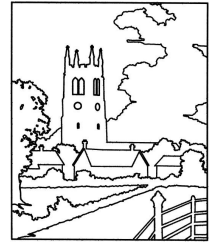




# RIPPINGDALE NEWS

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## DECEMBER 2015

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### ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Priest in Charge The Revd Dr Lynda Pugh – [dr.lynda.pugh@gmail.com](mailto:dr.lynda.pugh@gmail.com)  
46a High Street, Morton, PE10 0NR Tel: 571841

SUN 6<sup>th</sup> Eucharist @ 9.15am  
13<sup>th</sup> NO SERVICE  
MON 14<sup>TH</sup> Christingle/Carol Service @ 6.00pm  
20<sup>th</sup> Morning Prayer @ 9.15am  
THU 24<sup>th</sup> Midnight Mass @ 11.30pm  
SUN 27<sup>th</sup> NO SERVICE

JANUARY 2016 SUN 3<sup>rd</sup> NO SERVICE  
SUN 10<sup>th</sup> Eucharist @ 9.15am

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

### REMEMBRANCE SERVICE [8<sup>th</sup> November]

The collection taken for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal raised around £200 for this worthy cause. Many thanks to the Parish Council for supplying and serving refreshments afterwards.

### FLOWERS No flowers during Advent.

However, on Saturday/Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> December the church will be open for the display of greenery in the church, After that the church will be open on Thursday/Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> December for Christmas decorations.

### CLEANING OF CHURCH

The PCC are looking for someone [or people] to volunteer to clean the church. All the necessary cleaning appliances are available, including "Charles" the vacuum cleaner. Anyone interested please contact either of the Churchwardens, Pam Baylis on 440728 or Jonathan Newell on 441211. Thank you.

### COFFEE MORNINGS

Over the past 12 months our Coffee Mornings have continued to be a success, with numbers increasing most months depending on the weather. If any of you out there feel cut off like the "man on the moon", Christmas television advert, then please contact me and I'll organise a space craft to collect you. We would like to thank ALL our supporters, especially those from neighbouring villages and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and, hopefully, a Happy New Year. The next Coffee Morning is on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December with a Christmas theme, followed by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. All are 10.30am – 12noon, not forgetting the fresh produce for sale. *Jonathan Newell, Churchwarden [Contact: 441211*

### 200 CLUB 2015/2016

The Club is now full thanks to our many supporters. Winners for November and December will be printed in the January Newsletter.

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### VILLAGE WALKS

The December walk will take place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December. The meeting place is Wharf Road Car Park, Stamford and the walk will commence @ 10.15am sharp. Any enquiries, Tel: Derek Diess 440063.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS: Clerk - Sheila Scholes, 440200; clerk@rpcouncil.co.uk

*The Aims and Objectives of Rippingale Parish Council:-*

*"To provide services for and manage and maintain the assets of the village of Rippingale, 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."*

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#### **COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION.**

The Council received with regret the resignation of Mrs. Lynn Hall. She will be much missed, and councillors would like to thank her for her support and efforts on behalf of the village. All wish her well for the future.

The resulting Casual Vacancy has been advertised and will be filled by election or co- option. Anyone interested in filling this Vacancy is asked to contact in the first instance the Council Clerk.

#### **THE BULL INN.**

At an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015, it was resolved to nominate (i.e. register) The Bull Inn as an Asset of Community Value. The nomination was submitted to SKDC by 12<sup>th</sup> November.

**(Late Note: 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 7.30p.m. – At short notice, an Open, informal meeting with the prospective new owners of The Bull was arranged.)**

#### **REMINDER: Rippingale Defibrillator Training Sessions.**

The first FREE training sessions will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015 between 10am - 12pm and 2pm – 4pm.

There are a maximum of 12 places in each session.

If you wish to take a place at either of these sessions or require more information please contact:

Erica Field-Lucas

01778 440738

Email:

Erica.fl@hotmail.co.uk

Or Nigel Adams

01778 440872 Mob: 07932104647

Email:

nigel.adams851@btinternet.com

#### **PLANNING:**

(2705) Erection Detached Garage, 15A East Street, PE10 OSS – Planning Permission granted.

