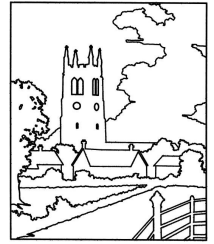




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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

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

SUN 7th BCP Eucharist @ **4.00pm**
14th Eucharist @ 9.15am
21st NO SERVICE
28th NO SERVICE

NB: BCP HOLY COMMUNION will be held @ 4.00pm [GMT] and @ 6.00pm [BST]

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

CLEANING OF CHURCH

The PCC are 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.

MIDNIGHT SERVICE [24th December 2015]

This Service on Christmas Eve was very well supported. Thirty six people attended, including one young person who was taken home by his Dad as he fell asleep! The Revd Les Batty conducted a lovely Service, much appreciated by the congregation. A sincere thank you to everyone who helped to make it a very special occasion. *Pam Baylis, Churchwarden*

COFFEE MORNING [5th January 2016]

Although our Coffee Morning was soon after the New Year numbers were pleasing, with fresh faces all giving a positive feedback. Our next Coffee Morning is Tuesday 2nd February @ 10.30am in the Church, with our usual selection of fresh veg, cakes and numerous other goodies for sale. Everybody is guaranteed a warm welcome and if needing transport, please contact me on 441211. *Jonathan Newell, Churchwarden.*

GROUP PLOUGH SUNDAY

Sunday 17th January was the date for our Annual Plough Service, conducted by the Revd Dr Lynd Pugh and the Revd Les Batty. A large congregation gathered for what was a most enjoyable and informative Service. The Morton choir joined us giving added strength to some powerful singing, accompanied by our organist, Mrs Marijke Harris. As usual, Ben Atkinson provided a magnificent tractor and plough which was parked outside the Church – many thanks Ben. Thanks to Stephen Burtt, the vintage plough took pride of place during the Service. After the Service the congregation enjoyed our usual high standard of refreshments served and provided by the PCC, except the home-made soup by Sue Atkinson which soon disappeared.

Pam Baylis, Churchwarden

<u>200 CLUB</u>	Winners for January	£20	S Mylchreest [92]	
		£10	K Machin [141]	P Mylchreest [138]
		£ 5	G Ashworth [13]	J Lack [153]
			K Machin [178]	P King [80]

THE BELLS ARE RINGING

On Saturday 13th February from 3.30pm to 4.30pm a group of visiting bell ringers will ring. This activity has been approved by the Revd Dr Lynda Pugh and the PCC.



THE BULL INN, RIPPINGDALE

Open again under new management – David and Louise Lewis. 3 real ales. Fresh local produce. Pub classics and game menu. Chef: John Wallace. Tea Room 10.00am – 4.00pm, B&B rooms available
Tel: 440054. More information elsewhere in the Newsletter.

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.”

VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR:

The Parish Council will fill the current Casual Vacancy at its meeting on 10th March. Prospective candidates are asked to notify the Clerk, in writing by mid-day 1st March, 2016.

THE BULL INN.

“The Parish Council is very pleased to welcome Rob & Jacqui Fionda, new owners of The Bull and also Dave & Louise Lewis who are managing the pub in our village. A big thank you to the four of you whom I visited just before the re-opening on 18th December, to see you all working so hard, to make it possible for us to have our pub open for the Christmas time, I know it has been very much appreciated. Our pub plays a big part in the heart of our community and seeing old and new faces here has been lovely.

As a separate issue, the Parish Council has sought to register The Bull as an Asset of Community Value with SKDC. The application was successful, and the property has been placed on the Register.” Bev Machin Chairman Rippingale Parish Council.

ANNUAL BUDGET & PRECEPT 2016 – 2017. A copy of the Draft Budget and Report is published on the Rippingale website, or available from the Clerk.

Report and Recommendation, as reported to Members of the Public and Council

Introduction:

- There will be a reduction of £133 in the SKDC Council Support Grant during the year and further reductions until 2020/21 when the grant will become zero.
- Therefore there are fewer “Band D” properties on which the Precept charge is based.
- Reductions in grant support from SKDC and LCC for grass cutting and community cleaning work continue: formerly almost £4000 p.a., now £1100 p.a.
- Council Members have met and considered the Draft Budget line by line.

