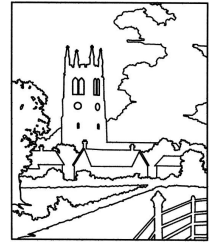




RIPPINGALE NEWS

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

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

SUN 3rd NO SERVICE
10th Eucharist @ 9.15am
17th GROUP PLOUGH SERVICE @ 10.30am
24th Morning Prayer @ 9.15am
31st NO SERVICE

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

CLEANING OF CHURCH

The PCC is still 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

As we are going into the New Year, I would like to thank all our supporters over the past 12 months and a big thank you to all the people who help organise it. We are looking forward to your continued support in 2016 and wish you all a Happy New Year. The next Coffee Morning will be Tuesday 5th January @ 10.30am.
Jonathan Newell [Churchwarden]

<u>200 CLUB</u>	Winners for November	£20	P Boyes [108]	
		£10	Mr/Mrs P Rippingale [93]	Mrs D Jessop [120]
		£ 5	Mrs D Morgan [55] C Bladon [63]	C Schiavi [96] P Pugh [134]
	Winners for December	£20	D Bickerton [189]	
		£10	M Exton [165]	D Sankey [51]
		£ 5	J Lister [38] C Thompson [4]	Mrs Headland [142] Mrs M Douglas [76]

CHRISTMAS TREE

A very sincere thank you to Sean and Karen Charlton for our beautiful tree, which has pride of place in the church. Also, thanks to Roy and Sue Jeggar and Neil Morgan for their expertise decorating the tree.

AN UNUSUAL EUCHARIST

Our first Eucharist in December had a canine twist. Luka, Marijke's very large Russian Terrier "puppy" joined us for the Service. His behaviour was exceptional while his "mum" played the organ.

CHRISTINGLE

Our Service gathered a congregation of ninety adults and children, many of whom were from the 1st Pointon Baden-Powell Scout Group. Sincere thanks to Denise and Steve Warcup and the Group for sourcing and making the Christingles. *Pam Baylis, Churchwarden.*

VILLAGE WALKS

The January walk will take place on Sunday 17th January and will commence at 10.15am sharp. The starting point is the entrance to the car park at The White Hart, Ufford. Please park with consideration in the village. Any queries, contact Derek Diess on 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."

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE: Rippingale

Please note it will be necessary to impose a temporary restriction to all vehicular traffic on the road(s) detailed below. Adequate arrangements will be made to enable pedestrians to access premises in the affected area while works progress.

REASON FOR CLOSURE:

Essential maintenance works by Clancy Docwra/Anglian Water

LOCATION: Station Street (Closed Westbound only from Pinfold Close to Dovecote)

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: 1/2/2016

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: Via Pinfold Close, Middle Street & Station Street

If you have any queries, or require further information, please contact the South Kesteven & Sleaford Highways Division on 01522 782070.

DOG FOULING: JUBILEE PLAYING FIELD. – ONCE AGAIN

An extract from the reply to a resident's complaint:

"...The Playing Field is maintained by the Parish Council, so you are right to report this to me: however your 'complaint' surely has to be with those responsible for causing the antisocial mess on the Playing Field and play equipment.

I will put a piece in the village newsletter (again) reminding residents that dogs are not permitted on the field and asking anyone witnessing a breach of this regulation to take photographs if possible and report in the first instance to me. I will obviously also ask the council's Community Cleaner to clean up the mess – if it is still necessary. I can also ask colleagues at SKDC Environmental Health for any advice or enforcement support they can give. ... Rippingale Parish Council would hope that all living in this village take pride in it and not wish to behave in a way that spoils their own environment. How one changes the behaviour of those people who do not have this mentality and show a lack of consideration for others is sadly beyond my understanding.

Rippingale Defibrillator Training Sessions.

The next FREE training sessions will be held in the Village Hall on Saturdays 16th and 30th January, 10am – 12noon, at the Village Hall,,

There are a maximum of 12 places in each session. To reserve your place or require more information please contact:

Erica Field-Lucas

440738

Email:

Erica.fl@hotmail.co.uk

Or Nigel Adams

440872 Mob: 07932104647

Email:

nigel.adams851@btinternet.com

VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR:

The Parish Council is looking to fill the Casual Vacancy occurring following the resignation of Cllr L. Hall. If you would like to know more about this unpaid, interesting, challenging and part-time role – please contact either The Clerk (440200) or any other Council Member.

PLANNING:

(2984) Vary Condition Under Section 73, 12 High Street, PE10 0SR. Received 19.11.15 – No objections raised. SKDC notified accordingly.

(2984) Vary Condition (2) Under Section 73, 12 High Street, PE10 0SR. Received 01.12.15 – Concerns expressed to SKDC that original boundary and height of dwelling are subjects of retrospective planning request.

GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME – R. Pell, Community Lincs.

“Community Lincs” is actively involved in a national initiative to develop a Good Neighbours Network across rural areas of England.

