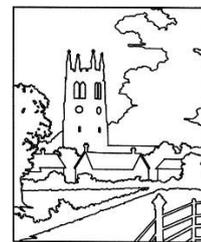




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FUTURE SERVICES. The decision has been made **not** to hold services at this present moment in time. Services are live streamed following the necessary requirements and can be seen at any time on our Ringstone with Aveland Facebook page or website.

All details about any future services can be found on our website or contacting the Churchwardens

OTHER NEWS. Our Christmas midnight mass changed time to 8pm this last year. Considering all the problems life throws at us it was lovely to see such a good turnout, many thanks to you all.

Plough Sunday was due to be held in Church but owing to the latest lock-down we felt this was not a very responsible move. Instead of a plough being blessed, a number of ploughs were blessed in their farmyard. This can be seen on our Facebook page.

As I look out of my window it's snowing hard with underfoot conditions not good so please each and every one of you take extra care when exercising outside this time of year the last thing we want is a visit to hospital with an injury.

If at any time you would like a chat or require help etc please don't hesitate to contact any of the above.
Jonathan

200 Club Draw. We were able to carry out the BIG draw for December 2020, thanks to my neighbours' hairdresser who did the honours for us.

The lucky winners were:

£200 - Mrs Hayden (80)

£50 - I Flatters (12), Mrs Whiten (154), R Mason (25), P Johnson (65)

Use of the Bottle Banks. Please be aware that residents are more than welcome to use this facility at the Village Hall but would ask that if any of the bins are full that you do not leave bottles loose or in bags near the bins - please take them back home with you and place in your own grey recycling bins.

Wendy Gray

Chairman Rippingale Village Hall



341 years and counting...

By: John Kimbrey

Seldom did I ever consider that five years after John Tyler and I went on the inaugural cycle ride from outside his house, that things might progress quite so well. In those distant days, when our choice of route was only ever determined by how much energy two; 'sixty somethings' had in the tank, we enjoyed the freedom and the wind in our hair.

As we crossed the A15 for the first time, we decided to venture to the distant village of Irnham, never quite knowing whether we would make it in one go! When we could go no further, we stopped in the entrance to the Griffin Inn and with our heart's pounding, supped our warm squash, without speaking. We were determined after a brief rest, to get back to Rippingale without stopping. On our return we felt triumphant and celebrated in his kitchen, over mugs of coffee and several chocolate biscuits, courtesy of a smiling Judith. Over time, Chas Mayhew, Jonathan Newell and Phil Ward joined the group and now every Monday morning, rain or shine, (unless it's tipping down) the **Rippingale Riders** form up at the church and set off on a variety of routes all around the district. Originally, setting the mileage as the most important facet of the ride, it has become clear over the past year, the all-important coffee stop, with bacon rolls and flapjacks, have now become the priority! The March Hare in Corby Glen, providing wonderful friendly service to many a hungry cyclist.

We average 25 miles each time we ride and even have a timed circuit, where individually, we raced the clock during the main lockdown, enabling us to keep our exercise regime going. Phil is currently streaks ahead, but healthy competition has supplemented our ego's, and drives us on.

Our combined ages are 341 years, and counting, and Chas announced last week that his 59 cycling activity days through 2020, covering 1,585 miles, shown by his little handlebar computer, listed 67,213 ft of ascent, in a single year!!! Who said Lincolnshire was flat?

New ideas are only successful if people take up the challenge and from a village perspective, many small groups have thrived in a variety of activities. The Rippingale Riders in our posh new cycling shirts, are happy to welcome new members, provided you are of course available on Monday mornings.

Just give one of us a call...

Rippingale & District W.I. report for zoom meeting 7th January 2021. Seventeen members joined in the zoom meeting on the 7th January to hear a talk entitled 'these foolish things. It was a very interesting talk with slides on the follies of several stately homes around the country. Peter, our speaker, used to run courses at the Denman college before it's closure last year. He was a very experienced speaker who showed us how the rich, even today, like to flaunt their wealth with quite often very large structures on their land. One advantage of holding a zoom meeting: we can invite speakers, like peter, who live further away to give us talks!

We have a new w.i. advisor, Sharron Hurrell, and she was also able to join us for the meeting. After the talk Sharron introduced herself giving us a little of her background. She also praised our w.i. for the things that have been arranged during the periods of lockdown to keep members in touch. Hilary was also thanked for all the general information that she puts on the Rippingale w.i. facebook page. Four members celebrate their birthdays this month.

It's the 83rd birthday of our w.i. next month & the president is hoping to organise a celebration for all the members albeit by zoom again, on 4th February at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Robin Galvin from the medical detection dog's charity. We have had a speaker before from this charity telling us all about how the dogs are trained to detect cancer. Since that last talk, dogs have now been trained to identify other issues. This meeting will tell us how the dogs are now being used to detect the covid 19 virus. I'm sure it will be an enlightening talk. In the meantime, we hope to continue with the weekly chats on zoom to keep all of us in touch.

If anyone is feeling lonely during this difficult time and you think that our w.i. could provide some much-needed friendship, please do not hesitate to contact us. Enquiries to: - radwi@btinternet.com.

