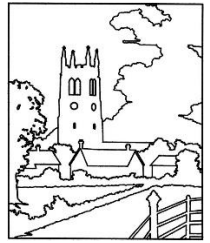




Rippingale News

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Rippingale and District Friendship Club. Hi everyone, just a quick update on. Unfortunately, the club meetings remain suspended at this time during the covid virus. We have missed so many planned activities already, but fingers crossed we may be able to resume on Wednesday 15th July. It is with regret that we have to say that we have lost a valuable friend from the club she will be sadly missed. Stay safe and take care everyone. Audrey

Rippingale Feast 2020. It is with a heavy heart that the Rippingale Feast for 2020 has been cancelled due to Covid -19. We hope to reconvene for the Feast in 2021, but in the meantime the Feast Committee wish you all a very safe summer.

Nature Notes During Lockdown. Communing with nature brings a great source of comfort and can significantly contribute to maintaining your mental wellbeing during these difficult times. If you are lucky enough to be allowed to leave your home, then Rippingale affords some fabulous walks on which our beautiful countryside and abundant wildlife can be enjoyed, more of which later. If you are completely locked down, then you will be amazed by how much wildlife you can find in your garden. We have a relatively large garden managed (or mismanaged some would argue!) to enhance its wildlife value. It has been wonderful seeing spring unfold in the garden with native plants such as Lesser Celandine and Early Dog Violet flowering throughout March and many other species appearing in April. We have planted some native wildflowers too and Primroses, Cowslips and Snakes-head Fritillary complement the cultivated plants in our borders. Like many birders I am now keeping a lockdown bird list of those seen in and over the garden. This has now passed forty species including the first Chiffchaff on the 20th of March and regular sightings of Buzzards, Red Kites and even Ravens overhead. The sunny weather has brought out the butterflies which include the stunning yellow Brimstones as well as up to four tiny Holly Blues at any one time. Bees are also in evidence with Buff-tailed Bumblebees and Red Mason Bees observed. Our ponds are also hosting wildlife and one designated for wildlife only was boiling with spawning frogs in March. They are now tadpoles and have been joined by Smooth Newts and other aquatic species. Whilst weeding the pond, I came across the nymph of a Southern Hawker Dragonfly fully two inches long! I also found some Toad spawn in our fishpond. If you can get out for your daily exercise, then walks are available in all directions from Rippingale. Now that Messers Dorrington have kindly, temporarily opened the old railway track between Rippingale Station and Dunsby Gatehouse there is a lovely circular walk available to all, taking in the top end of our fens as well as rolling pastures off Doctors Lane. More on local wildlife can be found on www.countryeye.org.uk or you can find my photographs on Facebook or follow me on twitter @IPMisselbrook. Ian Misselbrook

Summer Job. Hello all, my son who is 16 is looking for a summer job until September but so far has not been able to find anything, if anyone knows of something please can you let me know, thanks Michaela Berry 07733 216481

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Dear Parishioners of the Ringstone in Aveland Group,

For your information I have attached document links, one from the Church of England and the other from our Bishops, both of which relate to the use of our church buildings and the current situation.

On Thursday, 14th May I invited all members of our 5 PCCs to a Zoom meeting to lay out and discuss my position in relation those these documents and the latest government statement.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/884171/FINAL_6.6637_CO_HMG_C19_Recovery_FINAL_110520_v2_WEB__1_.pdf

28 PCC members attended, and I am delighted to say that without exception, all expressed the same view as me, that we should for the time being continue with services recorded and streamed from the vicarage.

There are several reasons for this decision. Among them (but not limited to):

1. Cleaning requirements and health risks associated with using the church buildings at this time,
2. Unity of the group at this time (the vicarage being a 'group building' and therefore the 'group chapel' belonging to the WHOLE group)
3. The sense that we are 'all in the same boat'
4. The logistical challenges of opening the buildings under the current regulations

I hope that most of you are able to access the online resources so that we are able to continue to worship together 'virtually'

With Prayers and best wishes Revd Neil.

We will keep you posted by notices and social media etc.

Subject to us not falling victim to this virus and if you feel the Church/Rev Neil Bullen Jonathan or Sue can help please do not hesitate to contact even if it's just to have a chat.

If you Google **The Ringstone in Aveland Group of Parishes** there are numerous links which will help you keep up to speed and even join us for services on line.

