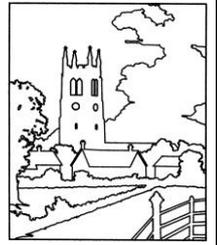




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St Andrew's Church

The Group is now in Interregnum. **Church Warden:** Jonathan Newell: [01778] 441211

January	Sunday	7 th	<i>No Service</i>
	Sunday	14 th	<i>No Service</i>
	Sunday	21 st	Group Plough Sunday @ 10.30am
	Sunday	28 th	<i>No Service</i>

Always Check The Notice Board For Any Changes.

December Coffee Morning (5th December)

In my November report, I suggested that we might have had a record turnout, well in December you broke all records! A very big thank you to everybody who came and supported us, the "Coffee morning crew" were over the moon. All the hard work that is put into the occasion is made so worthwhile. We had our normal fresh vegetables and more, lots of Christmas extras donated by so many very kind people. It all makes a great atmosphere. The Christmas tree was very kindly given to us by Mr & Mrs Shaun Charlton with the decorating being done by the Smart family. Our Christmas Raffle, a large Hamper given to the Church by Sue Atkinson, was won by Eric Jessop. These are just a few people who have helped us, so to all the others a very sincere big thank you; words cannot express my gratitude.

Christingle & Carol Service (17th December)

The Christingle/Carol Service was great. A great many thanks to all the different people contributing: reading lessons so professionally, doing the collection, making all the Christingle Oranges, and cleaning and decorating the Church.

Last not but not least, thanks to Annie Ewer, Frank Wyer for conducting the service; and Marijke for playing the organ. The collection all goes to the Children's Society (£98.16)

Reflecting on 2017, I feel the Church is moving forward with help from numerous people within the area. So, let's keep the ball rolling, and if anyone would like to be involved, you will be made most welcome.

Plough Sunday – Sunday 21st January 2018

A family service with a horse drawn plough to be blessed in the Church, and a large modern tractor and plough parked outside the Church.

Next Coffee Morning – Tuesday 6th February 2018 @ 10.30am

I can always provide transport if required or any other help.

Jonathan Newell, Churchwarden

Newsletter Editor

It is with great sadness that our long-standing editor of the Rippingale Village Newsletter, Mary Morgan, is very poorly and unable to continue the production of the Newsletter. Mary has worked tirelessly to produce a Newsletter every single month for 18 years! Aided by Neil and a stalwart band of volunteer residents who deliver it, Mary's contribution has ensured the continued success of the Newsletter, and enabled every household in the village to be kept informed and up to date on Church services, Parish Council News and the activities of numerous local Groups, Clubs and Organisation.

There is not enough space in the Newsletter to thank Mary properly and show our appreciation for everything that she has done. I am sure you will agree that she has done a sterling job in making the Newsletter what it is, and join us in thanking Mary for her commitment and contribution to the whole village.

I'm sure everyone will want to see the Newsletter continue, so if you have some time available, and would like to get involved as the new Editor or in any other capacity, please contact the Parish Council Clerk.

Parish Council News

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Clerk – Michelle Free; **New Email: RippingalePC@Gmail.com** Tel 07375 364742

Happy New Year & Welcome to 2018. This year is likely to be another busy one but, with your support and feedback, I'm sure we will all succeed in making a difference.

2018/19 Financial Year- Budget & Precept. The Budget and Precept for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 will be approved at the January Meeting. The figures are based on the forecast outturn for the current year, ongoing Parish commitments and responsibilities, and planned projects. The preceding Public Forum is your opportunity to ask questions of the budget and make suggestions prior to the approval.

Project – New Play Equipment. Thank you to everyone who shared their feedback and suggestions on the play equipment questionnaire. Based on the responses, the preference was for a range of items to suit all ages, from toddler multi-play to adult exercise equipment, with a £10,000 to £25,000 Parish Council investment. The collated information will be used to obtain designs and quotes. We are working hard to obtain grant funding, to add to the donations and Council funds, and enable us to achieve as much as possible. Hopefully, better equipment will encourage greater use, deter vandals, and provide a facility that the whole village will be proud to show off. The final design will be formally approved at a future Council Meeting, where residents can comment on the design and level of investment before it is finalised.

Defibrillator Usage Notification. Despite having the correct details, the East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) failed to notify the Council that it had authorised the use of the Defibrillator from outside the Village Hall. Whether used or not, this authorisation takes the device 'offline' until it can be serviced. Unfortunately, the device was also wrongly taken away by the Ambulance Crew. It has taken a significant amount of time to retrieve, and was feared lost but, after almost 2 months, it was finally returned to the village! This is completely unacceptable and EMAS has assured us this won't happen again.

