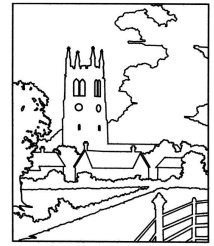




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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Priest in Charge The Revd Dr Lynda Pugh – dr.lynda.pugh@gmail.com 46a High Street, Morton, PE10 0NR Tel: [01778] 571841

SUN 2nd BCP Eucharist @ 6.00pm
9th Eucharist @ 9.15am
16th Family Worship @ 10.30am
23rd *NO SERVICE*
30th *NO SERVICE*

ALWAYS CHECK THE NOTICE BOARD FOR ANY CHANGES.

COFFEE MORNING – 7th MARCH

The latest news on Lorna Webb is that she's home and hopes to have the plaster removed shortly. The March Coffee Morning maintained its standards of lovely fresh vegetables and cakes etc. The Draw for the Large Chocolate Egg was made and the winner was Bob Wellman. A big thank you to Heather and Sue for all their hard work. Although the weather was warmer, we even had the side door open, and at this moment in time, new heating is being installed, so even if its cold, we do hope from now on it will be warmer at our Coffee Mornings. It is, therefore, even more important that you should come and support us as we have major expense, but at least you will be more comfortable. A warm welcome is guaranteed. At the next Coffee Morning, being the one before Easter, we will have some special items for sale as well as our normal fresh selection. So please come and see us, old and new, on **Tuesday 4th April @ 10.15am onwards**. If transport is a problem don't hesitate to contact me.
Jonathan Newell, Churchwarden 01778 441211

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH 200 CLUB – Winners for March:

£20	Chris Bladon [16]			
£10	Revd Lynda Pugh [147]	P Thurston [146]		
£5	C Enderby [129]	J Stubley [46]	Bill Lack [61]	D Sankey [51]

RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT WI

At the March meeting the President welcomed many members and visitors to hear Louise Timmins, UK Country Head of Brighter Future International Trust, who strive to care for children and adults affected by Leprosy, HIV and AIDS disability and extreme poverty in India. Her talk with slides was most informative, passionate and inspiring. Members were thanked for their generous donations of Twiddlemitts, lap quilts and washbags for dementia care, milk bottle tops for Air Ambulance and used stamps for Medical Care Dogs. These are all ongoing requests. A fantastic night was had at Peterborough Greyhound Racing and a lunch at the Three Kings in Threkingham. Events for the diaries: South Lincs Federation AGM @ Springfields, Resolution meeting, Quizzes, Exercise Campaign, Bourne Home Economics, "Auntie, The War is Over" at the Corn Exchange, Craft Club, Lunches, Tolethorpe and the Cheese Fair in Melton Mowbray. Bookings were being taken for the 2017 Thursford Christmas Spectacular. In the pipe line is a visit to Hull – City of Culture 2017. The Annual Meeting will be held at the April meeting when the Committee and President will be elected. For further information, please contact President Michele Joint on [01778] 440368 or E-mail radwi@btinternet.com

RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting is on Wednesday 12th April @ 6.30pm at Swines' Meadow Farm, Market Deeping PE6 8LQ, when Colin Ward will give a talk at his Nursery. The charge will be £4 per person to include refreshments.
Elizabeth Forman, Club Secretary

The Club is having a Plant Sale & Open Gardens at 8 & 10 Wendover Close on Sunday 21st May @ 11.00am – 4.00pm. Refreshments available and entrance to garden £2.00. *Chris Bladon*

Grass & Hedge Cutting. As previously briefed, our County and District Council have reduced their grass and hedge cutting commitments in both frequency and funding. However, we all still want Rippingale to look nice. The Council has had to make difficult decisions in meeting the presentational needs of the village without causing a large increase in the Precept.

Grass Cutting. While we have the flexibility 'in-house' the grass cutting is planned as follows: Village Green, Jubilee Playing Field, Allotment access footpaths, and the communal 'common areas' at Scarborough Close, Dovecote, Siskin Close and Sands Court will all be cut at 3 weekly intervals until the end of October. The verge areas which have a pavement between any properties and the road will be cut at 3-5 weekly intervals. Unfortunately the grassed areas which border any property or building will no longer be cut by the Parish Council. A few areas may have been cut previously but there is an expectation from the District Council that these areas are maintained by the adjoining properties and therefore no funding is given. We ask you to support us, and to work together with your neighbours, to help keep the village looking nice and allow us to keep the Precept within current levels. The 'ransom strips' at Brambling Walk and Blanchard Close will also not long be cut by the Council as they are privately owned. SKDC will maintain the first 1m of roadside verges on the main roads and junctions but only twice during the growing season. There are a couple of additional areas where the Council receives private funding to maintain, such as the area surrounding the Extragas maintenance box on Pinfold Close and the 'Avenue' on the High Street near the Cemetery. Please note that any timescales for the grass cutting are subject to our unpredictable weather and other priorities.

