sight to behold and she shared photographs with us. During this 100 years celebration of the WI, many interesting things have been organised with the finale at the National AGM in the Royal Albert Hall, London in June. The twinning with Thorny WI is well under way with a visit being arranged. The President asked for donations of underwear and toiletries for the women's refuge which will be our project this year. The Speaker in March will be Jim Bailey. His subject is Heckington Mill. For further information contact President Rebecca on 440411 or E-mail rebeccain1@yahoo.co.uk *Rachel Price*

RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The Club resumes meetings on Wednesday 11th March in the Village Hall @ 7.30pm, with a talk on “Cambridgeshire National Gardens Scheme”, given by George Stevens. The Club will be visiting gardens in Cambridgeshire in the coming season and this is a chance for a visual preview. We look forward to seeing returning members and, as always, welcome new members who wish to join. *Elizabeth Forman*

OVER 55's EXERCISE CLASSES

Great News!! The eagerly awaited Exercise Classes for Rippingale started on Wednesday 18th February and now meets every Wednesday morning at Rippingale Village Hall – 10.30am – 11.30am. The class consists of low impact exercises suitable for older people, but we welcome ladies and gents of any age over 18 years. Don't be shy – come and join us! Our Instructor is Emily Webster who also takes evening classes in Bourne. The Cost is £4.50 per class or £20 for 5 classes. For more information, please contact Carol Mason on 441383 or E-mail carol.mason1951@gmail.com

CHEEKY MONKEYS PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

The number of people coming has really dropped recently and without new people, we may have to close as we just cannot afford rent for the Village Hall. We meet in the Village Hall on Tuesdays 10 – 12noon. Everyone will be made welcome, new babies to grandparents. *Julie Maxfield*

CRAFT FAIR- RIPPINGALE VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 14th March 1pm – 5pm. Teas and Raffle. Stalls £5. Please contact Julie on 440059 or E-mail dunsbyrainbow@aol.com

** CURRIED CARROT AND APPLE SOUP

A delicious and versatile soup which can be served either as a thin, subtle elegant starter before a substantial main course or as a thickened and creamy aromatic brew to have before a lighter main course.

FOR FOUR PEOPLE

Ingredients:	1	medium onion	2	firm eating apples
	2	garlic cloves	2	bay leaves
	1	piece of fresh root ginger [half an inch]	2 pts	chicken stock [or water & stock cube]
	3 tbsp	sunflower oil	2 tbsp	tomato puree
	1 tbsp	Madras curry powder	4 tbsp	single cream [thick soup]

Method:

Peel and roughly chop the onion, garlic and ginger root. Peel, core and roughly chop the apples. Peel and roughly chop the carrots. Process the onion, garlic and ginger until very finely chopped and remove. Heat the oil in a saucepan, add the onion, garlic and ginger and cook over a low heat, stirring every now and then until the onion is soft. Add the curry powder, mix well and cook for 2 minutes. Process the carrot and apples together until the carrot is finely chopped. Add the carrot, apple and tomato puree to the curry mixture, mix in the stock, add the bay leaves, bring to the boil and simmer for 30 minutes.

FOR THIN SOUP:

Strain the soup through a very fine sieve.

FOR THICK SOUP

Strain the soup and process the vegetables until smooth and transfer to a clean saucepan. Add the stock and heat through, stirring well. Add the cream, check for seasoning and service piping hot with tiny croutons or crispy fried bread. THIS RECIPE IS TAKEN FROM THE MAGIMIX COOKERY BOOK DATED 1982. All processing is done using the double-bladed knife.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE THIS RECIPE IN LARGER PRINT, DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT ME, when I will send you one by E-mail. *Mary Morgan @ mary-morgan@sky.com*

AND FINALLY

A fairly elderly chap, called Bob, was having trouble getting the Internet on his computer, so he decided to ask young Georgie, next door, to help him. Georgie duly came over pressed a couple of buttons and Hey Presto! Internet connected! Bob said, "Thank you very much, Georgie". As Georgie was leaving, Bob said, "What was wrong Georgie, in case I have the same problem next time? Georgie replied, "It was IDtenT." "What's that Georgie?" Said Bob. "Just write it down" said Georgie.

DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL 2015 NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 15th MARCH 2015

Any items for the Group Magazine "Village Life"

As soon as possible please

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