Recommendation:

- A Precept of £18,350 (inclusive of Council Support Grant £589) will be requested
- The Council creates a Three-Year Business Plan with regard to known funding levels.
- The Parish Council continues to review its Aims and Objectives to ensure that they remain valid in the known changing funding circumstances.

PLANNING RESULTS & CURRENT APPLICATIONS:

S15/2705/HSH/PC1 Erection detached garage, 15A East Street, Rippingale, PE10 OSS.	No representations, SKDC notified accordingly.	Permission Granted 13.11.15
S15/2984 Section 73 Application (variation) Condition 2S14/3442, 12 High Street	No representations, SKDC notified accordingly	Approval 23.12.15

(2984) Vary Condition (No. 2) Under Section 73, 12 High Street, PE10 OSR. Received 01.12.15 – Concerns expressed that original boundary and height of dwelling are subjects of retrospective planning request.

(3435) Dog boarding kennel, extension ... Cardyke Farm Cottage, Fen Road. – No objections raised, SKDC notified accordingly.

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.
	11 th February	25 th March	
10 th March	7 th April		
19th May:	16 th June	15 th July	7.00p.m. Annual Parish Meeting followed 7.30p.m. Parish Council AGM.

VILLAGE WALKS

Sunday 21st February. Start at 10.15am at the Village Green. The Walk will be hosted by Jim Latham with stories and photos of the history of the village. The walk will finish with a drink at The Bull Inn. Our Sausage & Mash Supper will also be at The Bull on Tuesday 2nd March @ 7.00pm. For further details call Mike Exton on 440211.

RIPPINGALE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 200 CLUB

The Management Committee wishes to apologise to our loyal 200 Club members. Due to administration problems which are, at the moment, beyond our control, we wish to advise that it is the Committee's intention to publish the 200 Club draw results for December 2015 and January 2016, following the February 2016 draw. The results for all three draws will therefore be published together. The February draw will take place at the Committee meeting on Tuesday 2nd February and all results will be published shortly afterwards on the Notice Boards at the Village Hall, [both inside and outside] and later in the Newsletter. The Committee would be grateful if all members could contact our Chairperson, Wendy Gray 441312] or [Dawn Holden {440993} with details of their personal draw number and their name and address. The prize winners will be contacted without delay. The 200 Club Subscriptions would normally be collected again in February 2016. However, due to the above mentioned problems, it has been decided to start the 200 Club "Year" again with effect from 1st April 2016, and the Committee will be in touch with members over the coming weeks with regard to this. Thank you for your continued patience which is greatly appreciated. We look forward to hearing from you.

BUNTING BABES

The Bunting Babes are once again making bunting for the Rippingale Feast 2016 – HM the Queen's Birthday Street Party. If anyone has time to help sew, iron or cut the red, white and blue bunting, please come along to the next meeting on 21st March at the Village Hall @ 1.00p – 4.00pm. If not, please ring Judith Tyler on 440296 or Chris Bladon on 440499 if you can help in any way.

RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT WI

At the January meeting the Members organised an hilarious evening with a Beetle Drive and various quizzes to test the brain. Notices and reminders were announced for further events, Craft Club, Yarn bobbing, Darts, Cheese & Wine evening, Soup & Roll lunch and the Rippingale litter pick, preceded by the Big Breakfast. There will be two days of Defibrillator Training in the Hall during January. A group thoroughly enjoyed The Glen Miller story with Tommy Steele at the Broadway Theatre in Peterborough to set us up for further trips during the year. The February meeting will be a talk by Jim Latham informing us of "Rippingale's Wonderful Women". For further information, please contact President Michele Join on 440368 or E-mail michele@vikingsigns.co.uk

RIPPINGALE FRIENDSHIP CLUB – GRAND RELAUNCH!

