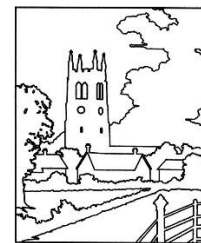




# Rippingale News

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## December 2022

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### **ST ANDREWS CHURCH RIPPINGALE**

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### **NOVEMBER/DECEMBER SERVICES**

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November Eucharist 11am

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December Christingle 4pm

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10am Eucharist

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 11am Plough Sunday Family Service

**Latest News.** We had a very successful Village/Community meeting within the Church with over 100 people attending. The PCC and others hope to keep the ball rolling and so are trying to keep all those people who very kindly volunteered to help in the loop. Every household will have received an update on progress and a form so one can support financially if you can please.

Very many thanks to all who helped give the Church Yard a Autumn clean-up it all looks a lot better.

We have been able to erect our new notice board near the main gate in Memory of Phylis Cotton. Very many thanks to Ken Cotton on getting this all organised it really is so very smart.

Remembrance Sunday Service 10.30am well what can I say. You did us all proud a great turnout and the Church looking so fantastic with the beautiful poppy arrangements creating such a great atmosphere for this special Sunday. Not forgetting our Bugler and the timing spot on. To finish it all off Refreshments provided by the Parish Council. All in all a great morning and very many thanks to everybody involved.

**Next Coffee Morning Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.** Tables all in the correct position this time a great attendance and always a joy to be part of. Vegetables couldn't be better fresh cakes and bread and even a cheese and wine raffle. What more could anyone want?? If there is please speak to the Church Wardens

### **200 CLUB November 2022**

£30 Mrs S Flatters (97)

£20 Mrs L Doncaster (5)

£15 Mrs B Harrison (64) Mrs N Needham (133)

£10 Mr K Cotton (49) Mrs G Petz (23) Mr&Mrs M Hallas (168)

**A Final Note on the last issue of Village Life,** On behalf of all Village Life subscribers in Rippingale we would like to thank the committee (of Village Life) for all their hard work over the years we are all truly very grateful and we wish Village Voice similar success.

**Rippingale & District Friendship club.** Our last few meetings have been well attended, so thank you to everyone for your continued support. We were treated to a delightful afternoon on the 9<sup>th</sup> Nov when one of our members Iced and decorated a Christmas cake. This was most interesting and informative; the cake was donated for our raffle prize. We were also given the opportunity to decorate a cup cake. which we did and enjoyed it with our afternoon refreshments. A Huge thankyou to Carol crofts.

The following meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> we were entertained by Alan of A & P travel who kept us amused with all his tales of events that he had experienced while coach driving, as this was our final meeting before Christmas, we enjoyed festive mince pies with our cuppa.

Our final day trip of the year took place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November to Rushden lakes for a little retail therapy and a stop on the return journey for a carvery at the Mulberry tree farm, Hampton. This was also well attended.

Our Christmas dinner this year is being held at the New Inn Folkenham

I would like to take the opportunity to Thank Mrs Wendy Gray and her team for the excellent service they have provided regarding the village hall. The club will recommence in 2023 and details will be in the February issue

I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy prosperous and healthy new year, Audrey Brewin

## **Feast 2023 & Christmas Tree Decoration And 'Switching On' Of The Lights**

A reminder that decorating the Christmas tree and the 'switch on' of the lights will take place at St Andrew's Church on **SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER**. We hope that this community event will see many join the Feast Committee to decorate the tree, enjoy mulled wine and mince pies and sing a few Carols. Please come along from 4pm, **the 'switch on' by the two Rose Royals will be at 5pm**. We look forward to welcoming residents from Rippingale and the surrounding villages.

The Feast Committee are pleased to announce that they are making a donation of £1000 towards the Rippingale Pavilion project. Feast funds are looking reasonably healthy and so we are happy to support the plan for a pavilion on the Jubilee Playing Field, which will be a great addition to the village.

Looking forward to the Feast 2023 the Committee are looking for a **second-hand sink** (with unit, if possible) and also a **small chest freezer**. Please get in touch with Kate Lewis (07983 624580) if you have either available now or are having a kitchen refitted in the coming months and could help.