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#### **~~COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT SETTING: CHANGE OF ARRANGEMENTS~~**

The Council Working Group meeting to plan the budget, scheduled for 26th November is to be rearranged to accommodate the meeting with The Bull's prospective owners. Residents' opportunity to comment on the Council's proposed Budget/Precept will now be at the OPEN FORUM 7.30p.m. THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016, prior to the FULL COUNCIL MEETING. All Meetings of the Parish Council are open to the Public who are welcome and encouraged to attend.

*From: Lincolnshire County Council, Highways & Transportation.*

#### **SELF-HELP AND MUTUAL AID IN TIMES OF SEVERE WINTER WEATHER (SNOW)**

**The County Council's physical and financial resources are fully committed to provide the agreed service as published within the Winter Maintenance Plan, which can be accessed at <http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/transport-and-roads/road-management-and-maintenance/maintenance-services/maintenance-programme/>**

**The Gritting Routes for 2014-15 and Gritting Frequently Asked Questions information is also available on the County Council's website at**

**<http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/transport-and-roads/road-management-and-maintenance/maintenance-services/gritting-and-snow-clearance/>.**

Gritting Routes for 2015-16 will be loaded onto the website early November 2015.

Currently, supplies of salt/grit are distributed around local communities by way of some 1900 grit bins at set locations.

**The County Council's Winter Maintenance Service resources** are primarily used for treating the priority routes (about 1/3 of the entire highway network) to ensure that they remain open to traffic. There is very little spare capacity to deal with the remaining highway network.

It is therefore advised that your community, with help and guidance from Highways Officers..., devise a priority network of footways and / or carriageways that it is intended to clear and treat in the event of severe weather. In our experience it is much more effective and less resource intensive to have pre-planned treatment areas, particularly in the first 24 to 48 hours of a severe weather event. (Note: The Parish Council is investigating this suggestion)

We (LCC) will soon be checking the status of Grit Bins in your area to ensure that they are serviced in readiness for the winter season.

**Note: The Parish Council has successfully applied for an additional grit bin to be sited in Pinfold Close and two Pinfold residents have volunteered to spread grit in this area if needs be – thank you both!**

## Lincolnshire is cracking down on fraud

**A new fraud-fighting force has been formed in Lincolnshire to crack down on fraud.**

The Lincolnshire Counter Fraud Partnership is made up of teams from the county council and all seven district councils. It aims to minimize fraud and protect taxpayer's money by using advanced data matching, cross referencing techniques and investigation.

Nationally fraud costs local government an estimated £2bn every year. Fraud against local authorities includes false claims for housing, council tax discounts and Blue Badges, plus dishonest use of grant and contract awards.

**If you suspect fraud against a Lincolnshire council, please report it now to the confidential hotline on 0800 0853716 or email [whistleblowing@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:whistleblowing@lincolnshire.gov.uk).**

For more information, visit [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/fraud](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/fraud).

## Confidential fraud hotline...



**0800 085 3716**

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND THANKS

The Parish Council sends its grateful thanks to the groups and individuals in the village who volunteer to help and support our local residents. The work of Mary Morgan and her volunteer Newsletter "deliverers"; Derek Diess and his Hospital Car Service drivers; John Warman and Carol Mason for management of the Rippingale website are particularly noted. Bev Machin, Chairman and all Council Members send their good wishes for a happy and peaceful Christmas to all in our Rippingale community.

### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

| FULL COUNCIL                   | WORKING GROUP /COUNCILMEETING | PARISH SURGERY<br>Village Hall, 10.00 – 12.00noon | OTHER MEETINGS/NOTABLE DATES.                                                                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                |                               | 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2015                     |                                                                                                 |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2016* |                               | 5 <sup>th</sup> February                          | * 14 <sup>th</sup> January: Budget Presentation /Precept (Open Forum) prior to Council Meeting. |
|                                | 11 <sup>th</sup> February     | 25 <sup>th</sup> March                            |                                                                                                 |

All meetings are arranged at Village Hall, 7.30p.m., unless otherwise stated.

