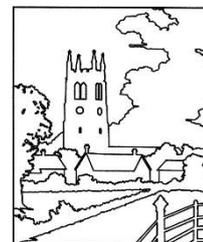




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Rippingale News – New Editorial Team!

I am very pleased to report that volunteers have come forward to continue Mary Morgan's hard work and take on the mantle of producing the Rippingale News! Your new Editorial Team is:

Editor: Mike Bronze & Deputy Editor: Jamie Petch

Don't worry if you don't know who they are yet, I'm certain they'll introduce themselves via future issues.

To help ensure the Newsletter production can be sustained, and the workload on the volunteers who produce and distribute it minimised, the frequency of the Newsletter may need to be reduced, especially as most of the information is also on the website and in the Village Life magazine.

No decision has been made, and the subject will be discussed at the April Council Meeting (Thursday 12th) in the Village Hall. If you have any comments or suggestions, please share them with the Council at the preceding Public Forum at 7.30pm. Alternatively, you can speak to any Councillor, or send your comments to the Parish Clerk (RippingalePC@Gmail.com) or Editor (bronzeservices@live.com).

Village Burglaries

As you know, several properties in the village have been the victims of burglary or attempted break ins. There have also been reports of suspicious persons and vehicles. Hopefully the recent arrests will put a stop to the recent burglaries but if you see something that doesn't seem right, **Report it to 101**, or 999 in an emergency. See page 4 for some simple steps to keep your property safe.

St Andrew's Church News

Your Wardens: Pam Bayliss 01778 440728 & Jonathan Newell 01778 441211

March Sunday 11th at 9.15am Mothering Sunday (Family Orientated)

April Sunday 1st at 10.30am Easter Family Service (with Easter Egg Hunt)

Always check the website and notice board as things can change. It also has Group Services.

200 Club – February Winners (the big 6-monthly Draw!)

£200 No 186 Mrs L Webb

£50 No 75 Mr B Leonard £50 No 82 R Horton £50 No 159 Mrs B Donaldson £50 No 156 Mr B Welman

Congratulations to the above and thank you for your support.

Coffee Morning – Tuesday 6th February 2018

The weather was grim and to be honest I was not expecting a good turnout. Fortunately, you all proved me wrong and we all had a really good time. The fresh vegetables were as good as ever with plenty of other commodities on offer from jams to cakes etc I must emphasize that this is a community event and is open to everybody. Not only will you go away with veg etc but will have made new friends and caught up with what's going on locally. The Roof fund continues to grow; we are still trying to apply for grant money. Hopefully in 2018 work may be able to make a start knowing that the roof can only be done between September and April because of our Bat population. Important Events to raise money for the Church Roof:

Next Coffee Morning – Tuesday 6th March at 10.30am

Lent Lunch – Wednesday 14th March (Midday Soup and a Roll etc) Watch "A" Board outside Church

Historical Presentation from Kerenza Lewis (**Ex Channel 4 Time Team Presenter**) – **Tuesday 27th March** Starts 7.30pm in Church. Tickets available from The Bull (With thanks to John & Louise Smith for arranging)

Ceilidh Dance – Saturday 14th April in Village Hall, details to follow

(With many thanks to Chris Petz for helping to arrange)

As you can see from my report we the Church are very lucky for all the support you are giving us and are grateful. Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss any of the above.

Jonathan Newell, Churchwarden

Parish Council News

Chairman – Cllr Chris Charlton; cramcharlton@aol.com Tel. 07908 540683

Clerk – Michelle Free; RippingalePC@Gmail.com Tel 07375 364742

Jubilee Playing Field

Play Area. Through Cllr Julie Parry, the Council has been working hard to obtain design ideas and costings for the Jubilee Playing Field play area, including the viability of renovating any of the existing equipment. Work is also ongoing to explore and make use of as many grant and funding avenues as possible.

CCTV. New play equipment is very costly. In order to protect the investment, research is also being carried out to explore the feasibility of installing CCTV at the playing field as a deterrence against acts of vandalism and anti-social behaviour. CCTV footage can be shared with the Police if necessary to pursue action against any criminal and or anti-social activity. The presence of cameras could also help reassure anyone using the area that it is a safe place to go.

WWI War Memorial

Following the approval of the planning application, the work to clean and restore the Churchyard Memorial is finally underway and should be completed by the end of this month. This should mean that the Memorial is looking its very best for the 1918 Centenary Armistice Day events.

