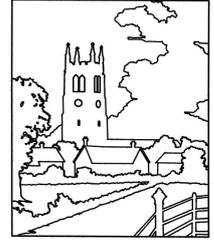




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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

SUN 1st NO SERVICE
SUN 8th Eucharist @ 9.15am
SUN 15th **GROUP PLOUGH SUNDAY @ 10.30am**
SUN 22nd NO SERVICE
SUN 29th NO SERVICE

FEBRUARY SUNDAY 5th BCP Eucharist @ 4.00pm

ALWAYS CHECK THE NOTICE BOARD FOR ANY CHANGES.

QUIZ NIGHT [26th November]

Another successful night, thanks to Steve Bonde the Quiz Master. The total profit for the evening was £240. Thanks to all who attended.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE [4th December]

This was attended by a number of families, with children taking part in the Service. The Advent Candle was lit by Hannah Watson, the lesson expertly read by Robyn Smart and the collection taken by Taisie Warcup. Away in a Manger was sung with all of us standing around the Christmas Tree with only Candlelight to see by. The Service was conducted by Annie Ewer with oranges prepared by Sally Ball. The occasion was enjoyed by all. A very big thank you to everybody who attended and a bigger thanks to those who participated in making it so successful.

Jonathan Newell, Churchwarden

DECEMBER COFFEE MORNING [6th December]

I got to the Church early to turn the heating on as it was rather a foggy and cold day. By 9.30am I was ready, but a sense of panic was setting in as I'd seen nobody, not even our very faithful helpers. Then, suddenly, it all happened, people appeared with loads of goodies associated with Christmas. The scene was set, the Christmas Tree [thanks to Mr/Mrs Charlton and all decorated [thanks to the Smart Family]. Numerous fresh vegetables, flowers, home made jams, marmalades, lemon curd, mincemeat, cups of coffee, tea, mince pies and biscuits. Why did I ever panic. I should realise how warm hearted people are and so make our Coffee Mornings such a special occasion of each month. A very big thank you to Heather and Sue for selling raffle tickets for our Christmas Hamper. They sold over £200 worth, all going to the Church – a tremendous effort. The Winner was Green Ticket No.726 [Derek Headland] congratulations. Thank you to all those who have returned Gift Aid envelopes. Every little helps our Church. Last, but not least, thanks to all of you who have supported us over the past months. The Coffee Mornings are very special to us, not only for the money we raise, but also the great sociable atmosphere created. It's good to know how many good friends we have amongst us. So please come and see us, old or new on Tuesday 7th February 2017 @ 10.15am onwards.

Jonathan Newell, Churchwarden

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS: Clerk – Michelle Free; clerk@rpcouncil.co.uk

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FAREWELLS & WELCOME. As you will have previously read, our Parish Clerk of 16 years, Mrs Sheila Scholes, has retired. Sheila has provided invaluable help and support to the Parish Council over the years, seeing us through many changes and transitions of Local Government legislation, and becoming a stalwart of the village. I'm sure you will join the Council in thanking Sheila for all her hard work, and wishing her and John all the very best for a well deserved retirement.

Sheila's departure mean's that our new Clerk, Michelle Free, is at the helm and continuing the good work. Michelle lives in Billingborough but is working closely with the Council and other community groups.

Unfortunately Cllr Brian Cook has had to resign from the Parish Council. The Parish Council is sad to lose Brian and would like to thank him for all the support and hard work he has given to the Council. All the Members would like to wish Brian and Joan all the best for the future.

COUNCIL VACANCY. Brian's departure leads to a vacancy for one more Member to be Co-opted onto the Parish Council. The notice of vacancy was placed on the website and notice board and the Council hopes to Co-opt a new Councillor at the January meeting.

THANK YOU. The council would also like to publically thank Cllr Shaun Charlton for his contribution to the village.

Not only did he donate the Church Christmas Tree, he has also cut the grass at the village entrances free of charge.

PRECEPT & BUDGET FOR 2017/18. The Precept (the money the Council gets from SKDC Council Tax) was discussed at the Public Forum and Meeting of the Council on 17th November. Many thanks for the residents who came to ask questions and put forward their comments. The Precept and Budget for the next financial year (April 2017 to March 2018) will be ratified at the January Meeting.