## NEW SPRINGWELLS SURGERY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FUND

COFFEE MORNING AND CARE FAIR 9.00am to 1.30pm, Billingborough Village Hall, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. In an exciting change from normal, we will be extending it into a Community Care Fair and will be joined by over a dozen organisations involved in the care and support of our health. You may not know about some of these or what they can do to help you, your relatives or friends. In addition staff from the New Springwells Surgery will be present for questions and 'flue jabs on the spot, if required. Our big raffle draw will take place at approximately 12.30pm and, of course, Tea/Coffee/Cakes and Mince Pies will be on sale all morning. Please come along and support the Trust. You may be surprised with the benefits you discover.

## FROM THE FEAST 2016 COMMITTEE STREET PARTY

In a change to the recent Rippingale Feasts, for 2016 the Feast Committee has decided to have a Street Party on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June to celebrate the Her Majesty the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. We are working out the details, but currently plan to hold the Party on Station Street, between Millers Close and the East Street junction, by the old Surgery. Our prime concern is to ensure that we are able to cope in the event of bad weather. Much more information to follow!

## STREET CHAMPIONS

The Street Party will be a wonderful chance for the village to come together as a community. We are looking for people who would like to volunteer to be "Street Champions" for all or part of their street, to be a point of contact and to liaise with their neighbours. Any help, great or small, will be very much appreciated. You don't have to join the Committee or attend meetings. If you would like to volunteer, or just find out more, please call Megan on 440434 or Janet on 07725 993794 for a chat, with no pressure and no expectations. Let's pull together to make this celebration one that will be remembered, by all, for a very long time to come.

## MILLER MAGIC – BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Last, but not least, from the Feast Committee; A Street Party fundraiser. A date for your diaries. By popular demand the Sleaford Concert band will be back in top form, as ever, performing for us as MILLER MAGIC at the Village Hall on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016**. Look out for further details in the January Newsletter.

## 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 supplier if they wish, providing they contact Chandlers straight away. So do go on-line and check before your next delivery.

**NB: Again Chandlers have not been the cheapest on comparison** (please check out our website).. We have compared the consortium delivery price against the 1000ltr delivery price of competitors since January 2012. This gave a good comparison as many members order more than 1000ltrs, plus getting the rate for 500ltrs plus, is a bonus. Up until May this year Chandlers have always been the cheapest.

**Members are strongly advised to check for better quotes when ordering – especially if they are ordering about 1000ltrs or more. Useful numbers are shown below.**

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

|                      |              |          |           |             |
|----------------------|--------------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| <b>Chandlers ROC</b> | <b>29.99</b> | 500+ltrs | Delivered | 27 Oct 2015 |
| Chandlers [Web]      | 36.35        | 2000     | Quote     | "           |
| Boiler Juice         | <b>29.80</b> | 1000     | "         | "           |
| Fuel Fighter         | <b>28.50</b> | 1000     | "         | "           |
| Home Fuels Direct    | 30.55        | 1000     | "         | "           |
| Direct Oil           | 32.05        | 1000     | "         | "           |
| Value Oils           | ? ?          | 1000     | "         | "           |

For up-to-date local comparisons and deliveries go to [www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk/oil](http://www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk/oil) and follow the links.

## Useful Telephone Numbers:

|               |                |                   |               |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Chandlers Oil | 08456 20 20 10 | Boiler Juice      | 0800 321 3275 |
| Fuel Fighter  | Online 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 |

## RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT WI

At the November meeting the President gave a warm welcome to members, ladies and gentlemen guests. She introduced our Speaker, Mr Richard Adams, who took us through a magical journey of Rutland, the small but beautiful county, with an illustrated talk combining digital images set to appropriate music.

