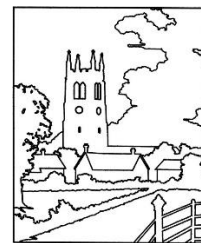




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ST ANDREWS CHURCH RIPPINGALE

Future Services

Sunday 10th February 2019 Sung Eucharist 9.15am
Sunday 24th February 2019 Morning Prayer 10.30am

Coffee Morning

Obviously, we never had one in January, but normal service will resume with the next Coffee Morning being on Tuesday 5th February 10.30am. Plenty of fresh Vegetables off the Fen and lots of other produce available to buy. The Church 200 Club also has its big 6 monthly draw so please give us a visit. Transport available just give me a call.

Church Roof

At last the internal scaffolding has been taken away just in time for Pam Baylis funeral. A fitting tribute to a Rippingale Churchwarden who worked so hard to keep the Church ticking over on her own for a number of years.

A very big thank you to everybody involved with giving the Church a major clean for this sad occasion I couldn't help having the words "Community Spirit" ringing through my head. Many thanks must go to the Local Businesses who sponsored a Christmas tree within the Church we are very grateful. Thanks to John Smith and Andy Parry for organising.

Although internally the Church looks acceptable for now we must not forget we need another £56,000 to finish the roof off so a lot of hard work still needed.

We have made a start on the annual tidy up in the Churchyards and this to be continued before Spring is upon us.

OUR CHRISTMAS TREES SPONSORS (12 DAYS)

- 1. Wherry & Sons Ltd
- 2. Phils Gardening Services
- 3. Rippingale Business Club
- 4. Bourne 2 Drive
- 5. Hoppers Jewellers
- 6. John & Louise Smith
- 7. CWI Technical Ltd
- 8. Andy & Julie Parry & Family
- 9. Hunterchase Consultants
- 10. Tesco Store Bourne
- 11. Marc Matland of Rippingale Railway Station
- 12. Visitors to St Andrews Church Rippingale

Christingle & Midnight Mass

The Christingle was a happy affair with various Children contributing to the service and making us all very proud. It was great to part of this service with us all singing around the Christmas Tree. Many thanks to the Warcup Family for assembling the Christingles and to the helpers involved with the refreshments. The Midnight Mass was an enjoyable service preparing us all for the great occasion. Please if you feel that you would like to be involved with us happy bunch in the Church we would love to hear from you

Jonathan Newell Churchwarden 01778 441211b

Loose Ends Crafting Group

Already in to February by the time you read this, and we are planning our first fundraiser for Dementia UK. March 8th 10.30-12.30 is Time for a cuppa in Rippingale Village Hall. Come along and join us for a cuppa and cake (of course) there will be entertainment from our local group The Yeller Bellies and our usual tin raffle plus a few craft stalls. Hope you will join us and help us raise funds for research into this devastating disease.

Our group meets every Friday in Rippingale village hall 10-1pm no membership fee just pay when you come, £4 includes coffee and cake all profits donated to Dementia UK bring your work in progress or just join us for a cuppa.

Carol

Rippingale and District Friendship Club

Our meetings start again on February 13th when we will be enjoying soup and a roll. The second meeting is on February 27th. Our AGM is booked for March 13th. Our ever-popular coach trips start with a Mystery trip in April date to be confirmed. Everyone over 50 is welcome to join us for quizzes, games and bingo so come along and make some new friends. We meet fortnightly 2-4pm in Rippingale village hall.

For more information please contact Audrey 01529241358

Rippingale & District W.I

Each January members organise the evening and give our committee members a well-earned rest. The evening's events were a total surprise, except the competition theme, which we were previously advised was going to be 'A Colourful Item'!

We arrived to find the hall beautifully decorated with colourful bunting and table decorations themed in various colours. We were offered soft drinks and colourful pom-poms which directed us to our colour co-ordinated table for the evening. It is a great idea to get members to mix & socialise with other members we wouldn't usually sit with & get to know them better.

Karen, on behalf of her team, gave us a warm New Year's welcome and then revealed the surprise event by introducing our speaker, Katie Crowe, an Image & Style Consultant. Katie went on to give us an overview about our skin & hair types, body shapes and colours that suit us as individuals. All wonderful advice to make the most of our current wardrobe, future purchases, and maybe even recycle some of the items that we hang on to but never wear!

Even the food for our refreshments were colourful. There were fantastic iced muffins, crudités and fruit kebabs (obviously for those of us on diets after Christmas)! We could appreciate how much thought; time & effort had gone into preparing for the evening.

There wasn't much business to attend to so early in the new year apart from handing out birthday cards to members, drawing the raffle and announcing the winners of the competition. So, that just left Hilary, our President, to remind us of next month's meeting. Apparently, we are in for some fun with our speaker coming to talk about Tartans & Kilts'. We will have to wait and see if we have models or just humorous anecdotes or both! If you would like to join us and find out more, our meeting will be on February 7th starting at 7.30pm in the village hall. You will be made most welcome. For further information please contact us on RADWI@BTINTERNET.COM

Parish Council News

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Budget and Precept for the Financial Year 2019/2020.

The Council has now set its budget for the next financial year. It has been decided to keep the Precept at its current level for the third year running. From this we will fund our running costs and village maintenance, meet the grass and hedge cutting contract and look to assist with upgrading the play equipment on the Jubilee Playing Field. Details will be posted on the Village noticeboard and website.

Churchyard refurbishment.

Purchase of the new lampposts for erection in the churchyard has been undertaken. On reassessing the financial programme, it has been decided to commence the fitting of the lampposts as soon as weather and ground conditions allow.

Aveland Neighbourhood Plan.

I can highlight further progress by the working group. At a meeting held on 16 January it was reported that the production of the neighbourhood profile assessment for Rippingale and Dowsby should shortly be completed. An open space and community facilities report for Rippingale had been finished. We are currently considering public consultation meetings. The next meeting of the working group is planned on 20 February 2019. 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.

Councillor Departure.

Understandably, due to family and other commitments, Julie Parry has had to resign from the Parish Council and will depart in February. The Council are most grateful for Julie's drive and enthusiasm during her tenure as a Councillor and thank her for pushing issues forward. We wish her well for the future.

Vacancy.

Julie's impending departure means there will soon be a councillor vacancy. Due to the planned local elections in May, the vacancy will be filled through Co-option. If you are interested in making a difference in YOUR village, the formal Vacancy Notice will be published on the Village website and Parish Council Noticeboard later this month. To be eligible, you must be aged over 18, on the electoral role and have lived or worked within 3 miles of the Parish for at least 12 months. For further information, please contact any Councillor or the Clerk.

Highways walkabout.

Lincolnshire County Council have agreed on 27 February that a highways officer, in company with some Parish Councillors, will inspect the roads within the village. One issue is the lifting of the highway surface gravel face applied recently. If you have any other issues to raise, please contact any Councillor. Don't forget that you can report any highway faults to Lincolnshire County Council via webpage www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/report-highway-defects/41433.article.

Meetings

Thursday 21 February General Meeting	Thursday 14 March Policy Review Meeting	Thursday 11 April End of Financial Year Accounts Approval
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Meetings to be held in the Village Hall 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):

None reported in progress

*Please submit entries to the Editor by the 16th of the month: Jamie Petch at rippingalenews@hotmail.com or via 0780809 4317***Items for the Village Website:** *Please mark your email 'Website' and send to RippingalePC@Gmail.com See Parishes.Lincolnshire@gov.uk/Rippingale for T&Cs*