The Council needs to carefully balance the Precept amount requested with the ongoing and planned projects for the village, as well as maintaining services such as grass cutting. Historically, the Parish Council has received a Grant contribution from LCC and SKDC towards these services. Unfortunately these are slowly being reduced to zero. This means that the Parish Council has to make difficult decisions on whether to reduce commitments, such as less frequent grass cuts or asking residents to help with areas, versus increasing the Precept. Rippingale has been very lucky to have the capability to cut the grass in-house, using its own equipment. Once this comes to an end, the Council will have to put this work out to contract, which is likely to significantly increase the costs. As always, the Parish Council will keep you informed through this Newsletter and Meetings.

JUBILEE PLAYING FIELD. The laylandii hedge at the Jubilee Playing Field border with Pinfold Close has now been removed and replaced with metal fencing. The uncertain weather conditions prevented advanced confirmed planning for the hedge removal, which led to a short notice start date as a window of fine weather and contractor availability aligned. This meant it was not possible to contact everyone individually prior to the works commencing. The increasing hedge maintenance costs and the potential for antisocial behaviour in the playing field highlighted the need for change. The Council carefully considered the safety needs of the playing field users, the views of residents, and many fencing and hedge options before choosing this design. Now the fence is in place, the decision on what to do with the border area between the fence and Pinfold Close road can be made. The Council would like to hear your views on low maintenance options, and welcomes your comments at the Public Forum prior to the January Meeting. If you are unable to attend but would still like to comment, please send your suggestions to the Clerk by Wednesday 18th January.

DOG FOULING. For the benefit of new arrivals to the village, Rippingale residents voted to make **Jubilee Playing Field** a **NO DOGS area**. More signs are planned but if you see anyone exercising their dogs on the playing field, please politely let them know. There are many responsible dog owners in the village but unfortunately some are not. To help address this, anyone witnessing instances of dog fouling should report it to SKDC. This can be done by stating the place, date and time via Twitter to @southkesteven, or the Report it link on www.southkesteven.gov.uk or on 01476 406080. Reporting instances will notify the Dog Warden, who has the authority to contact those responsible and fine repeat offenders.

FORTHCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS:

- **Thursday 19th January 2017**
- **Thursday 16th March**

Unless otherwise stated, Council Meetings are held in the Rippingale Village Hall at 7.30pm. A full list of the Meeting Dates for 2017 can be found on the Notice board and Rippingale Village Website.

THE AVELAND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP

The Group has now obtained SKDC approval for the designated area of the Aveland Neighbourhood Plan. This covers Rippingale, Aslackby, Dunsby and Dowsby, and will be under the control of the respective Parish Councils. This means that the Group can now proceed to research the views of residents over a wide number of issues in order to start the process of gathering evidence for the Plan. The Group is preparing a questionnaire for distribution to all households in the area by early February and we hope that a good response will give a firm basis on which to begin to formulate a vision for the future development of the village. However, success in this venture will also depend on support from villagers. The Group will need the use of various skills in preparation of the Plan and we will welcome additional members who think that they may be able to assist in any aspect of the project. If you can help, please contact the Rippingale Parish Council who will put you in touch with the team. This is your chance to shape the future of your village community! If you are at all interested please come and see how you can help. Our next meeting is @ 7.30pm on Tuesday 24th January 2017 at The Bull Inn. In the meantime please contact Mike Hallas and/or Peter Moseley for more information. More information will be available on the Village Website. *Peter Moseley, District Councillor*



RIPPINGALE FEAST COMMITTEE

We have been discussing various options for social events, including music events and village history walks and talks. However, we are completely open to suggestions from village residents; if you have a good idea for an event that the community would enjoy, please contact Phil on 01778 440204 or Janet on 01778 440406. The emphasis should be on fun and friendship, as this is what the Feast is all about.

RIPPINGALE FEAST 2017 GRAND DRAW – Winners

Firstly, our sincere thanks to all who bought tickets for the Grand Prize Draw. The Draw took place on Monday 21st November in a very crowded saloon bar of the Bull Inn. It was an excellent evening and there were some prize winners among the crowd, which was a relief! After the draw was complete, we all enjoyed some excellent food prepared by Ross, the resident chef at the Bull Inn.