The Big Clean Continued

SKDC has retained 2 specialist teams to work across the district to maintain the 'higher street standard' achieved by The Big Clean. Speaking in the SKDC Parish Update, Cabinet member for Environment, District Cllr Dr Peter Moseley said The Big Clean “set a new standard” and “raised the bar” on street cleansing. To maintain the improved appearance, SKDC will have two extra teams in addition to the normal street service, working throughout the year.”

Villages, parishes, businesses and individual volunteers all did their bit to help last year’s 12-week programme. Many of the 'grot spot' areas were identified by residents, who pinpointed the precise area on a web-based map. Over the three months, SKDC collected around 406 tonnes of material, which is the equivalent in weight of 45 refuse freighters.

The Big Clean was a success, and residents and businesses are being asked by SKDC to continue the support the initiative by maintaining their properties by cutting back hedges, trees and foliage to stop encroachment onto public paths and highways and report any street scene issues. Please help keep Rippingale looking good and report any problem areas at www.southkesteven.gov.uk/SKBigClean

Cllr Chris Charlton, Chairman

Forthcoming Council Meetings:

8 March Conference Room	12 April (End of Year Accounts Approval) Conference Room	10 May (Annual Parish & General Meetings) Main Hall at 7pm
Date change: June Meeting is now on Thursday 7 th at 7.30pm in St Andrew’s Church		

Meetings usually take place on the **second Thursday of the month**, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. See the village Noticeboard and Website for the Agenda and details of any changes.

Could EU funding boost local business?

SKDC is asking parish councils to make local rural businesses aware of valuable EU funding opportunities and grant deadlines. Micro, small and medium-sized rural enterprises across South Kesteven still have time to apply for funding through a LEADER programme aimed at encouraging growth in the rural economy, with an emphasis on job creation. Funders have now set a September 2018 deadline to receive expressions of interest for grant applications, to allow them to be processed before March 2019. The Kestevens' and Wash Fens' LEADER funds are funding initiatives of the Rural Development Programme, which is supported by the European Commission, the Rural Payments Agency and Lincolnshire County Council. For information on eligible projects, go to: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/kestevens A LEADER workshop is to be held on Tuesday 13th March at 10.30am in the Bourne Corn Exchange for anyone interested.

Latest Planning Applications:

S17/2167 – Lawful Development Certificate Application - 2 existing storage sheds, garage extension, house side extension and log store. Rivendell, 10 Doctors Lane PE10 0ST	Not Yet Determined
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Rippingale Open Gardens – 2nd & 3rd June 2018

On behalf of **Rippingale Garden Club**, I have been asked to co-ordinate the above event. Over the past twenty odd years the Club has organised Open Gardens and has raised a few thousand pounds for the village amenities. We wish to help again but at the moment we really could do with another 3 or 4 gardens to make it viable. Teas have been organised with one at the Church and another in Station Street. This is not a competition but just a friendly show, however small the gardens are – in fact small gardens are more relevant these days. I hope one or more of you can be persuaded to help us.
You can contact me on 01778 440499 or come round to see me at 10 Wendover Close. Many thanks.

Chris Bladon

Village Walk

The March Village Walk will take place on Sunday March 18th starting at 10:15am meeting at Culverthorpe Lakes car park.

Sausage & Mash – We will be having our usual Sausage & Mash supper at the Bull on Tuesday March 20th meet at 7:00 pm Please contact me on 07768 632189 for any further information.

Mike Exton

Rippingale Friendship Club

Our group is now up and running after the winter break. Our first meeting took place on Wednesday 7th February where a review of 2017 took place during our AGM, all committee members are as last year with Audrey at the helm! The subscription was set at £15 for the year. Meeting fee still at £1 which covers tea and biscuits plus a raffle ticket.

Discussion took place regarding various trips for the coming year starting with a trip to Doncaster Market on March 27th; anyone who is interested please contact Audrey 01529 241358. The cost is as last year - £16 members, £19 non-members. Pick up points are Billingham, Pointon, Rippingale, Morton, and Bourne bus station.

There are 4 more trips planned for this year which will be advertised and include a mystery tour, and a seaside trip. Our Christmas market trip in November will be Nottingham. New members always welcome so if you are 50+ why not come and join us. Our meetings in March are 7th and 21st; 2- 4.30pm at Rippingale Village Hall. Don't forget to book your seat for Doncaster Market!