Hedge Cutting. The plan is for the hedges to be cut back at the end of the growing season. Depending on the type of hedge some may also need a cut pre-season. We ask residents who have a property or building with a hedge bordering a footpath or road to make sure that it is kept cut back and clear of the walkways. Thank you.

Jubilee Playing Field:-

Dogs. Despite messages in recent Newsletters and additional signs at the entrance points, there are a few residents who still insist on taking their dogs onto the JPF. Residents are again reminded that **Jubilee Playing Field is a NO DOGS area**. Again we are asking for your assistance in helping to stop this by reporting offenders. Please report the details to the Parish Clerk or any of the councillors. If required, the details of the offenders will be sent to the Bourne & Neighbourhood Policing Team for action under the Dog Control Orders. If the is in relation to fouling, please also report it to SKDC via Twitter to @southkesteven, 'Report it' on www.southkesteven.gov.uk or on 01476 406080.

Play Equipment. Over the next few months the play equipment on the Jubilee Playing Field will be given a little TLC with the fitment of matting under the equipment, some minor repairs and a good clean.

Front Border. The long term plan is for the border areas in front of the new fence to be planted with low maintenance shrubs. As the area has been at the mercy of the laylandii for so long it will be sprayed and treated, with the planting carried out later in the year. Although the exact species have not been decided, the plan is to have plants that provide interest all year round. We have kindly been given £150 sponsorship towards the cost of the plants. If anyone else would like to help look after, donate or sponsor the area please contact the Clerk or myself.

Storm Doris. A couple of the small trees in the west side hedge did not survive their encounter with Storm Doris. These were kindly dealt with by Phil's Gardening Services Ltd at no cost.

Additional Defibrillator. We were hoping to have the second defibrillator installed by the end of March but unfortunately there has been a delay to the funding. We hope that this delay will only be temporary.

Annual Meeting & AGM. At our May meeting we will summarise a very busy year and set out the plans for the coming year. We will then have some routine business to conduct, including approving the end of year accounts. Following the meeting there will be the opportunity to join us for a cuppa and a chat (and maybe even a biscuit). We hope to see you there.

Cllr Bev Machin, Chairman

Planning Applications - Pending & Decisions

S17/0326 – Change of use (shop and dwelling to dwelling). Post Office, 5 Middle Street, Rippingale	Pending
S17/0289 – Retention of Portacabin and storage container. JPF, Pinfold Close, Rippingale	Pending
S17/0119 Variation of Condition 2 (approved footprint) – build a garden room on replacement dwelling at Windmill House, Mareham Lane, Rippingale (S16/1407)	Approved

FORTHCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS:

- **Thursday 18th May Annual Parish Meeting & AGM, commencing at 7.00pm.**
- **Thursday 27th July, commencing at 7.30pm.**

Unless otherwise stated, Council Meetings are held in the Rippingale Village Hall.

RIPPINGALE OIL CONSORTIUM

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. For up-to-date local comparisons and deliveries go to www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk/oil and follow the links .

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

Chandlers ROC	41.69	500+ ltrs	Delivered	8 March 2017
Chandlers (Web)	45.99	2000	Quote	8 March 2017
Boiler Juice	41.90	1000	Quote	8 March 2017
Fuel Fighter	40.20	1000	Quote	8 March 2017
Home Fuels Direct	42.21	1000	Quote	8 March 2017
Direct Oil	43.35	1000	Quote	8 March 2017
Value Oils	41.60	1000	Quote	8 March 2017

Useful telephone numbers:

Chandlers Oil - 08456 20 20 10

Home Fuels Direct - 01642 700 725

Lindsey Fuel - 01507 609 359

Boiler Juice - 0800 321 3275

Direct Oil - 01666 511 245

Rutland Oil - 01780 782 848

Fuel Fighter - Online only

Value Oils - 09058 890 100

Mole Fuel Solutions - 01603 734 110



RIPPINGALE FEAST 2016 GRAND DRAW

The £100 first prize has now been paid out to the originally drawn winner, Mr Pick, of High Street. A final list of all prize winners is available on the village website.

RIPPINGALE FEAST EVENT – A GENUINE BAVARIAN MOCKTOBERFEST – SATURDAY 17 JUNE

Fish out those lederhosen and start exercising those drinking muscles!

We are holding a Bavarian-style Ocktoberfest, with music provided by an Oompah band, Keller Kapella.