A Good Neighbours Scheme is a community project run on a voluntary basis by a group of local residents who recognise the value in having ‘good neighbours’ particularly in areas where public transport and other local services can be limited and where families of residents live some distance away. Good Neighbours Schemes provide help with activities such as occasional lifts, companionship, small household tasks, shopping, filling in forms or caring for pets during illness. Tasks are not undertaken that are best to qualified professionals.

- **Would you value a Good Neighbours Scheme in your area?**
- **Want to find out more?**

If you would like to be involved and / or to find out more, come along to:

Rippingale Village Hall at 7.00pm on Wednesday 27 January 2016

(Refreshments will be available and the event will finish no later than 8.45pm)

Everyone welcome and we look forward to seeing you there

**LINCOLNSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN
DRAFT SITE LOCATIONS DOCUMENT (PREFERRED SITES AND AREAS)**

A consultation on the Draft Site Locations Document (Preferred Sites and Areas) will commence on **Friday 4 December 2015 until 5pm on Friday 29 January 2016.**

The consultation document is available for public inspection at Lincolnshire's public libraries and the following main County, District, City and Borough Council offices during normal office/opening hours:

Lincolnshire County Council, County Offices, Lincoln; South Kesteven District Council, Council Offices, St Peter's Hill, Grantham.

The consultation document, supporting papers & related documents, can also be viewed and downloaded from: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste

Comments ...should be made by filling in a response form (available to download from the website) and sending via email at mineralsandwaste@lincolnshire.gov.uk or in writing to: Planning Services Lincolnshire County Council, Unit 4, Witham Park House, Waterside South, Lincoln LN5 7JN. Please note, only comments received by e-mail or in writing within the period ending at **5pm on Friday 29 January 2016** will be considered.

Please also note that the selection of the preferred sites and areas has been based on the draft Core Strategy and Development Management Policies document submitted to the Secretary of State for examination on the 5 June 2015.

Andy Gutherson, County Commissioner – Economy and Place

COUNCIL BUDGET APPROVAL – Reminder.

Opportunity to comment on the Council's proposed Budget/Precept will now be at the OPEN **FORUM 7.30p.m.**

THURSDAY 14th 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.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

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

FULL COUNCIL	WORKING GROUP /COUNCILMEETING	PARISH SURGERY Village Hall, 10.00 – 12.00noon	OTHER MEETINGS/NOTABLE DATES.
14 th January 2016*		5 th February	* 14 th January: Budget Presentation /Precept (Open Forum) prior to Council Meeting.
	11 th February	25 th March	
10 th March	7 th April		
19 th May:	16 th June	15 th July	7.00p.m. Annual Parish Meeting followed



7.30p.m. Parish Council AGM.



There will be a Street Party on Sunday 12th June, to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. We are looking at an alternative to Station Street, as there are problems with providing adequate cover, in the event of bad weather. The alternative is High Street, from the Middle Street junction to the Bull Inn, alongside the Church, with cover provided on the Bull Inn garden area. Regardless of the site chosen, we have booked a good range of entertainments for children, the Sleaford Concert Band will provide a musical backdrop and we hope to book a flypast. There will also be an early-evening service in the church. Much more information to follow!

RIPPINGALE FEAST 2016 – STREET CHAMPIONS

A number of people have already volunteered to be Street Champions, but we would like more, to ensure that all streets have their own champion, as a point of contact, and to liaise with their neighbours. Any help, small or great, 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 or Janet, for a chat; no pressure, no expectations.

RIPPINGALE FEAST 2016 – THE ROSE QUEEN

As a salute to her Majesty, we are completely breaking with tradition and removing the usual age-limit for Rose Queen candidates. Applications from any woman or girl, 90 or under will be considered. If you missed out on being the Rose Queen in your youth, then here is your chance! More information on how to apply, to follow.

RIPPINGALE FEAST 2016 – FUNDRAISING

In order to raise funds for the various Street Party entertainments, there will be a series of events in the coming months. Put them in your Diary!

Sunday 21st February – A right Royal Quiz! In the Village Hall, 7:30pm, questions from 9 decades, the Bar will be open! Always a lot of fun!

Saturday 19th March – MILLER MAGIC, back by popular demand, at the Village Hall, Tickets £10, including food, can be booked by calling Phil Ripplingale or email feast@ripplingalevillage.co.uk

Friday 22nd April – Wine tasting & Cheese – Venue and cost to be announced.