The defibrillators are there to be used if required but, to ensure it can be checked and put back on line as soon as possible, the Council would like to ask you to notify the Clerk or any councillor that the defibrillator has been authorised for removal, as soon as possible following the incident. Patient information is not required, only when the defibrillator was removed and whether it was used. Thank you.

Defibrillator Training Dates. The Bull Inn on **Saturday 20 & Wednesday 31 January; Saturday 17 February 2018** from 10am – 12noon. Places booked via Erica Field-Lucas on 440738 or erica.fl@hotmail.co.uk.

Vigilance. Sadly, some residents were the victims of house burglaries last month. Please remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to 101, or 999, as required.

Cllr Chris Charlton, Chairman

Planning Applications:

S17/2047 – Cleaning & Restoration of WWI War Memorial, St Andrew's Church, 3a High Street, Rippingale PE10 0SR (RPC Application)	Not Yet Determined No Objections
S17/2136 – Single Storey Rear Extension at 4 Charlton Court, Rippingale PE10 0SN	Not Yet Determined No Objections
S17/2167 – Lawful Development Certificate Application for 2 existing storage shed, garage extension, house side extension and log store. Rivendell, 10 Doctors Lane, Rippingale PE10 0ST	Not Yet Determined Objections Submitted

2018 Council Meeting Dates:

11 January (Precept & Budget Approval)	8 February	8 March
12 April (End of Year Accounts Approval)	10 May at 7.00pm (Annual Parish & General Meetings)	14 June
12 July	No August Meeting	13 September
11 October	8 November at 7.00pm (DRAFT Budget & Precept)	13 December

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.

2018 Feast Fundraiser – Rippingale Ghost walk

It's the New Year, and it's time to book your tickets for the Rippingale Ghost walk!!

Join Martin Tempest, Professional Actor, well known for spooky events in the Stamford area, and the Ghost walks of Stamford, as he leads you on a Thriller fright night, around one of the most Haunted Villages in Lincolnshire. But be warned! There are Surprises and jumps along the way!

There will be two walks on Saturday 27th January, starting at 7.30 and 8.30pm, each lasting 45 minutes.

They will both start and finish at the Bull Inn, where you can always find much more friendly spirits!

Children must be aged 9 or over to attend this event.

Tickets are £10 for adults and £8 for children and must be paid for before the event.

If you would like to book for this Feast fundraiser event, please call:

Bev Machin on **01778 440220** or email Bev at **bevm@warnersgroup.co.uk** OR

Kate Manley on **01778 441307** or email Kate at **katemanley01@gmail.com**

Village Walks

The January walk will take place on **Sunday 21st January**, commencing at 10.15am prompt. The starting point is the Culverthorpe Lakes Car Park. Any queries, please call Mike Exton on 07768 632189. Look forward to seeing you!

Aveland Neighbourhood Plan (ANP)

As promised, all of the returned questionnaires were entered into a draw to win a prize of £50. I am delighted to say that the winner, drawn at random by the computer, was Mr Peter Jackson of Dowsby.

Unfortunately, due to work commitments, there were delays in analysing all of the questionnaire data. This delayed progress and has meant that a large proportion of the Grant has had to be returned. However, we will submit a further request for a Grant for 2018 and aim to make greater progress this year. Thank you to everyone who attended the last ANP Meeting, it was great to see such support. Everyone was split into small groups to look into different areas, and will report back at the next Meeting. This will hopefully be this month, but the date is in unknown at the time of going to press.

News from Rippingale Friendship Club

Rippingale Friendship Club held their Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 5th December It was attended by 40 people who enjoyed a fabulous lunch supplied by Clarks Caterers of Morton. The service provided was exceptionally good. The village hall looked amazing, and the bar was open and managed by Wendy with thanks. All members received a Christmas gift. The Club was donated a huge food hamper from a neighbour of Audrey's which was raffled with proceeds to the club, a huge thank you to Jenny. The afternoon was finished off with Bingo. It was great returning to the village hall for this event and to see our Club thriving.

On Sunday 10th December The Friendship Club ventured to Beverley Christmas Market despite the inclement weather conditions. The weather improved and no snow in Beverley we had plenty of time to enjoy the market and local shops and time for a nice lunch before finishing the market and returning to the coach. We would like to say thank you to everyone who has supported the Club and contributed to making the club a continuing success and look forward to seeing you all in 2018. New members are welcome the Club resumes on **Wednesday the 7th February 2018 2pm** which is also our **AGM**. Audrey

NEW Rippingale Art Group (RAGS) NEW

The new Rippingale Art Group (RAGS) meets on **Tuesday evenings**, 6:30 - 8:30pm, at the Village Hall.

