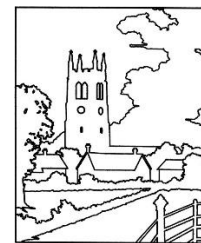




Rippingale News

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Parish Clerk. After an open recruitment process, we are delighted that Mrs Karen Freer has agreed to take up the duties of Parish Clerk from the middle of April. Karen is a resident of the Village and I am sure she will fill the role admirably. The Clerk's contact details will remain as above. We give the outgoing Clerk, Michelle Free, our best wishes for the future, after four years of dedicated service.

Vacancies for Parish Councillors. There remain three vacancies for Parish Councillors. I again would urge qualified residents to apply for these positions to undertake worthwhile and satisfying responsibilities to positively contribute to the life of the Village. There is one meeting a month and some valuable work during each month. Councillors have a wide variety of backgrounds, so please do not be shy. For further information, please contact myself or 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.

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 be 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 restrictions. The Government plans that certain COVID restrictions will be lifted on the 29th of March. Therefore, the Sports/Tennis Court on the Jubilee Playing Field will be open for use from then. It is accessed via a combination lock; if you wish to use the Court from that date please contact me or the Parish Clerk for the entry code.

Future works. Due to the dilapidated state of the Sports Court, the Parish Council has approved the refurbishment of this facility. This should take place in early summer and last a week; the court will be deep cleaned and treated, with the surface and boundary repaired. Finally, the surface will be repainted.

Public footpaths. It has again been reported that horse riding continues on the Village’s public footpaths in the Parish. It is highlighted that horse riding on public footpaths is not permitted, as laid down by the County Council. To do so obviously damages footpaths and can also be dangerous and frightening for some pedestrians, as these thoroughfares are constricted in places.

Neighbourhood Plan. The draft Neighbourhood Plan should by now have reached its Regulation 14 pre-submission consultation phase. It is hope that I can take forward promulgation to the Village, dependent on Coronavirus restrictions. This will be prior to a formal assessment by SKDC, before it is sent for independent examination and then a Referendum arranged.

Parish Councillor contact details and responsibilities:

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

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; Defibrillator.

Please contact me or the Parish Clerk regarding any other areas of interest or issues.

Meetings:

Thursday 8 th April Previous Year Accounts Approval	Thursday 13 th May Annual Parish and Annual Council Meetings TBC	Thursday 10 th June General Meeting
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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

S20/2192 Conversion of an existing agricultural barn into two dwellings and associated access, parking, and residential garden area at Ripplingale Fen Farm Long Drove – approved conditionally

S20/1527 Appeal against SKDC’s refusal of application to erect one dwelling on land at the rear of 155 Station Street – in progress

S21/0279 Residential development of 4 properties (Outline Planning Permission - with all matters reserved except access) on land off Grinders Lane by the Old Mill - pending

Nature Notes for April. As I write, March is certainly living up to the old saying of “March Many Weathers”. On March 9th it was spring. The frogs returned to our garden pond to spawn and 3 Chiffchaffs and an overwintering Blackcap were persuaded by the blue skies and sunshine to burst into song. Both are warblers and generally summer visitors, but increasingly individuals are wintering here. Many of our breeding Chiffchaffs only migrate as far as the south west of England but lately our area has witnessed increasing numbers choosing our hedgerows and woodlands for their winter quarters.

Ringling and satellite tagging have recently shown that the Blackcaps that visit our garden feeders during the winter belong to a different population to the birds that nest here in the summer. They breed in Germany and central Europe. By the time you read this the “German” birds will probably have left, but April will see the arrival of our own nesting population.

Today we have gales and horizontal rain, but whereas March often fails to deliver on its promise of spring; April rarely lets us down. Some of the earliest flowering plants that appear in March such as Coltsfoot will almost have finished by the start of April whereas Lesser Celandine and Primroses will continue to produce a yellow carpet on the banks and verges. Cowslips will nod in the breeze and Jack-by-the-hedge will start to attract the Orange Tip Butterflies to lay their eggs.

The hundreds of Fallow Deer in our nearby woods will be moulting out of their dark winter coats and although some melanistic and white animals will retain their colours, most will exhibit the lighter dappled markings we associate with this species of deer.

