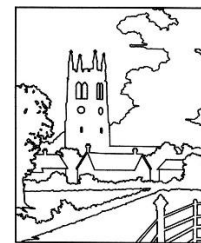




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Annual Parish & Annual General Meetings Wednesday 8 May. The Chairman's Annual Report was as follows: I am pleased to deliver the Parish Council Annual Report. It has definitely been a busy year as usual and I would like to record my gratitude for the admirable efforts of the Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk, our casual workman and the many Villagers who undertook services, met issues and pushed initiatives forward. Particular mention is made of Julie Parry, who retired from the Parish Council in February this year. She was a keen and diligent Member who achieved much.

Turning to Finance. The Parish Council's finances remain on a sure footing and we undertake to see that a viable contingency is maintained to counter unanticipated circumstances. Control of the accounts is correctly undertaken by the Council and through internal and external Auditors. We have succeeded in keeping the Precept at last year's level. We have worked, with donations from others, in progressing a number of projects, which I will talk about.

We continue, albeit at a measured pace, with our project to improve the provision of play equipment on the Jubilee Playing Field. We have received some promises of funding for example from SKDC but these are conditional on other sources of income being found; I am hopeful that these will materialise in the coming months. Some other additional funding will be through the Parish Council's budget, Tesco and the Beerfest, who have generously donated a further £1,000. In the mean time we will refurbish the present equipment to ensure it can be used safely; this commenced with the necessary cutting back of the southern boundary hedge line.

Another project, which should be completed in May, is the erection of a set of 4 new lampposts in the Churchyard, which will replace a single unserviceable one. This has been funded through sponsorship and project managed by the Parish Council. I thank the sponsors; the appearance of the Churchyard will be enhanced by this initiative.

The Parish Council is now responsible for the majority of grass cutting of the public areas in the village, which we have to meet though our budget. We have striven to do this cost effectively by competitively tendering to engage an outside contractor. We will do the same for hedge cutting later in the year. As we endeavour to keep our village as presentable as possible, I must thank the many residents who are cutting grassed areas outside their properties. Other villagers I know make additional contributions to Village life but particular mention must also be made of John Tyler who has refurbished road signs throughout the Parish, assisted in cutting back trees in the Churchyard, helped erect swift boxes and varnished the Parish Council noticeboard.

Effective Communication is essential to the life of the Village and we have been well served through our Newsletter and the Village Website. Mike Bronze was principal editor for part of the year and Jamie Petch has now taken over as the sole editor. Many thanks for the splendid job they carried out, along with their delivery agents, to make sure this important media aspect continues to inform the Village. Similarly no organisation, community or body can function positively without a website and this year has seen Helen Martin administering the Village Website with skill and much commitment. Great thanks to her.

I must also recognise Derek Diess for capably running the Hospital Car Service which assists many villagers. Credit is also due to the RGAG for aiding us in conscientiously administering the allotments, which are so well-used. The Parish Council is also glad to contribute towards the Neighbourhood Plan Committee, as we are towards the Feast Committee work; this is a somewhat unique organisation which gives our village many positive events.

All these Villagers' actions display a beneficial community outlook. Finally, we look ahead to another interesting and rewarding year to support the Village continuing as an active, contented community.

Aveland Neighbourhood Plan. I can report that headway continues. Both Dowsby and Rippingale Planning Group members are currently working to produce the Plan's Vision and Objectives, which will allow the commencement of the drafting of the Plan proper. Future planning consultancy to aid this is also under consideration. It is hoped that the draft Aveland Neighbourhood Plan will be produced by year end, to be ready for SKDC and public scrutiny in the new year. Please see the Village website for information. If you wish to contribute to this process in anyway please contact me or contact Mike Hallas, the Project Manager, via mike.hallas@btinternet.com.

Anti-social behaviour, road traffic incidents and fly tipping. Although we live in a generally stable village, there have been recent incidents of anti-social behaviour, inappropriate driving and parking, plus fly tipping reported. If you witness any incidents of this nature, these can be reported as follows:

- Anti-social behaviour, driving and parking incidents – phone Police 101 (999 is to be used when it is an emergency, such as when a crime is in progress, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, when there is danger to life or when violence is being used or threatened).
- Fly tipping - <http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=11225>

Relevant action is more likely to be achieved if you have a description of the people or any vehicle involved and any vehicle registration number. Additionally, photographic evidence can be very relevant.

Mr Chris Charlton, Chairman

Meetings

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| Thursday 13 June General Meeting St Andrew's Church | Thursday 11 July General Meeting St Andrew's Church | August No Parish Council Meeting |
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Meetings to be held at 7.30pm 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):

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| None reported in progress |
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Rippingale & District Friendship Club.

Our regular fortnightly meetings continue to take place in Rippingale Village Hall and our membership continues to grow. The meetings for June are on 5th and 19th 2-4.30pm.