Parish Council News

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Parish Clerk. After serving us so well, our present Parish Clerk has decided to stand down from her duties after some four years in post and her role will need to be filled from 1 April 2021. Recruitment details are as follows:

Role: Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer. Part time (Average of 9 hours per week)

Salary: In accordance with National Joint Council Pay scales and candidate experience.

Requirements: The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer predominantly works from home, with attendance at Council Meetings so must be able to work independently and as part of a team; meetings usually take place monthly in the evening, currently on the second Thursday.

The successful candidate is required to be self-motivated, highly organised and possess excellent interpersonal and communication skills. They should also be competent in administration, IT and financial management. Knowledge of local government and formal qualifications are an advantage, but training is available.

Closing Date: For applications is Friday 26 February 2021. Interviews are due to take place week commencing 1st March; the format of interview will be subject to any Coronavirus restrictions.

This is an exciting opportunity for a community orientated individual who would like to make a difference to the Parish Council and the Rippingale community. Please contact the Parish Clerk for application details.

Volunteers: The Parish Council is looking for permanent volunteers to carry out duties at short notice to assist in meeting critical incidents in the Village such as flooding and other emergency events. Any such volunteers should be physically fit. If you feel you can meet this need, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Coronavirus Support: Depending on Government guidance on containing and eradicating the COVID-19 virus, the Village Coronavirus Support Group will continue its operations as long as required. It links with the Lincolnshire County Council and South Kesteven District Council support networks. These local volunteers have been assisting vulnerable and elderly residents, who are self-isolating due to COVID-19. This help includes picking up supplies, posting mail, collecting prescriptions, gardening and assistance with pets. The volunteers are also there for a friendly phone call. If you need help or support please contact the volunteer co-ordinators on 07856986251 and leave your name, address and phone number so one of the volunteers can call you back. Alternatively email: suemcharlton@gmail.com, erica.fl@hotmail.com and katelewis162@hotmail.co.uk. Additional financial and material support may also available via Lincolnshire Resilience Forum, via www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/coronavirus or 01522 782189. Once again, well done and many thanks to all the volunteers and other residents for their efforts, which are much appreciated.

Coronavirus lock down measures: On the playing field due to Government lockdown measures the Sports Court is closed until further notice. The play equipment remains available for use, but Government instructions highlight that playgrounds are primarily open for use by children who do not have access to private outdoor space, like their own garden. Although you can take your children to the playground for exercise, you must not socialise with other people while there.

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor: There remains a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you are interested in contributing to the life of the village, and would like greater information, please contact the Parish Clerk. To be eligible, you must be over 18, on the electoral role and have lived or worked within 3 miles of the Parish for at least 12 months.

Neighbourhood Plan: The work on the drafting of the Rippingale Neighbourhood Plan is nearing completion and our consultants will shortly complete a review to confirm its compliance. We will then investigate the viability of the pre-submission consultation with Village residents in view of what Coronavirus restrictions may be in place. Details will be shared. This will be prior to an assessment by SKDC, before it is sent for independent examination and then a Referendum arranged. Currently this cannot be before May 2021 due to Coronavirus restrictions.

Parish Councillor contact details and responsibilities:

Chairman: Cllr Chris Charlton 440986/07908 540683 or chairmanrpc4@gmail.com: Welcome Pack: Rippingale News & Council Newsletter: Neighbourhood Plan: Finance: Grant applications

Cllr Shaun Charlton 07802 170801: Liaison, Row Gardens Allotments: Village Contracts: Key Holder- Jubilee Playing Field

Cllr Erica Field-Lucas 440738/07907 017722: Liaison, Row Gardens Allotments: Defibrillator Maintenance: Rippingale Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Cllr Hayley Fuller 07734 319346: Police Forum Representative; Liaison Feast Organising Committee

Cllr Alan Vaughan 440056/07966 584568: Jubilee Playing Field Maintenance: Neighbourhood Plan Liaison, Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr Jeanne Howard 07738 719400: Liaison, Village Hall Management Committee

Meetings:

Thursday 11 th February General Meeting	Thursday 11 th March Policy Review	Thursday 8 th April Previous Year Accounts Approval
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Meetings to be held in the Village Hall or by Zoom at **7.00 pm** unless otherwise stated. When necessary social distancing and other measures are in place.

Please see the Council Noticeboard and Website for the Agenda and details of any changes.

Latest Planning Applications (view at www.southkesteven.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=8170):

S20/0677 Application for alterations to loft space to create office space/boardroom and associated works to Old School building 20 High Street - pending

S20/1103 Erection of new detached building at the Willows Care Home - pending

S20/1951 Proposed new entrance porch and conversion of vehicular garage at the Granary High Street – approved

S20/2049 Proposed appearance, landscaping, layout, scale, scheme for the provision of surface water drainage for 1.5 floor dwelling in Wendover Close (outline planning permission given August 2019) – pending

S20/2192 Conversion of an existing agricultural barn into two dwellings and associated access, parking and residential garden area at Rippingale Fen Farm Long Drove - pending