It's on Saturday 17th June at the Village Hall and doors open 7:30 for an 8:00pm start.

Tickets are £10 per person and the price includes a German-themed buffet.

It should be a fantastic night and very popular, so make sure you order your tickets pronto!

To order tickets, please contact either Phil Rippingale on 01778 440204 or Chris Petz on 01778 440444.

RIPPINGALE FEAST 2017 – SATURDAY 1ST JULY

Feast planning is moving up a gear and we are gradually in contact with more owners of interesting vehicles for the opening Parade. We are organising a series of fun competitions for the afternoon, to hopefully include egg-catching and tug-of-war (if we can find a suitable rope – any offers?), in addition to a series of competitions that will be organised by the WI, with an overall South Lincolnshire theme. There will also be a fancy-dress competition with an American theme and a decorated bike competition.

In Fly-past news, we must keep our fingers crossed as, weather permitting, we will have, from the Battle of Britain Memorial flight, a Spitfire, a Hurricane AND the Lancaster! Incredible news! We can't wait!

There will be a good selection of food and drink available during the afternoon.

Application forms will be available very soon for the post of 2017 Rose Queen.

We always need helpers, so if you're happy to volunteer for an hour or two, please contact Phil on 01778 440204 or Janet on 01778 440406.

RIPPINGALE PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

All future meetings of the Photography Group will be on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in The Bull Inn's meeting room. For more information about the Group, 'phone or E-mail Phil Riggingale on 440204 –

philrippingale@btinternet.com or Phil Palmer on 07492 741139 – pjpracer@hotmail.com

VILLAGE WALKS

The April Village Walk will take place on Thursday 20th April. Meet at the Village Green @ 7.00pm. For further information call 0776 863 2189. *Mike Exton*

RIPPINGALE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE – 200 CLUB – Winners for March

£200 Sue Knibbs [17]

£50 John Kimbrey [4]

Pat Read [185]

BCD Gray [200]

Trevor Larner [163]

We still have some spare numbers available if anyone would like to join. Please contact Wendy on 441312.

Bottle Bank – we currently have bins installed at the top end of the Hall Car Park for all your GLASS BOTTLES – please feel free to use them. *Wendy Gray, Chairman*

RIPPINGALE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Following our AGM on 1st March the Committee Members all agreed to continue for another year in the same roles as before. Thanks were given to Audrey, Wendy and Bob for their hard work over the last year enabling the Club to go from strength to strength. The Programme for this year will be available at our next meeting on 15th March. Our first coach trip is on Thursday 6th April to Ely and our second trip is a Mystery Trip on Wednesday 17th May. Members at £16 and non-members £19. To book a seat or for more Club information, please ring Audrey on 01529 241336.

LOOSE ENDS CRAFT GROUP

A big thank you to all those who supported our recent Time for a Cuppa event. We raised over £130 for Dementia UK. We also gained three new members to our Group which is wonderful. The next event is a Table Top Sale on 2nd April. We are raising funds for Motor Neurons Disease and in May our Handmade Craft Fayre is on Sunday 21st. At the time of writing we still have a few tables left. If you would like one please ring Carol on 441386. All events are in Rippingale Village Hall 10.00 – 2.00pm. Loose Ends Craft Group meet every Friday 10 – 1pm. Crafters and non crafters welcome. £3 per person, includes Coffee/Tea and Cake. *Carol Mason*

BUNTING BABES

The Bunting Babes have been at it again, making new bunting to sell. If you have a party or just want to brighten up your house, Summer house, Marquee or garden, we have different colours and lengths for sale. We can also make Bunting on request if we do not have the colour you want. All proceeds will go to benefit the Village. Our last project was to raise funds for another defibrillator, to which we contributed £500. If anyone would like to join our happy Group, we meet once a month and have new projects in hand. Please ring Chris Bladon on 440499 or Judith Tyler on 440296 for details or visit the Rippingale website for dates of future meetings.

AND FINALLY

A mother and her five-year old son were waiting for a bus to take them into town. The mother turns to her son and says: “You know, Bobby, that you’re five years old?”

“Yes, Mummy,” says Bobby.

“Well, when the bus comes the driver will ask you how old you are. Don’t tell him you’re five, tell him you’re four years old or else Mummy will have to pay more fare, OK Bobby?”

“OK. I’ll tell him I’m four.”

The bus comes along a short while later and stops.

Mother and son get on, and the driver looks down at the boy and says, how nice to see a smiling face this morning, and how old might you be?”

“I’m four,” says Bobby.

“And when will you five?” asks the driver.

“As soon as I get off the bus.” replies Bobby!

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bevm@warnersgroup.co.uk

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

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