**Rippingale & District W.I report for November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022.** Rachel welcomed everyone, including Pamela a visitor, after which our speaker was introduced. If you missed our meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November, you missed another real treat. Angela Adams, who lives in Rippingale & is one of our members, gave us a great talk with slides entitled 'Bees & Me'. She came appropriately dressed in bee covered dungarees which we all admired! It was her story of how she became interested in beekeeping right through to today, which fitted in nicely with one of the WI's past Resolutions to help save our honeybee populations.

It started when she heard about the decline in the bee population and how it would affect pollination of our food crops. After attending a bee-keeping course, Angela started with one hive in her garden. Shortly after getting the bees, they swarmed, then swarmed again which gave her 3 hives in her garden!

We were captivated when the details of keeping a hive were explained, including the roles of the queen, workers & drones. We were able to look at samples of various items from the hives that were passed around for us to examine. It is incredible how the bees create these wonderful structures. After some time, an elderly beekeeper who wanted to retire from keeping bees, passed his hives over to Angela. To deal with all these hives, Angela contacted local farmers to see if they would be willing to have them sited on their farm. The farmers were pleased to assist, which enables better crop pollination. A similar situation arose awhile later, when another family lost their beekeeping relative and asked Angela to take on those hives too. With so many hives by this time, Angela's daughter came on board to help. Always a person who enjoys being busy, Angela decided to branch out from just making honey. She wanted to use all parts of the honey making process such as beeswax. Today, Angela is now qualified in making candles, creams, and soaps, so that no by product is wasted.

Angela's honey is always available from her home in the High St, with all other products available at local craft fairs. Thank you, Angela, for a fascinating evening and answering all the members questions afterwards, ably assisted by Nigel her husband of course!

During refreshments we were encouraged to 'sign up' for various events happening in December, such as the groups Christmas Lunch at the Woodhouse Arms at Corby Glen on 7th together with attendance for our meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December when our committee will be cooking us a festive meal with entertainment provided. Looking forward to 2023, Rachel will be hosting a Soup & Roll lunch as a fund raiser at midday on 27<sup>th</sup> January...guests welcome!

We also had a visitor from the local food bank. She came personally to thank the members for their very generous donations of groceries and Christmas gifts for children that they had gathered.

Competition winners were announced, the raffle drawn, and November birthday cards given to Sue & Rachel to close the evening.

## **Parish Council News**

**Chairman** – Cllr Chris Charlton; chairmanrpc4@gmail.com 07908 540683

**Parish Clerk (General enquiries)** – Laura Davies: rippingalepc@gmail.com 07375 364742

**Website** – <http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Rippingale>

**SKDC response to cost-of-living rises.** SKDC have produced a pamphlet which is attached, to detail the various forms of assistance which are available to residents to help them meet cost of living rises.

**Hospital Car Service.** The HCS relies on volunteer drivers to effectively run the system and transport patients to their medical appointments. For various reasons the HCS now requires replacement volunteer drivers to efficiently administer the service. Drivers, who need to be properly insured, are fully recompensed with a 65p a mile allowance. If you have the spare time and wish to volunteer for this very worthwhile support role, please contact the scheme administrator, Chris Ross, on 07806 327362.

**Village appearance.** Very many thanks to the residents who cut the grass on verges adjacent to their properties this year, saving the Village contractor costs and enhancing the Village's appearance.

**Flooding.** With the regular heavy rain, we seem to be experiencing, control of surface water becomes a challenge once road drains are blocked by debris and results in pool flooding in some areas of the Village. Residents with drains adjacent to their properties are requested to keep them clear of debris.

**Pinfold enclosure (junction of Station Street and Dovecot).** Once again, we are experiencing damage to this historic monument, through wanton vandalism. Camera surveillance will be put in place to catch these vandals and to enable appropriate Police action to be taken.

**Parish Councillor contact details and responsibilities:**

- Chairman: Cllr Chris Charlton 440986/07908 540683 or chairmanrc4@gmail.com. Welcome Pack: Rippingale News & Council Newsletter: Neighbourhood Plan: Finance: Grant applications
- Cllr Alan Vaughan 440056/07966 584568. Jubilee Playing Field and Village Maintenance: Neighbourhood Plan: Liaison, Village Hall Management Committee
- Cllr Jamie Petch 440497/07808 094317. Parochial Church Council Liaison
- Cllr Kim Palmer 07551310432. Police Forum Liaison
- Cllr Kate Manley 07850 493261. Feast Organising Committee: Accessibility
- Cllr Ian Bruce 07392407742. Contracts supervision.
- Cllr Barry Ross 07740151601 / 01778440996. Allotments Liaison.