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 1000ltrs 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 2015, Chandlers had 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			
Chandlers ROC	29.55	500+ltrs	Delivered 23 Nov 2015
Chandlers [Web]	36.35	2000	Quote
Boiler Juice	29.09	1000	"
Fuel Fighter	28.40	1000	"
Home Fuels Direct	30.32	1000	"
Direct Oil	31.45	1000	"
Value Oils	33.00	1000	"

For up-to-date local comparisons and deliveries go to 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

BEWARE SCAM – SCAM – SCAM - Message from Jim Latham

I'm sure we all share bad experiences of cold 'phone calls, dodgy E-mails etc., but this one was new to me. A letter arrived on 15th December – read this first para:- “Dear James Latham, we are delighted to inform you of the result of the People’s Postcode Lottery Program held on 12.12.2015, your name attached to ticket number consequently won the 3rd category. You have, therefore been approved the Winner of a lump sum pay out of Two Hundred and Eighty Five Thousand Pounds.” The letter was addressed to me in Bourne, Cambridgeshire [a bit of a clue] on smart letter-headed paper with a Brussels address on it [though it was posted in Britain] and signed by the [?] Vice President Harry Butler, asking me to ring a London number “for the processing and remittance of your winnings.” I assume this meant they'd want my Bank Account Number etc. Since I have never bought a Postcode Lottery ticket, I did a bit of research and found the real Postcode Lottery organisation is based in Edinburgh, with a Freephone number [0808 1098 765], talked to a very friendly Customer Services guy who quickly confirmed the letter was a Scam!

So general warning – don't trust anyone you don't know, don't respond to cold calls, don't ring them back on any number given to you – they block your 'phone so that any return call goes straight back to the Scammer, no matter how legitimate the number might appear. Don't respond to any E-mails from anyone you don't know – Don't click on any links to unknown sites – just delete the whole E-mail. Don't respond to any letter like mine without first checking it out – I'm going to frame mine and hang it in my office as a permanent warning. *Jim Latham*

RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT WI

Despite the wind and rain, the President welcomed 42 members and 2 guests for the annual Christmas party. This is the one event of the year when the Committee does all the work, a thank you to the members who volunteer during the year, supporting the Committee by serving coffee and tea at meetings, helping at special events, providing flowers for the President's table and giving “thanks” to the various interesting Speakers who entertain us. After a short business meeting, a delicious buffet provided by the Committee was served with festive drinks, enabling the members to sit and chat at tables decorated with greenery and crackers. It is also a tradition at the party to have a “secret Santa” so after eating and drinking the members were invited to take a present from the overflowing basket of gifts on the stage. This year, as well as the “secret Santa” it had been decided to bring presents for the Women's refuge. Again, an overwhelming number of gifts had been donated and these will be taken to the refuge in time for Christmas. A bonanza raffle was then drawn, followed by a draw for the “Denman Bursary”, one member delighted to be the winner. Our evening finished with the Speaker, Karen Weingaertner, being introduced. She showed us how to wrap Christmas presents, giving us ideas which would make this task easier, a bonus to those who find this daunting. She suggested it was a good idea to put as many presents as possible in boxes, showing us how to wrap the box and decorate it with various ribbons, old Christmas decorations and even jewellery. Another idea was to make our own Christmas bags with pieces of wallpaper or any thick paper. She finished her demonstration by wrapping a wine bottle, making it look so simple!! The next meeting will be on 7th January when members organise the evening; sausage tasting games are on the Agenda. The first meeting of the Craft Club will be on 19th January. New members are always welcome. For further details, please contact the President, Michele.

RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The Garden Club held their last meeting of the year on Wednesday 9th December, before they begin the winter recess. A talk was given by Ken Rawson entitled “My personal association with Christopher Lloyd of Great Dixter”. Ken gave a highly individualised talk on the celebrated gardener Christo Lloyd formed by a friendship of over 21 years. He gave insight to life at Great Dixter by structuring the talk round the rituals of a typical day from early rising to retiring in the evening, which encompassed gardening decisions, work in the garden, post opened and replied to, articles written, pre-drinks, meals, visits to other gardens and so on, and so on. He spoke of a man with few prejudices, of great vision for a garden which was seriously gardened by Lloyd from when he was a plant obsessed child and which became an international icon. A garden dies with its owner, they say, however Ken reassured us that under Fergus Garrett, who was for the last 13 years of his life, Christos' best friend, energizer and head gardener and now the torchbearer of the Dixter-style, never standing still, experimental. Controversial, but above all, inventive. The talk was followed by Christmas Drinks and Canapes, was well attended and was much enjoyed by everyone present. The Club does not hold meetings in January and February so the next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th March 2016 when Pam Tatam will be a talk on “Focal Points”. *Elizabeth Forman*

RIPPINGALE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Xmas Fayre

The Committee would like to say a big thank you to the ladies of the WI, Rose Queen, Emily Parkins and John Warman for helping on 29th November at our Xmas Fare. We raised a total of £437. We would also like to say a big thank you for those that contributed raffle and tombola prizes and lastly for those that came along to support us. Thank you. *Wendy Gray, Chairman*

RIPPINGALE PAINTING GROUP

The Painting Group has now got openings for another six or seven, or more. Would be watercolour artists, basic learners are very welcome, so if this sounds like you, then just come along every Wednesday between 6.30pm and 8.30pm in the Village Hall. We will guide you along and to have fun while you are learning It's easy! If you wish, just give Graham a call. Hope to see you soon. *Graham Ashworth*

FINALLY

The trouble with being retired is that you don't get a day off!

DEAD LINE FOR FEBRUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 15TH JANUARY 2016

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.rippingalevillage.co.uk/contact or follow any of the "Contact Us" links in the website and use the "Email" link.

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