You can come and work in Pencil, Inks, Pastels, Acrylics, Watercolours... whatever you like! The subscription fee is £2.50 per evening, and tea & coffee will be provided at no charge. The first meeting is on Tuesday 9th January. If you are interested in coming along for a free-of-charge 'taster session', or want to find out more, please call

Phil Rippingale on **01778 440204** or email **philrippingale@btinternet.com**



Row Garden Allotment Group (RGAG)

At the AGM on 27th November 2017, due to work commitments, Phil Palmer stepped down as Chairman. the Chairman gave his annual report before announcing that he was stepping down as Chairman, due to work commitments. David Knibbs and Barry Flatters have now taken on the mantle of Chair and Vice, respectively. The Treasurer (Mike Bronze) and Secretary (Angela Adams), remain unchanged.

This year's Open Day proved to be a great success, and raised £172.26 for RGAG Funds. Future projects include refurbishing the BBQ Area roof.

Don't forget, there are still a few plots still available. If interested, please send your details to the Secretary at: **angelaadams684@btinternet.com** or alternatively contact the Parish Council Clerk.

Broadband Issues

A number of households have suffered with very slow or non-existence broadband service over recent weeks/months. As a rural community, addressing these issues is not always a priority for the suppliers, yet the prices are the same. To ensure the issues are addressed as quickly as possible, you are strongly encouraged to report any issues to your supplier; a lack of reported issues causes some suppliers to not fully appreciate the scale and impact. Reporting the issues, will hopefully force the suppliers to take action and make the necessary repairs. If you feel that you are not getting the service you are paying for, you also have the option to contact the UK communications regulator, Ofcom on 0300 123 3333 or at www.Ofcom.org.uk

Village Hall Management Committee 200 Club – December Winners:

£20	Pat Taylor [147]	£10	Pat Morton [97]	B. Hutchinson [33]
£ 5	Nicky Revill [51]	D. Davison [150]	Kate Manley [84]	Sue McClean [159]

Congratulations to all of the Winners

St Andrew's Church 200 Club 2017/18 – December Winners:

Unfortunately, the details of the winners were not available at the time of going to press. The details will be published in the next Newsletter. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Rippingale Oil Consortium (ROC)

The Rippingale Oil Consortium was established through Chandlers to monitor oil delivery prices, and give members the confidence they are getting value for money, by arranging group deliveries to Rippingale homes to reduce the price per litre. This has worked well in the past but Chandlers are not always the cheapest option, so you are always better to shop around. John Warman has worked hard to research the prices every month, but is no longer able to do this. Sadly, no-one else has come forward to take over. There are now many companies delivering oil to our area, and you are advised to compare prices before ordering your oil. To help, the numbers of some of the companies known to deliver to Rippingale are detailed below. Please note that there is often a minimum number of litres required to obtain the best price.

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
Mole Fuel Solutions - 01769 576 201	

Report it

There are now many ways to report a variety of issues or keep up to date on what is happening. Detailed below are some useful contacts:

Highways Faults (e.g. potholes, broken street lights or damaged kerb stones)
www.Lincolnshire.gov.uk/faultreporting or via the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782070

Roadworks (e.g. road repairs or works by Anglian Water) www.roadworks.org

Anglian Water (e.g. foul sewers and water leaks) www.anglianwater.co.uk

Mud on the Road – call Lincolnshire Police on 101

South Kesteven District Council (e.g. litter, dog fouling, fly tipping or missed bin collection)
www.southkesteven.gov.uk or 01476 406080

Power cuts – (for all UK power networks) call 0800 3163 105 (or 105 in an emergency)

Apologies

If you were expecting to see an article that you had submitted to the Newsletter, please accept my apologies. With the help of Mary, Neil and the Village Website, we have contacted as many of the contributors as possible to make the issue happen, before a bloke wearing a red suit forced us to eat chocolate and socialise with the familySorry. Best wishes, *Michelle Free, Parish Clerk*

February 2018 Newsletter – Deadline for Submissions – Monday 15th January

Until a new Editor is confirmed, please submit entries for the next Newsletter to the Parish Clerk at RippingalePC@Gmail.com (new email address)

Items for the Rippingale Village Website

Please email items to rvwc@rippingalevillage.co.uk. See www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk for T&Cs