**Meetings:**

No meeting planned for December 2022	Next Year Precept and Budget Approval <b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>	General Meeting <b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>
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Meetings to be held in the Village Hall at **7.00 pm** unless otherwise stated. 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](http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=8170)):**

**S22/1853** – Erection of a new detached building and extension to existing care home at the Willows, 74 Station Street (resubmission of S20/1103) – **pending**

**S22/1749** – new single storey dwelling to the rear of Fir Tree Barn, Fen Road – **refused**

**S22/1721** – erection of a single storey detached timber framed and clad garage, Old Post Office, 5 Middle Street - **approved**

**S22/1715** – Outline planning permission for 9 properties behind 16 High Street - **refused**

**Cost of living - Help for households**  
Are you in financial hardship? Are you just about managing?  
Has your income decreased or changed, and you are not sure what to do?

There are a number of schemes available for eligible residents struggling during this cost of living crisis. There are also support groups and reliable experts you can contact to see what changes you can make to ease the burden of increased living costs. We realise some households will be struggling financially, emotionally or because they need practical advice and help. On these pages we outline some key information on what support is available and how to access it. Don't assume you're receiving all you're entitled to, always check, and if you're struggling or in doubt, get in touch. Over the page, we list telephone numbers for those without online access, or for those who can't easily navigate the internet. South Kesteven District Council will work together with its partners to do all we can to give residents up-to-date information and support to help during what we know will be a difficult autumn, winter and spring for many.

**Dealing with debt**  
■ Support available from various voluntary sector providers including StepChange and Citizens Advice South Lincolnshire

**Maximising your income**  
■ Check if you're eligible for Universal Credit  
■ If you're on the minimum wage; check your pay to make sure you're getting the rate you're entitled to, and your tax code is correct

**Your energy bills**  
■ Energy price Guarantee. The government is limiting how much energy companies can charge. This means a typical household on average usage would expect to pay around £2,500 per year. In place until April 2023  
■ Energy Bill Discount of £400 to all households with a domestic electricity connection  
■ Check to see if you're eligible for support to pay your water/gas bill

**Heating your home**  
■ Check to see if you're eligible for a Warm Home Discount of £150  
■ 0% VAT on energy saving materials  
■ Check to see if you are eligible for a Help to Heat Energy Grant  
■ Check if you're eligible for help replacing your boiler under the Boiler Upgrade Scheme

**If you're a pensioner**  
■ A Pensioner Cost of Living Payment (if eligible for winter fuel payment)  
■ A Winter Fuel Payment  
■ Check if you're eligible for Pension Credit  
■ Check if you're eligible for Housing Benefit  
■ Free TV Licence (Over 75s)  
■ Free Bus Pass (if over state pensionable age)

**If you're living with a health condition or disability**  
These vary according to an individual's circumstances but can include:  
■ Universal Credit  
■ Disability Living Allowance/ Personal Independence Payment  
■ Employment & Support Allowance  
■ Attendance Allowance  
■ Check to see if you're eligible for the Disability Cost of Living Payment

**If you're entitled to benefits**  
■ Cost of Living Payment (if you claim certain means tested benefits)  
■ Cold Weather Payment (only available in specific circumstances)  
■ Check to see if you can get any help with savings  
■ Check to see if you're eligible for a Budgeting Loan  
■ Discretionary Housing Payments  
■ Check to see if you're eligible for cheaper phone & broadband

**If claiming Universal Credit**  
■ Check to see if you can claim back costs of childcare  
■ Check if your child can get Free School Meals  
■ Access to free activities and food during school holidays if eligible for free school meals  
■ Check if you're eligible for Healthy Start Vouchers  
■ Check if you're eligible for the Sure Start Maternity Grant

**Health & wellbeing**  
■ Support available from various voluntary sector providers including Here for You

**If you are married**  
■ Check that you're claiming the Marriage Tax Allowance

**If you care for someone**  
■ Check if you're eligible to claim a carer's allowance

**Paying your rent, mortgage or council tax**  
■ Check to see if you're eligible for SKDC's Council Tax Support Scheme  
■ Make sure you've received your Council Tax Rebate - £150 for households in Council Tax bands A, B, C or D  
■ Check if you're eligible for a payment from the Household Support Fund  
■ Use a benefits calculator to see if you can get help to pay your rent  
■ Check if you can claim Support for Mortgage Interest