The Friendship Club meets regularly at the Village Hall and is always on the lookout for new members. There is **NO** age restriction, **ALL** are welcome! We enjoy many different activities, including Cards, Board Games, Curling, listening to speakers and Short-mat Bowls. We also organise outings which are always popular with our members and we are currently hoping to start arranging evening events. New ideas for activities are always welcome! Our next meetings will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 10th February and again on Wednesday 2nd March, 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Please do come along and join us. You are guaranteed to receive a warm welcome. If you would like further information, please contact Ann on 425663 or Audrey on 01529 241358. *Wendy Gray*

LOOSE ENDS

If you are at a loose end on a Friday morning please come and join us. We are a crafty bunch of ladies who enjoy making all sorts of craft items from knitting, crochet, sewing, card making to spinning and weaving and lots of things in between. We meet every Friday in the Village Hall from 10 – 12noon for Coffee and Cake and a general chatty, crafty couple of hours. Bring your work in progress or just pop in for a Coffee and check us out, we are a friendly bunch and you will be made most welcome. We charge a modest £3 for Coffee or Tea and Cake [mostly homemade]. Any excess we make after the hire of the Hall goes to MacMillan. So, if you are at a "loose End", come and join us. For information give me a ring on 441386 or E-mail carol.mason1951@gmail.com *Carol Mason*

IT'S CRUNCH TIME FOR THE RIPPINGALE BEERFEST!

2015 may have been the last Rippingale beer festival! 2015 was our 15th Beerfest and it continued to provide Rippingale with a fantastic free annual event, which many other villages envy!

As many of you may be aware, two of our key committee members decided that they were unable to continue on the committee due to relocation and it was going to be their last Beerfest. Now a third has had a change in circumstances which means he can't support the festival fully. That leaves my wife and me! So we are desperately seeking new committee members, who are willing to provide the necessary support to organise and set up the 2016 Beerfest?

What does the position of committee member require?

We meet about four times a year at a local hostelry, you will be given a couple of tasks to be responsible for and on the weekend of the Beerfest, it's a tough job setting up and helping out, but it's a lot of fun.

What does the position of helper require?

If you're good with electrics, we need you. If you have a bit of muscle, we need you, if you don't mind camping over a night or two to guard the beer, we need you.

We are raising money for the Air ambulance and L.I.V.E.S. and this year helped towards the cost to supply a defibrillator installation in the village. Think for a moment..... How near is the local hospital?

How long before an ambulance can get to our small rural village? My wife works with the emergency services and knows how rural communities need their first responders and ambulance.

If we are not able to find any willing volunteers, by the "Spring" bank holiday (30/05/16) then we will unfortunately have to cancel the 2016 Beerfest. We then will have to close the Rippingale Beer Festival association accounts and sell off the remaining assets and ensure all monies are distributed to charities.

So if you are interested in becoming a committee member or helper and provide the necessary support, then please contact us in one of the following ways;

1) Email Gail Hyland at hamish2004@me.com
or Andrew Hyland at arhyla64@aol.com

2) Call us on 440138, and please leave a message if we are unavailable.

We look forward to hearing from anyone interested in making this year's Beerfest another successful event and keeping this village event alive! Andrew Hyland, Rippingale Beerfest Spokesman

RIPPINGALE ALLOTMENTS

Fancy growing your own Fruit & Veg? Then come along to our Allotments early Open Day on **Sunday 1st May**

2016. You will be able to meet with other Allotmenters, have a chat and take a look at the Plots available early enough for you to be able to get planting this year if the fancy takes you.

There will also be various activities on offer both for adults and children, including a 'Grow your own Pumpkin' with seeds & growing bed supplied by us.

More details will be available in the next newsletter but put the date in your diary now. Angela (Secretary, Row Gardens Allotment Group)

THE BULL, RIPPINGALE

Louise and Dave Lewis would like to introduce you to The Bull Inn and our new Chef, John Wallace. Our opening hours for food are: Monday – Thursday Evenings from 5pm.
Fridays/Saturdays 12noon – 3.00pm and 5.00pm – 9.30pm
Sundays 12noon – 7.00pm.

Our Menu is available on-line [Rippingale Village Website] with a specials board that changes weekly.