We are listing the winners of the Cash Prizes, plus the two Grange Spa half-day prizes listed on the tickets.

£100 – Mr Pick – This prize is currently unclaimed – we would appreciate any information on where Mr Pick might be.

£50 – Mrs Pitteville, Grange Spa half-days – Master D Cruickshank and Mrs M. Joint.

£25 – Mr M. Murray, Mr J. Smith, Mrs C. Hollister, Mrs M Atkinson, Mrs P. Read, Mr L. Parncutt, Mr P. Palmer.

An eighth £25 prize has been donated, anonymously, to the Bunting Babes Defibrillator fund.

A complete list of all prize winners can be found on the village website, or can be supplied on request.

RIPPINGALE FEAST 2017

A small working group has been set up to look at the feasibility of running a Beer Festival in tandem with the Feast, which will be on Saturday 1st July. Last month's call for extra helpers/volunteers has gone unheeded, unfortunately. Feast planning is going ahead, however, and we now have a Jazz band booked for the afternoon, in addition to the Bourne Borderers and some group displays, plus stalls and stands run by various organisations and groups.

The WI will be organising various competitions and selling tea and cakes. There will also be a professional barbecue demonstration by a team that represented the UK at the 2016 World Food Championships in Alabama! Weather permitting, there will be a flypast by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.

Our current Rose Queen, Annabelle Louise, is a finalist in the Miss World, Natural Beauty Competition, which will be judged in April 2017. Look out for her fundraising efforts; she hopes for support and backing from the village.

Annabelle's term of office will end with the 2017 Feast. In 2017, the post is open to any young lady, 18 or under.

Don't forget; put Saturday 1st July in your diaries. Much more news to follow!

If you would like to volunteer as a helper, please contact Phil on [01778] 440204 or Janet on [01778] 44040g.

VILLAGE WALKS

The January walk will take place on Sunday 15th January, commencing at 10.15am prompt. The starting point is the Car Park of the Hare @ Hounds, Hacconby. You may park in the Pub's car park, but please park adjacent to the fence at the furthest point from the entrance. Any queries, please call Derek Deiss on 440063. Look forward to seeing you!

FRIENDS AGAINST SCAMS (From LincsAlert)

National Trading Standards have launched a new scheme to raise awareness against scams and encourage people to take a stand against them. Scams often target people in vulnerable situations – the Friends Against Scams campaign aims to protect and prevent these people from becoming victims by empowering communities to 'Take a Stand Against Scams'.

The Friends Against Scams campaign is open to anyone who wants to protect themselves, their neighbours or their loved ones against scams. Free training and awareness sessions – available online and in person at local awareness sessions – are being rolled out, which will provide people with the confidence and skills they need to identify and prevent scams. Those who participate in the training will become a Friend Against Scams and will be encouraged to put their knowledge to use in their local communities.

The Friends Against Scams campaign aims to:

- Highlight the scale of the issue by encouraging communities and the nation to talk about scams
- Change the perceptions of why people become scam victims
- Prevent people from becoming or continuing to be a scam victim by providing better support
- Recruit individuals and communities to join the fight against scams to make this a scam-free nation

We are asking LincsAlert members, where possible, to complete the online training to become a Friend Against Scams. Please reply to this message to let us know when you have done it. If you are interested, but unable to complete the training online, please let us know as we will be arranging training sessions in the new year.

For anyone who is interested in going a step further and becoming a ScamChampion, please let us know and we will arrange training within Lincolnshire. Becoming a ScamChampion enables you to deliver information sessions in your local community.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. The link to the website is below:
www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk

RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The Club met on 14th December for their Christmas Social Event, the final meeting of the year. Gill Hadland of Great Glen near Leicester was the Guest Speaker. Gill had earlier this year been with the Alpine Garden Society on a three week plant hunting expedition to Peru. Her talk "Plants, People and Places of Peru" gave a most comprehensive overview of an enthralling experience which must surely be on everyone's wish list. The Season was late Summer, the countryside dressed in it's splendid best attire. Her slides took us on a journey to sites featuring plants of familiar genus – Gentianella, viola, lupin, euphorbia, orchids, salvia, ranunculus but with much diversity in species of which we had never seen or heard. Plants were mostly low growing in high altitude, clinging to the rock scree surface, seemingly with little to sustain. She had focused on the unusual, photogenic, exquisitely coloured specimens which were quite spell binding. Gill's talk also covered fauna, archeological sites, monasteries as well as major cities and their environs. I twas much enjoyed and well attended. The Club now goes into Winter recess with meetings resuming in March 2017. The next Speaker is the well known Nurseryman and Alpinist, Robert Potterton. As a forward notice the Club will hold a Plant Sale in the month of May 2017 – details follow next year. *Elizabeth Foreman, Secretary*

NEW RIPPINGALE PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

We suspect that there are a number of keen photographers in the village, pursuing their hobby on their own. If you are one of them, would you be interested in belonging to a local photographic group? If so, please 'phone or E-mail Phil Rippingale on 440204 or philrippingale@btinternet.com or Phil Palmer on 07492 741139 or pjpracer@hotmail.com We hope to bring you more news of meetings or activities in the next few months.

LOOSE ENDS

By the time you read this we will be into another year – time flies when you’re having fun! We have had an excellent year with new members and a good turn out each week. In March we held our first Table Top Sale which was a great success and raised funds for MACMILLAN Cancer support. We had a fun workshop with Zoe Tant in which we all made a lovely notebook from scratch. In October we held another successful Table Top Sale and raised funds for our very own Cheeky Monkeys Playgroup and the Three Counties Dog Rescue. We have now changed the charity we shall be supporting for the year to MIND Motor Neurone Disease and will be holding another Table Top Sale in possible March, and a Craft Event in May. We are also planning some more workshops, including knotting socks. Our teacher will be the lovely July Brett. Other workshops are to be decided. So, if you are at a loose end on a Friday morning, come and join us. We charge £3 which covers the hire of our fabulous Village Hall and any profit made goes to our chosen charity. We raised almost £500 last year! Hope to see some more new members when we start back on Friday 11th January @ 10.00am. If you require more information, please contact Carol on 441386. You will find us on Facebook and on both www.Rippingalevillagehall.org and www.rippingalevillage.co.uk Lastly I would like to wish all members, old and new, a fantastic New Year and thank you for all your support over the past year. *Carol Mason*

DOG FOULING

Yet AGAIN I have received complaints about dog fouling, this time in Middle Street. I refer to the Parish Council’s report this month regarding dog fouling on the Playing Field. To help address this, anyone witnessing instances should report it to SKDC, contact details of which can be found in the said report from the Parish Council. [Page 2]

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

200 CLUB Winners for December:	£20	Ann Pearson [56]	
	£10	Angela Gray [2]	Robert Mason [25]
	£ 5	Mr/Mra Leonard [72]	Ian Middleton [113]
		Glenys Petz [29]	Steve Hall [61]

ST ANDREW’S CHURCH

200 CLUB Winners for December	£20	Mrs J Brennan [87]	
	£10	Rev L Pugh [147]	Miss H Jessop [188]
	£ 5	Mrs A Jones [144]	Mrs M Jessop [34]
		Mrs P Wood [44]	Mrs M Whiten [139]

PLOUGH SUNDAY GROUP SERVICE

SUNDAY 15th JANUARY 2017 – 10.30am @ St Andrew’s Church.

As in the past, this is one of our main Services of the year. It’s a Family orientated type of Service, with hymns we all know and can have a good sing to. A vintage horse-drawn plough will be in church to be Blessed with a modern tractor and plough standing outside the church – if you are lucky you may be allowed to sit in the seat! Children and adults alike are encouraged to bring their own toy tractors and ploughs to the Service to be Blessed as well. A warm welcome is assured with refreshments at the end, so we look forward to seeing you all there. *Jonathan Newell, Churchwarden*

AND FINALLY

A chap drowned in a bowl of muesli. A strong currant pulled him in!

DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY 2017

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.rippingalevillage.co.uk or follow any of the “Contact Us” links in the website and use the “Email” link.
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