Audrey Brewin

Village Hall 200 Club Draw Winners

January 2018 - £20 Mr & Mrs Coutts (14)

£10 Pat Taylor (147), Denise Clark (23)

£5 Jonny Grew (131), Pat Taylor (149), Stan Elsmore (59), BCD Gray (200)

February 2018 - £20 Ian Middleton (113)

£10 Rebecca Main (142), Helen Martin (102)

£5 Jim Stublely (89), Marie Whiten (154), Phil Rippingale (123), Lynn Hall (30)

Grantham Hospital's A&E

For anyone following the saga of the Grantham Hospital A&E opening hours, SKDC has written to the Secretary of State for Health, Jeremy Hunt MP, expressing members' dissatisfaction at the continued closure of Grantham Hospital's A&E overnight and urging him to intervene in the matter. Writing on behalf of the SKDC members, Chief Executive Aidan Rave, emphasised the "incredibly strong feeling across the political spectrum and within the community," about the lack of progress, "despite numerous targets and pre-conditions being met."

The Leader of the District Council, Cllr Matthew Lee, said that if the decision was taken not to re-open the A&E overnight as previously announced, he would commit the council's full support to the efforts by fellow members, campaign groups and local MP, Nick Boles, to do so. "The current situation is clearly untenable and unacceptable, hence taking the unusual step of writing directly to the Secretary of State. As well as expressing our dismay at the continued closure and the way in which the issue has been handled, we are stressing that the rapid growth of Grantham and the surrounding area should be a central factor in the decision-making process."

Allotment Holders

Thank you to all the Row Garden Allotment Holders who have already paid their rent for 2018 and returned the signed agreement. For anyone who has not yet paid their rent for this year, and returned the signed agreement, please action this as soon as possible. Thank you.

If you have not received an invoice or agreement, please contact the Parish Clerk on 07375 364742 or rippingalepc@gmail.com, or any of the RGAG Committee. Many thanks.

Michelle Free

GRAND CEILIDH

To boost funds for St Andrew's Church roof repairs

Saturday April 14 – Rippingale Village Hall – 8:00pm - doors open 7:30pm

Tickets £10:00 (£5:00 accompanied children) £25:00 family ticket (2 adults & 2 children)

Licensed bar – Ticket price includes Supper

Eight of Lincolnshire's top ceilidh musicians have come together and offered their services free of charge for this "one off" event.

This promises to be a fantastic night of top quality music and dancing to

STAN DREWS ROOF RAISERS

Tickets available from:

Jonathan Newell – tel 01778441211 email jonandchris60@googlemail.com

Chris Petz – tel 01778440444 * email chrissetz@aol.com

Village Burglaries

Let's work together to make Rippingale 'too hot to handle'. Be a good neighbour. Look out for each other and if you see something that doesn't seem quite right, **Report it to 101**, or 999 in an emergency. Here are some simple steps you can take to try and protect your property:

- *Ensure all external doors and windows are closed and locked, even if you are home but in a different part of the house or garden.*
- *Don't leave valuables on display in vehicles, garages, sheds or in the home.*
- *Close the curtains or blinds in rooms when you put the lights on.*
- *Don't put notes on the door – give instructions for leaving deliveries online, by phone or when ordering.*
- *Keep garages and sheds locked with a sturdy and secure lock when not in use – overtly marking tools and equipment can also help to make them too hot to handle!*
- *Have good exterior security lighting – burglars don't like to be seen!*

Remember, the glow of an updating or charging device (e.g. laptop or mobile phone), an open side window venting cooking smells or wet laundry, the housekeeping jar on the windowsill or the new 60" tv taking pride of place in the lounge are inviting targets to unscrupulous and opportunist thieves.

Be vigilant and don't make your property an easy target!

Keep up to date with what is happening in and around our area, by signing up to police email or text alerts. Visit www.lincolnshirealert.co.uk or Telephone 01522 558 399.

As my 'short & sweet' stand-in editorial spell ends, I apologise for anything missed out, miss spelt, and any other Muppet moments, and leave you with something from Mary's collection of ponderings on our crazy English language, kindly passed on by Neil:

Michelle Free, Parish Clerk

There is no egg in eggplant, no ham in hamburgers

& neither apple nor pine in pineapple,

*Teachers taught & Writers write, yet Preachers don't praught & fingers don't fing,
A Nose runs, feet smell, an alarm goes off by coming on & boxing rings are square.*

As for a guinea pig, it neither comes from Guinea nor a pig!

Don't you just love the 3rd most common language in the world.

April 2018 Newsletter – Deadline for Submissions is Tuesday 15th March

Please submit entries to the new Editor: Mike Bronze at bronzeservices@live.com or via 07971 447528

Items for the Rippingale Village Website

Please mark your email 'Website' and send to RippingalePC@Gmail.com

See www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk for T&Cs