Our latest coach trip was to York and what a lovely day we had the weather was perfect and driver Alan of A&P Coaches drove us effortlessly to our destination. 30 members and friends explored this ancient city including the Minster and various museums and a leisurely cruise on the river Ouse. The next trip is to Whitby on July 9th an early start for this one, but it will be well worth it. Pick up points are as always Billingborough, Pointon, Rippingale, Morton and Bourne. Members £16 non-members £19.

If you would like to join us, please contact Audrey 01529 241358

Jeannie, our new President gave us all a warm welcome and introduced the committee and the roles they would be taking on. Next, she introduced Claire from Anglia Water. She brought with her 'Margaret Moorhen' a sculpture made from recycled waste items. In keeping with some of the campaigns the WI are supporting, she advised what the Anglia Water must contend with when people carelessly discard inappropriate waste through their plumbing systems such as grease and non-bio-degradable items. Apparently about 80% of damage is caused in this manner which astonished us all!

After refreshments, we discussed the Resolutions chosen for this year. 'Don't fear the smear, encouraging women to have regular cervical smears. Also 'The Decline in Local Bus Routes,' calling for Government support to keep them going. After discussion, both these resolutions received our support and our representative will now take this forward to the National Meeting in June.

Our newsletter gave us information of forthcoming activities and events to sign up for. Winners of the competitions were declared, and birthday cards given out.

On June 6th our speaker will be from the British Red Cross and our competition will be 'something beginning with N'. A warm welcome awaits members and visitors alike.

Loose Ends Crafting Group.

Lots of lovely meetings over the last month we have some very helpful and talented members. I have finally mastered crochet along with other members with the help and patience of Sue T. If you would like to learn why not come along, we meet every Friday in Rippingale Village Hall 10-1pm the cost is £4 which covers tea/coffee and cake plus help and support in learning to knit or crochet, help can be given for other crafts if needed. So, if you want to join a group of friendly like-minded crafters you will be made very welcome. If you need more information, please contact Carol 01778 441386

Clare's Exercise Class.

Exercise classes for Men and Women in Rippingale Village Hall Wednesday 12-1pm. The exercises have been put together especially for the benefit of mature men and women making it a unique class which does not exist elsewhere and those that attend tell me it's great fun. Among the things we do we incorporate Pilates and Barre work which strengthens and aligns the entire body, giving balance, flexibility and gentle stretching. Barre work delivers a full body workout and because its low impact is great if you are recovering from surgery or an injury.

For more information please contact Clare 01778 423351 or 07890566538

Roving Supper Club.

Having had a positive response for the Roving Supper Club, which will, I am sure, become an annual event. I wish to encourage other couples or friends to sign up soon, so I can see how feasible it is to organise.

The first dinner would be planned for Sep or Oct this year and will cost £15 per head for a three-course meal. Please register your interest at: John.kimbrey@gmail.com and include your home address please.

Happy eating... John Kimbrey

Calling all motorbike riders in Rippingale !.

If anyone would like a Rippingale ride out over the summer please contact me leaving your name and telephone number on my mobile 07799 695 722 or email me on bevm@warnersgroup.co.uk

Just seeing if we have any interest and then we can discuss it further. Look forward to hearing from you ...

Many thanks Bev Machin

Village Walk.

Our walk in June will take place on Sunday 23rd June. The starting point will be Clipsham Church at 10.15am. Any questions please contact Mike Exton on 07768632189

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FUTURE SERVICES

Sunday 9th June Sung Eucharist 9.15am

Sunday 23rd June Morning Prayer 10.30am

CEILIDH (Sat 27th April).

This was a memorable dance with everybody enjoying themselves. A special thank you to the Black Dog Ceilidh Band (Chris & Glenys for organising) and also to our very hard-working catering crew beavering away in the background. With over 80 people attending and a well-supported raffle we were able to make a profit of over £300 going towards the roof. Many thanks to the Village Hall for all their help and last but not least to you all who attended in making it so special.

COFFEE MORNING,

We continue to have a very good following at our Coffee Morning with a great mix of old and new people coming to enjoy our gathering. This time of year, it's always a bit difficult to find a good selection of vegetables from our normal supplier as we are between seasons. Still available was quality cauliflowers and spring cabbage but we also used a different supplier having strawberries, grapes, bananas, kiwi, and numerous other fruits and veg. As I have mentioned before we always have a vast selection of different items for sale and to really appreciate our efforts you must come and see us. You will be made most welcome.

Transport always available for Coffee Morning don't hesitate to contact me. We are looking forward to seeing you **Tuesday 4th June** in the Church 10.30am.

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Churchwardens

Please submit entries by the 16th of the month to the Editor: Jamie Petch at rippingalenews@hotmail.com or via 0780809 4317
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