In addition to the birds that will stay in our area to nest, such as Swallows and House Martins, look out for birds passing through to nest further north. You might find a moorland breeding Wheatear catching insects along a fence line or even something rarer.

April can be one of the most exciting months of the year, so do keep your eyes and ears open. Even if we are still unable to travel very far there will be lots to see right here.

Ian Misselbrook

www.countryeye.org.uk

March in March for Prostate Cancer UK. Throughout March Ian has been taking part in this charity event to raise awareness, this involves doing at least 11000 steps per day throughout March to raise money for research into treatments and cures for this deadly cancer which kills more than 11,000 men every year.

Catch up on Ian’s postings on how the month progressed on his JustGiving page and also on his Facebook /twitter updates, together with descriptions of anything interesting that he spotted on his walks.

The Stamford Mercury/Bourne Local have also been following the walk with weekly updates.

Still time to donate to Ian’s JustGiving page . [I'm taking on March the Month! \(prostatecanceruk.org\)](http://www.prostatecanceruk.org)

St Andrews Church 200 club winners for March

£30	163	Mr R Coutts
£15	195	Brigitte Johnson
£15	88	Mrs Mary Stimpson
£10	11	Mr Jonathan Newell
£10	153	Mrs Janet Lack
£10	24	Mrs Susan Jervis
£10	154	Mrs J Wells

ST ANDREWS CHURCH RIPPINGALE

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Jonathan Newell (Churchwarden) 01778441211 ripps.standrew@gmail.com
Steve Warcup (Churchwarden) 01778 440704
Website; www.ringstonegroupchurches.org

As Churchwarden I thought it is only fair that you should be aware of what the Lincoln Diocese is up to. You are probably aware that the Diocese has had an unsustainable budget deficit of over 3 million pounds a year. Obviously, this cannot continue, so they have bought out a document of **draft** proposals headed "Resourcing Sustainable Church" The document is 62 pages long!

Now I'm no academic so I will be fairly basic on my interpretation. This means there will be fewer clergy covering a larger area and depending on our contribution (Parish Share changing to Covenant Scheme) determines the frequency of services and type. This means to receive Holy Communion you may have to travel to a more wealthy/central Church. Rippingale may receive more informal services say once a month if we are lucky possibly lead by a Lay Reader

We at Rippingale will struggle to meet our Parish Share (£8000 for 2021) especially this year because of covid. It costs us this year £157 per week to keep afloat if we manage our share and other fixed costs. So the long and the short of it we need your support to save our Church from falling down the slippery slope. We as Churchwardens are doing our best to maintain some form of normality but it is becoming increasingly difficult without community support. If you want to read a more detailed summary, please contact us or look at the Church notice board where there is a copy of the draft.

It is only in the early stages so a lot of meetings and discussion/negotiation to take place before anything is final.

St Andrews Church is holding its Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on Wednesday 21st April 7.00pm in the Church hopefully with all the necessary guidelines etc.

Please contact the Churchwardens to discuss any concerns or even better please join us.

Always look at Church notice boards for up to date info as the goal posts are likely to move as we know.

Rippingale & District W.I report for Zoom meeting 4th March 2021.

Twenty members enjoyed the Zoom meeting for March. We started the evening with Patsy Rayner giving us a talk entitled 'What's behind a nursery rhyme'? It was interesting to find out that what we now enjoy passing on to our young children today, initially started in the 18th to 19th century as a means of political satire for adults who were illiterate in a lot of cases.

After our talk, Rachel dealt with some business matters, reminding us that our subscriptions are due in April. Three members have birthdays this month and they will receive a handmade card to mark the occasion. Leasingham WI have invited our members to join them in their Zoom afternoon meeting on 18th March. The next meeting for our own WI will also be by Zoom on 1st April at 7.30pm. This will be our Annual meeting. Business will be conducted first and will then be followed by a Quiz set by Stephen Brown on the subject of motoring. So, we will need to swat up on our Highway Code beforehand. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you want to find out more about our friendly group. Enquiries to: - radwi@btinternet.com.

*Please submit entries by the **14th of the month** to the Editor:*

Jamie Petch at rippingalenews@hotmail.com

Items for the Village Website: *Please mark your email 'Website' and send to rippingale.pariah.lincolnshire.gov.uk for T&Cs*