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Allotment Group. For allotment holders that have still to pay their subs would be grateful if you would put subs in envelope and post through my letterbox (13 Dovecote). If you wish to pay online details are (Barclays Bank, Sort Code 20-80-78, Account No. 10790273). Thank you to those who have already paid.

Clare's Exercise Class. Once Lockdown is lifted, I am going to be offering exercise classes on a Tuesday evening 7-8pm in Rippingale Village Hall at the cost of £1 for those who are struggling financially due to the coronavirus and have been unable to exercise. Please let others know about this class. If you are interested, please give me a call. This will enable me to see how many want to take up this offer when the village hall reopens. Tel. Clare - 01778 423351

VE Day – Ticket Refunds. It is appreciated that during the current isolation period it is difficult to visit members of the VE Day committee to obtain your cash refund. Please be assured that your ticket is proof of your eligibility and will be valid until 1st July 2020. If the pandemic extends beyond this date, the refund date will be adjusted accordingly.

For those people who can arrange to visit, at a sensible distance, please call either; Chris Petz on - 440444 or John Kimbrey on - 440873 respectively. Please ensure you present your tickets.

Thank you, John Kimbrey Committee Chairman

Parish Council News

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Coronavirus Support. Rippingale Parish Council continues to support the operation of a Village Coronavirus Support Group, who are affiliated to Lincolnshire County Council and South Kesteven District Council support networks. This group of local volunteers has 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.j.fl@gmail.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. Many thanks to the volunteers for their efforts, which are much appreciated. Additionally, I know other residents are assisting neighbours etc, which is a great reflection on the friendliness and support this Village engenders.

Rippingale and Dowsby Neighbourhood Plan. Work on the Plan has been suspended subject to the progress combatting the Coronavirus pandemic. The Plan remains under consideration by the Parish Councils; once this is concluded then the next stage is for the completed Plan to be reviewed by South Kesteven District Council. The Government has decided to delay local referendums on the adoption of plan until next year. The Plan, if adopted, will be the local document on which future planning applications will be considered and should guide development proposals. If you wish to contribute to this process in anyway please contact me.

Playing Field. Currently, the Government has decreed that play grounds are to remain closed during the current Coronavirus pandemic. Please respect this. The sports court can be used for tennis, to be restricted to two people or a family group, observing social distancing rules. Guidance is affixed to the entrance to the court. The playing field itself is available for individual leisure, again respecting social distancing rules but not for gatherings of any sort.

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor. There is currently a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you are interested in making a difference in YOUR village, and would like greater information, please contact any Councillor or the 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.

Parish Councillor contact details and responsibilities

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

Cllr Shaun Charlton 07802 170801 or shaun.charlton4@btinternet.com: Liaison, Row Gardens Allotments, Village Contracts: Key Holder: Jubilee Playing Field Portacabin

Cllr Erica Field-Lucas 440738/07907 017722 or erica.fl@hotmail.co.uk : Liaison, Village Hall Management Committee: Liaison, Row Gardens Allotments: Defibrillator Maintenance

Cllr Alan Vaughan 440056/07966 584568 or vaughanlinc@btinternet.com: Jubilee Playing Field Maintenance: Jubilee Playing Field Equipment Project

Cllr Peter Moseley 07855 428648 or pete@cwi-technical.co.uk: Flood Warden & Emergency Plan Coordinator: Environmental

Cllr Steve Warcup 440704 or stevegwarcup@gmail.com: Liaison Feast Organising Committee: Liaison, Rippingale Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Mr Chris Charlton, Chairman

Meetings

Meetings are currently suspended although an online meeting procedure is being considered	Thursday 11 th June 2020 General Meeting St Andrew's Church
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Meetings to be held at **7.00 pm** unless otherwise stated.

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):

<p>S19/1868 Application for retention of the Portacabin at the Jubilee Playing Field – pending</p> <p>S19/1993 Application for the erection of a single-storey and two-storey extension to the existing dwelling, erection of a new detached double garage and garden outbuilding at Glebe House, Barn Farm, Station Street- pending</p>

Post Office Opening Times.

The Bull Public House (entrance is at the rear)
3a High St
Tel; 0345 611 2970

Mon – 2pm – 4pm
Tues – 2pm – 4pm
Weds – Closed
Thurs – 2pm to 4pm
Fri – 9am – 1pm
Sat/Sun – Closed

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
SeeParishes.Lincolnshire@gov.uk/Rippingale for T&Cs