



Rippingale News

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In Remembrance of Jim Latham

Jim Latham died a few days before Christmas as a result of a tragic accident in his home in Millers Close. Over the past 15 years Jim's contribution to the village community has been highly valued. He saw many community projects to successful conclusions, as a member of various village committees and, for several years, as a member of the Parish Council.

Jim was always keen to promote improvements to village facilities and support any activities which would contribute to the welfare of the residents. Many residents will remember Jim's organised Litter -Picks, and his regular walks around the village, collecting litter as he went. He first became known, for his contribution as a leading member of the action group that ran the "Save our Post Office" campaign. His contacts with various media groups proved invaluable in that campaign, as in later projects, including the highly effective publicity given to the "Bunting Babes".

Early in the Post Office campaign, Jim learned about the link between the village and "The Archers" and was keen to develop it for the benefit of the village. He carried out detailed research on the subject and organised several "Archers" events at the Bull Inn and in the Village Hall. Similarly, he carried out research into Rippingale's involvement in historical events such as the two world wars, including details of all those listed on the village war memorial, and details of the prisoners of war who were put to work on the Fens. Those close to Jim know that this was only a fraction of what he did for Rippingale, and we hope that his memory will be kept alive by the village he cared for so dearly.

The friends of Jim Latham

THE FEAST COMMITTEE - IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT - CHANGE OF DATE In the light of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June and, to reflect several requests that Rippingale 'marks' this occasion, the Committee has decided to move the Feast 2022 to the weekend of 3rd-5th June, with the main event being on the playing field on **SATURDAY 4th JUNE**. We hope that this will be a whole community event and that many of the groups in the village will get involved and support us. Maybe some of you with businesses would sponsor us? A booklet will be produced for the event, so even a small ad in that would help.

If anyone is interested in having a trade stand on the day, please get in touch. Similarly, any offers of help in any capacity would be greatly appreciated.

There will be a range of stalls, for example, books, jigsaws, bric-a-brac & plants, so any donations for these would be gratefully received. Any unwanted Christmas gifts will be put to good use, as will second-hand items. Perhaps keen gardeners could split perennial plants/ take cuttings for us?

Any items can be dropped off to Kate Lewis at 14A High Street or we can collect.

FUNDRAISING - we are holding a couple of Feast fundraising events in the coming months, so please pop the following dates in your diary and come along to the Village Hall.

QUIZ NIGHT - SATURDAY 23rd APRIL

CEILIDH - SATURDAY 2nd JULY, dancing to Chris Petz's band, so put on your dancing shoes for an

enjoyable evening.

More details to follow.

Contacts: katelewis162@hotmail.co.uk; 07983 624580 (Chair of Feast Committee) or suemcharlton@gmail.com 077394 17270 (Treasurer).

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ST ANDREWS CHURCH RIPPINGALE

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FEBRUARY SERVICES

Sunday 13th February Evensong 4pm

Sunday 27th February Eucharist 11am

Latest News. Many thanks must go to Shaun Charlton who very kindly gave the Church their Christmas tree. It was a very smart tree, and we are truly grateful.

Thanks to everyone doing the Christmas decorations within the Church all looked fantastic. It is great that the Feast Committee find that having their tree in our Churchyard is an ideal location. With the Bull having all their Christmas decorations outside illuminated it all becomes a festive pocket of the village. Perhaps next year we should do more things in this location around the tree?

Very grateful to people taking wood and roofing material from side of Church there is still a little left, wood would be good for kindling so please help yourself.

Our PCC AGM is not too far away so if you would like to join us in any way by helping the Church then please speak to our Churchwardens and we will enlighten you.

Coffee Morning. Our next Coffee morning is **Tuesday 1st February**. At this coffee morning, there will be the January and February 200 club draw one of which will be the 6 monthly big one! Of course, there will be all our normal array of fresh vegetables and many other goodies so see you all there.

The other thing that has come to my notice is the March Coffee morning **March 1st** is Shove Tuesday. This means pancakes!! Last time we had good fun, this time it will be even better so watch this space!

Rippingale & District W.I report for 6th January. 2022. Once a year in January a few members of our WI take over the running of the evening and the committee has a well-earned break. Quite often the evening is kept as a surprise for us all.

This year Carol, who was in the police force for her career, with the assistance of Sue & Annette, provided us with very useful information about how to keep safe both personally, online & whilst driving. As always Carol, with her wicked sense of humour, made this a fun time whilst picking up useful tips. She even brought along a model car with her! We all learnt a great deal during the evening.

Gillian gave us a brief overview of what was happening in forthcoming months until the year's programme is completed. Members votes were collected for their chosen Resolution for this year which will be discussed in more detail in April's meeting.

Apart from giving out birthday cards & drawing the raffle there wasn't much in the way of business to attend to, so we were able to enjoy more time to socialise with our refreshments.

Next month's meeting will be on **Thursday 3rd February**. All visitors will be made most welcome.

Rippingale and District Friendship Club. The club is planning to restart on **Wednesday 2nd February** after the festive closure, the first meeting to be at the Village Hall Rippingale 2pm -4pm. New members are most welcome.

We hope you have all had an enjoyable and safe Christmas and new year. The village hall will be adhering to all covid rules. For further information please contact me - Audrey 01529241358

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Parish Council News

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Village Christmas Tree. Many thanks to the Feast Committee for donating the Christmas tree in the Churchyard and to those who helped to put the tree up and decorate it - a refreshing festive scene in the village.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Parish Council have discussed a suitable way to permanently commemorate the Queen's 70 years reign; one idea is to replace the two old and worn seats which sit by the Village Green and on Station Street with commemorative benches. Please contact me with support or any other suggestions.

Vacancy for Parish Councillor. There remains a vacancy for a Parish Councillor by co-option. This role is stimulating and fulfilling. We are seeking a volunteer with a wide variety of skills and background. 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.

Hospital Car Service. The Hospital Car Service Co-ordinator, Mr Derek Diess, has decided to retire from this duty, after many years of dedicated service, for which we thank him. Therefore, we require a replacement volunteer Co-ordinator. The Co-ordinator undertakes an important role supervising a team of volunteer drivers who provide transport to visit local hospitals, clinics, dentists, etc, for the residents of Rippingale and Dowsby. If you wish to undertake this key duty, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Parish Council Budget 2022/2023. The Parish Council has set its budget for the next financial year, details are on the Parish Council Noticeboard and website. This will see the local Precept contribution from residents remain static with no rise. We will use our funds to meet employee costs, undertake the grass and hedge cutting contract and carry out maintenance. Additionally, we aim to undertake project works, depending on costs and a justification case; these are intended to be fencing off the children's play area on the playing field and supporting a grant application process for a building to replace the portacabin on the playing field, which is in a very poor condition. Any comments on these proposals are welcome.

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

Meetings:

General Meeting. Thursday 10 th February 2022	Policy Review Meeting. Thursday 10 th March 2022	2021/2022 Accounts approval. Thursday 7 th April 2022
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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

S21/2504 - Reduce 2 limbs by 2 metres on oak tree at 9 Wendover Close - pending

Mr Chris Charlton, Chairman

*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*