Christmas lunches have been booked, also Theatre Trips. The Craft Club will be meeting on the third Tuesday of every month in the Village Hall 2 – 4pm. In the New Year members can look forward to listening to John Kettley, British Freeland Weatherman at the Spring Council meeting in Spalding, and to a holiday in the Cotswold. Members are continuing to collect milk bottle tops for the Air Ambulance, Postage Stamps for Hearing Dogs for the deaf, clothing items for the Women's Refuge and the women of Zimbabwe. Meetings are on the first Thursday of each month, except August, @ 7.30pm in Rippingale Village Hall. For further details please contact President Michele on 440368 or E-mail Michele@vikingsigns.co.uk

### **RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

The Club met for the November meeting held in the Village Hall to hear Penny Dawson of Twelve Nunns Nursery established in Lincolnshire in 2012, to speak on "Hellebores and other specialities". Her father, Hugh Nunn, a nurseryman of fine repute, began selecting the finest and most unusual colour variations and petal forms of the species many decades ago in the village of Harvington, Worcestershire. Constant reselection has maintained colour, vigour and health of improved plants, which are known as Harvington Hybrids. Her father and mother retired in 2015 and have moved to Lincolnshire to support Penny in the continuation of the development of the species. Penny gave a most informative and comprehensive talk on cultivation, increase by seed sowing and division as well as pests and diseases which can afflict plants without vigilance and a good hygiene regime. Penny also touched on other specialities – Roscoeas, Trilliums and Erythroniums. She brought plants of excellent quality for sale. The talk was most interesting and was enjoyed by a good attendance. The next meeting will be held @ 7.30pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December in the Village Hall, to hear Ken Rawson talk on "My personal association with Christopher Lloyd of Great Dixter". The talk will be followed by Christmas Drinks and Canapes. *Elizabeth Forman*

### **RIPPINGALE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

#### 200 CLUB

|                      |     |                    |                      |
|----------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|
| Winners for October  | £20 | David Rouse [55]   |                      |
|                      | £10 | William Lack [182] | Elaine Redshaw [184] |
|                      | £ 5 | Rebecca Main [142] | Margaret Ayres [71]  |
|                      |     | Mike Exton [197]   | Denise Clark [23]    |
| Winners for November | £20 | David Harris [38]  |                      |
|                      | £10 | Joan Cook [75]     | Colin Gray [140]     |
|                      | £ 5 | Pat Read [34]      | John Phillips [96]   |
|                      |     | Simon Goode [170]  | Angela Keen [39]     |

### **LOST CAT?**

Has anyone lost a cat? A very angry tabby, believed to be female, wearing a new looking black collar with beige/yellow marks on it. It sits outside my kitchen door in the mornings, and as soon as I open the door she is in like a rocket, cries and growls, reducing my two moggies to jelly, and eats all their food. The cat appears to be a little thin. She is used to cat flaps, on a few occasions came into the utility room through the flap and left the same way. Would the owners [?] please call me on 440831. Also, for almost two years now I have been feeding a tabby/white male very affectionate and very hungry. Is this cat just an opportunist or is he a stray or does he need worming? His condition is too good to be a stray but, then again, he has been receiving two meals a day here for a long time. I am not Cat Rescue and if these cats have no homes then I will have to contact a rescue organisation. Thank you. *Mary Hobson on [01778] 440831.*

### **FINALLY**

I'm looking forward to a White Christmas. But if that runs out I shall have to drink Red!

## **DEAD LINE FOR JANUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015**

**Any items for the Group Magazine "Village Life"**

**As soon as possible please**

**mary-morgan@sky.com**

**Items for the Rippingale Village Website – please go to [www.ripplingalevillage.co.uk/contact](http://www.ripplingalevillage.co.uk/contact) or follow any of the "Contact Us" links in the website and use the "Email" link.**

**[NB: entries in the Rippingale News do NOT get put into the website "Events" diary etc. unless requested.**

**Please state if you want personal data, like telephone numbers or E-mail addresses shown]**