**Costs of food**  
■ Support available from various voluntary sector providers, including Foodbanks in each of the four towns, the Trussell trust, Grantham Passage Day centre and Stamford Second Helpings

**Childcare costs**  
■ 15 or 30 hours of free childcare per week for children aged 2.3 and 4 (dependent on eligibility)  
■ Claim tax free Childcare  
■ Claim Child Benefit

The Money Helper service is free, confidential and impartial: [www.moneyhelper.org.uk](http://www.moneyhelper.org.uk)

Information and links for all your cost of living enquiries: [www.helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk](http://www.helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk)

[www.southkesteven.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/costofliving)

SOUTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

If you are not online or are unable to navigate the internet, on this page we are sharing some useful telephone numbers to get you started with finding the right support for your individual circumstances. Some are local groups, others are run by the Government – but all of them can find a pathway to valuable support when you need it.



## FINANCIAL ADVICE AND SUPPORT

**Citizen's Advice South Lincs:**  
☎ 0808 278 7996

Confidential and impartial advice on debt and budgeting. Can also support in the early stages of a Universal Credit claim, from application through to first payment

**Lincolnshire Credit Union:**  
☎ 0330 004 0842

Credit Unions help people save money and can offer affordable loans as an alternative to loan sharks and pay-day lenders and can help people avoid problems

**Money Advice & Pensions Service:**  
☎ 0800 138 7777

Government funded debt advice, budgeting tools and money advice offering free, impartial help with money matters

**StepChange debt advice:**  
☎ 0800 138 1111

Help with money worries offering free, confidential debt advice and money guidance, helping find the best solution or service for your circumstances

**Universal Credit support:**  
☎ 0800 1448444

A payment to help with your living costs



## PAYING YOUR RENT OR COUNCIL TAX

**South Kesteven District Council:**  
☎ 01476 40 60 80

Check if you're eligible for help with your rent or council tax. Contact SKDC for more information.



## FOOD

**Grantham Food Bank:**  
(1-2 Greyfriars):

☎ 07816 872 561

**Stamford Food Bank:**  
(27 West Street):

☎ 07570 583 799

**Bourne Food Bank:**  
(United Reformed Church Hall, Spalding Road):

☎ 01778 782 365

**Deepings Food Bank:**  
(63 Hereward Way, Deeping St James):

☎ 07516 717 346

**Trussell Trust food bank network:**  
☎ 0808 208 2138

**Free School Meals:**

☎ 01522 782030

Children in low-income households may be entitled to free school meals

**Healthy Start Scheme:**

☎ 0300 330 7010

Pre-paid card for pregnant women and parents of children under 4 to help buy milk, fruit and vegetables



## SUPPORT FOR PENSIONERS

**Pension Credit:**

☎ 0800 99 1234

Can provide extra money to help people of State Pension age and on a low income with living costs and housing costs such as rent or service charges

**Age UK:** ☎ 03455 564 144

Free and confidential support to older people, their families and carers on housing, money, benefits, health and wellbeing, loneliness



## WELLBEING

**Wellbeing Lincs:**

☎ 01522 782140

Supporting adults to achieve confident, fulfilled and independent living and offer help through life's changes, such as ill health, disability, new financial circumstances or medical needs, isolation

**Connect to Support Lincolnshire:**  
☎ 0300 303 8789

(Monday to Friday 2pm to 7pm)\_ Information and advice library/ community directory for adults with signposting to groups, activities and support in local communities.

**Here For You: 0800 234 6342**

Mental health and emotional wellbeing advice line for young people, parents and carers



## HEATING YOUR HOME

**Simple Energy Advice:**

☎ 0800 444 202

"Empowering millions of householders every year to make better energy choices"

**National Energy Action:**

☎ 0800 304 7159

Offering a new Warm and Safe Homes Advice to end fuel poverty. Also webchat online [www.nea.org.uk/webchat](http://www.nea.org.uk/webchat)

Please submit entries by the 14<sup>th</sup> of the month to the Editor: Jamie Petch at [rippingalenews@hotmail.com](mailto:rippingalenews@hotmail.com)  
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