





DECEMBER 2021

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The Feast Committee - Christmas tree decoration & light 'Switch On'. As usual, the Feast Committee will be sponsoring the outside Christmas tree at the Church; the lights will be switched on at **5pm on Saturday December 4**th and we hope that many of you can join us for this festive occasion. We would like to involve the local community, especially the children, in decorating the tree and ask you to bring along a suitably sized weatherproof decoration, either from your stock or one that you have made from 4pm. We are keen to upcycle/recycle and reuse. Some examples are on the village website, but we would be delighted to receive any contributions. You will note that the bells are made from large yogurt pots - please rescue these from your recycling and drop them at 14A High Street or the back door at 1 Charlton Court so we can make some additional ones. Any donations of tinsel would also be appreciated. We are happy to collect finished decorations if people are unable to attend the 'switch on'. Please contact us on 07908 540683.

Rippingale & District WI report for meeting on 4th November 2021. On a chilly evening Rachel our President welcomed everyone to an evening of socialising & fun. Our very own member, Carol, acted as bingo caller for the evening where a few prizes were up for grabs. We had a break for refreshments and dealt with information from Federation about future events. It looks like we might have enough members to make 3 teams for the Quiz at Ropsley in January! The National AGM will be held in Liverpool in 2022, further information to come shortly. The resolutions have been announced for next year and there will be more information about each topic in our January issue of WI Life magazine for us to read up on and then the opportunity to vote later in the year.

We had a successful coffee morning the Presidents house last month with proceeds going to our WI funds. As another fund raiser, it has been suggested that we could bring any surplus books along to a meeting for a bring & buy tabletop sale. Watch this space for when to bring them along. The competition, something beginning with 'H' was won by Margaret A with a hedgehog & Rachel

won the flower competition with a dahlia.

Birthday cards were issued to the following 'November babies', Sue P, Ann B, Julie, and our President Rachel.

The meeting on 2^{nd} December will be our Christmas meeting & we will be entertained by Tinderbox. To keep within Covid guidelines, instead of a bring & share evening, it has been suggested that we all bring our own plated supper and drinks will be provided by the committee. For those who wish to take part in the sharing of Christmas gifts through 'Secret Santa' it has been suggested that we increase the value to 'up to £10'. It is difficult these days to find something for the previous limit of £5.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you want to find out more about our group. Our aims are to make friends & have fun. Enquiries to: - <u>radwi@btinternet.com</u>. You will be made most welcome. If you are unable to attend in person, we can also arrange for you to participate by Zoom.

Rippingale and District Friendship Club. At our recent meeting we were treated to an interesting and enjoyable cake decorating demonstration carried out by one of our talented members. The 3 decorated cakes were kindly donated to our raffle and the three ladies who won them were delighted. We were also given the opportunity to decorate a cupcake, which we enjoyed with our cup of tea. We welcomed some visitors and enjoyed our usual game of bingo. A very enjoyable afternoon, thank you for supporting us.

Our recent day trip to Rushden Lakes was well supported and enjoyed by all. The weather was good to us too.

Our final trip for 2021 will take place on Sunday 5th December to Melton Mowbray Victorian Christmas Fayre. Leaving Billingborough 9 30am with local pick-ups through to Bourne. Leaving Bourne 10am Price Adult £15. Child £10.For further information please contact Audrey on 01529 241358

The Club plans to restart in the new year on Wednesday 2nd February 2022 and hold the AGM on Wednesday 16th February 2022 for the election of officers. New members are always welcomed so if you are 50+ years young and would like to join us please come along.

Thank you for your support during this difficult period.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you All

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DECEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 12th December Christingle 3pm Sunday 24th December Midnight Mass 11.30pm

LATEST NEWS. Rippingale coffee mornings never cease to amaze me. Not expecting a big turnout for various reasons, we had a record turnover. A very big thank you to all in making our hard work each month worthwhile. There was such a good atmosphere with people chatting and socialising. As a reminder our next **COFFEE MORNING TUESDAY DEC 11th 10.15** because Christmas is around the corner it will be slightly different but still maintaining or normal products for sale. (Fresh local vegetables, cakes, bread rolls etc) If you want to put an order in for any veg please let me know and I will organise it to there on the morning.

Remembrance Service 10.30am started in the Church which was well attended. Thanks going to everyone making it so special. The poppy arrangements were something very special. The last post was played and during our 2 minutes silence around the war memorial the clock struck 11. How about that for timing!! Many thanks to our Parish Council for providing after service refreshments. The collection for the Royal British Legion was £178

You may have noticed our bells have been silent, but they are receiving some much-needed maintenance but by the time you read this they should be up and ringing!

Behind the Church North Side there is a heap of old temporary roofing materials. We are shortly going to throw this all away so if anybody would like any of the wood or plastic/felt (very suitable for garden shed roofs or weed suppressant) then please help yourself.

If you have any concerns or problems which we may be able to help with, please contact any of the above.

200 Club Winners for November £30 Mrs L Doncaster (5) £20 Dr P King (80) £15 each Mrs H Rowntree (121) Mr D Sudaby (124) £10 each Mr I Potter (206) Mr C Thompson (4) Mr J Guest (98)

Parish Council News

Chairman – Cllr Chris Charlton; chairmanrpc4@gmail.com 07908 540683 Parish Clerk – Laura Davies: rippingalepc@gmail.com 07375 364742 Website – http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Rippingale

Leaf clearance. Autumn is finally with us and leaves are falling; although we are blessed with many fine trees in the Village, the leaves they produce once fallen can block many of the drains on the roads. This in turn means that when we have heavy rain it can result in flooding as the water cannot drain away.

To prevent this, it is requested if possible that residents with drains by their properties clear away leaf and debris built up around and in drains.

New Parish Councillor. Welcome to Councillor Colin Laing, who has been co-opted onto the Parish Council; we look forward to working with Colin and using his extensive experience and skills to undertake Council matters.

Vacancies for Parish Councillors. There are still vacancies for Parish Councillor by co-option. This role is stimulating and fulfilling. We are seeking volunteers with a wide variety of skills and backgrounds. If you are interested in contributing to supporting the Village, and would like greater information, please contact me. 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. Work continues on the Neighbourhood Plan; wider consultation is underway with our adjoining Parishes and, as required, with statutory Government bodies, such as the Environment Agency, County and District Councils, Historic and Natural England. It is anticipated this will complete by Christmas and in the New Year a final draft Plan can be forwarded for approval to SKDC, further Village consultation and then Government inspection. Details of the draft Plan are at https://rippingale.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/council-business/neighbourhood-development-plan/1

Parish Councillor contact details and responsibilities:

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

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

Cllr Jamie Petch 440497/07808 094317. Allotments Liaison and Parochial Church Council Liaison

Cllr Kim Palmer 07551310432 Police Forum Liaison

December	Budget and Precept	General Meeting
No Meeting planned	Approval Thursday 13 th	Thursday 10 th February
	January 2022	2022

Meetings to be held in the Village Hall 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 (amended) Erection of a new single storey detached building and single storey extension at the Willows Care Home – pending

S21/1463 Outline application for residential development of 3 houses at 83 Station Street – planning permission granted, subject to meeting conditions.

Mr Chris Charlton, Chairman