ALSO VALENTINES' MENU as follows Friday 12th – Sunday 14th February. Book early to avoid disappointment.

2 Courses £21.95

3 Courses £24.95

Starters

Tomato & Basil Soup with Balsamic Glaze/ Anti-Pasti to share/ Selection of curried meats, hummus, olives, sun-dried tomatoes/ Chorizo & Black pudding, salad with crispy poached egg

Mains

- Meat platter to share – Gammon, Chicken, Steak served with tomatoes, mushrooms, onion rings, salad and sweet potato wedges.
- Beer Battered Haddock with homemade mushy peas, tartar sauce and home cut chunky chips.
- Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables parcel with spicy tomato sauce and wilted greens

Desserts

Strawberry and Rosemary cheesecake/ Tiramisu with homemade love heart biscuits/ Trio of ice creams and trio of compotes in coulis.



RIPPINGALE FEAST 2016 – A Right Royal Quiz – SUN 21 FEB – 7:30pm

A fundraising event for the 2016 Street Party, the 'Right Royal Quiz' will be on Sunday 21st February in the Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Questions will be set from all 10 decades of the Queen's life. There will be a licensed bar from 7:00 to 10:30pm and there will be a great Raffle. £10.00 per Team (max 4). More teams equals more fun, so come along and give the grey matter a gentle workout!

RIPPINGALE FEAST 2016 – MILLER MAGIC Dance night – SAT 19 MARCH – 7:30pm

Back by popular demand, the Sleaford Concert Band, as their alter-egos, Miller Magic, recreating the fantastic sound and swing of the 1940's Glenn Miller Band in Rippingale Village Hall, at 7:30pm on Saturday 19th March, another great fundraiser for the 2016 Street Party. Tickets will cost £12.50 per person; the cost includes a wonderful buffet meal. * Demand for tickets will be high, so make sure you book yours early, by calling Mike Hallas on 01778 440804.

* If you have special dietary requirements, please let us know well in advance

RIPPINGALE FEAST 2016 – STREET PARTY

The Street Party on Sunday 12th June, to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday, will be held from 12:00 noon to 4.00pm, on High Street, from the Middle Street junction to the Bull Inn, alongside the Church. In the event of bad weather, cover will be provided on the Bull Inn's garden area.

Families will need to bring their own food and drink. The Bull will be open during the Street Party. Tables will be provided but we ask villagers to bring their own chairs, to try and keep hire costs down. We will be offering transport to anyone who may have trouble getting there; you will be able to let us know, once we have the Street Champion network up and running.

There will be a good range of entertainments for children, including a Punch & Judy show, a Clown, Face painting, plus Roundabouts and a bouncy castle. The Sleaford Concert Band will provide a musical backdrop and we hope to hear about a flypast soon. There will also be an early-evening service, at 6.00pm, in the church. Remember to check the Village website for up-to-date details.

RIPPINGALE FEAST 2016 – STREET CHAMPIONS

It is brilliant that 25 people have already volunteered to be Street Champions; there is still room for more; We want to ensure that all streets have at least one champion. Currently, there are no volunteers for High Street and Middle Street, and longer roads such as Station Street need more than one. 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 on 440434, or Janet on 07725 993794, for a chat; no pressure, no expectations.

RIPPINGALE FEAST 2016 – THE ROSE QUEEN

As a salute to her Majesty, we are breaking with tradition and accepting applications from any woman or girl, resident in the village now, or in their youth, 90 or under, who would like to be the 2016 Rippingale Rose Queen.. If you missed out on being the Rose Queen in your youth, then this may be your chance! Application forms will be available in early March so watch out for more information!

RIPPINGALE FEAST 2016 – Wine Tasting & Cheese

This event is still in the planning stage but will be held on Friday 22nd April and will provide a pleasant, relaxed atmosphere, where you can sample a variety of different wines and cheeses. Put it in your Diary!

FINALLY

DEAD LINE FOR MARCH 2016 NEWSLETTER

MONDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2016

Any items for the Group Magazine "Village Life"

As soon as possible please

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Items for the Rippingale Village Website – please go to www.ripplingalevillage.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