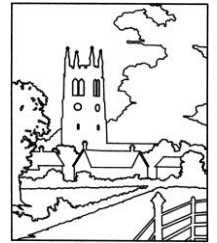




Rippingale News

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February 2018

Mary Morgan

It is with great sadness that I must write to say that Mary, our long-standing editor of Rippingale News, passed away peacefully at home on January 16th. Mary was instrumental in the continued success of this Newsletter and was actively involved in village life. She will be missed by many. Our thoughts are with Neil and the family at this difficult time.

Cllr Chris Charlton, Parish Council Chairman

St Andrew's Church

The Group is still in Interregnum.

Church Warden, Jonathan Newell: 01778 441211

February	Sunday	11 th	9.15am	Eucharist
	Sunday	25 th	10.30am	Morning Prayer
March	Sunday	11 th	9.15am	Mothering Sunday Eucharist
April	Sunday	1 st	10.30am	Easter Day Group Eucharist

The Morning Prayer on 25th February will be a service with a difference!

It will be shortened service aimed at families with popular Hymns, readings, and prayers being conducted by me so reasonably informal. A First for me!

Always check the website and notice board as things can change. It also has Group Services.

Next Church Coffee Morning – Tuesday 6th February 2018 10.30am

Please come and see us at our Coffee Morning you will be made most welcome. Our normal array of very fresh local vegetables will be on display and a lot more. It has to be said that items on sale each month are never the same there is always something for everybody.

Transport problems for our Coffee Morning don't hesitate to contact me.

In the future we hope to hold numerous different functions within the Church all in aid of raising money to go towards the repair of the Church Roof. So please continue to read the Newsletter so keeping up to date with what's going on.

Jonathan Newell, Churchwarden

"From the Bells"

On Saturday 24th February, St. Andrew's will be host to our monthly Guild Branch Meeting and the bells will be rung between 10am and mid-day.

Rippingale News

The free monthly edition of Rippingale News enables the whole village community to keep up to date with what's on, share news of events and fundraising, and highlight any issues, especially for anyone without the internet. The Parish Council really wants the Rippingale News to continue but sadly, there have been no offers of help in carrying on Mary's hard work.

Without volunteers coming forward to assist in the co-ordination and publication of the Newsletter, it may not be able to continue in its current format.

If you feel able to be the new Editor, can help in any way, or if you have any ideas and suggestions on how the Rippingale News could be improved, please contact any councillor, or the Parish Clerk:

RippingalePC@gmail.com or 07375 364742

Don't forget – Defibrillator Training.

The Bull Inn on **Saturday 17 February 2018** from 10am – 12noon.

Places can be booked via Erica Field-Lucas on 01778 440738 or erica.fl@hotmail.co.uk

Parish Council News

Chairman – Cllr Chris Charlton; cramcharlton@aol.com Tel. 07908 540683

Clerk – Michelle Free; New Email: RippingalePC@Gmail.com Tel 07375 364742

2018/19 Financial Year Budget. The Budget for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 has been approved. The Council unanimously agreed to maintain the Precept at the current level. This could mean a very slight reduction in the Parish Council element of the Council Tax for some residents. The main project for the year will be the development of the play area. The designs and quotes are in progress, and will be shared when available, but we hope to include something for all ages. A copy of the Budget is available on the website and Noticeboard.

Grass & Hedge Cutting

The Council is pleased to announce that the contract for the 2018 Grass and Hedge Cutting has been awarded to Glendale Grounds Management. We all have great pride in our village and, as such, have chosen to carry out fortnightly grass cutting of the Council areas throughout the season, which runs from the end of March to the end of October. Hopefully this is a level that can be sustained in future years, without impacting the Precept. The hedges will be cut once in October.

The grass areas covered by the contract are: Churchyard; Cemetery; Village Green; Jubilee Playing Field & Children's' Play Area; Common Areas at Dovecote, Linnet Drive, Scarborough Close and Station Street; and the Pinfold. Verges, such as those on Station Street between the road and pavement, and around the Pinfold Close Gas Box are also included. The Lagoon will be cut 3 times during the season.

The hedges covered by the contract are: Jubilee Playing Field & footpath to Station Street; Lagoon; and the Scarborough Close and Station Street Common Areas.

Churchwarden Jonathan Newell has kindly agreed to manage the maintenance of the Cemetery hedge, and E.C. Charlton & Son will kindly carry out additional cuts of the village entrance verges, to those done by LCC. I would ask that residents carry on cutting verges and hedges that adjoin their properties; this also assists hugely in maintaining the Village's look.

Village Website

The village website, www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk, has been a great platform for sharing key information, showing what's on, and putting Rippingale on the map. Unfortunately, it also contains a lot of out of date information, and needs a complete overhaul. Sadly, last year's appeal for people to get involved in taking the village website forward only resulted in one volunteer, who is working hard to maintain the current format.

There is an option for the Parish Council to have a website, which hosted by Lincolnshire County Council. This would be free to use, with training and support available. The website can also be used to publish village Club, Group, news and activities, as well as all of the mandatory Council information.

With limited availability of time and volunteers, the Council feels that transferring to the new website is the best option, and intends to cancel the [RippingaleVillage.co.uk](http://www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk) domain registration when it expires in July.

The Council plan to pass a formal resolution on the website at the Meeting on Thursday 8 March.

Councillor Resignation

Our previous Chairman and current Vice, Cllr Bev Machin, will be standing down at this year's Annual Meeting in May. Bev has been a very proactive Member throughout her time on the Council and her contribution will be missed. Bev has announced her planned departure early to give time for a replacement to be found. If you are interest in joining the Parish Council, please speak to any councillor or contact the Clerk. Notices with the criteria for being a councillor will be displayed on the website and Noticeboard shortly.

Cllr Chris Charlton, Chairman

Forthcoming Council Meetings:

8 February	8 March	12 April (End of Year Accounts Approval)
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Meetings usually take place on the **second Thursday of the month**, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. See the village Noticeboard and Website for the Agenda and details of any changes.

Your Parish Councillors are:

Chris Charlton (Chairman) 07908 540683; Bev Machin (Vice Chairman) 440220 / 0779 695722;
Mike Exton 440211 / 07768 632189; Simon Goode 440990 / 07774 327466; Shaun Charlton 07802 170801;
Erica Field-Lucas 440738; and Julie Parry 440317

Latest Planning Applications:

S17/2047 – Cleaning & Restoration of WWI War Memorial, St Andrew's Church	Approved
S17/2136 – Single Storey Rear Extension at 4 Charlton Court PE10 0SN	Approved
S17/2167 – Lawful Development Certificate Application - 2 existing storage sheds, garage extension, house side extension and log store. Rivendell, 10 Doctors Lane PE10 0ST	Pending

Rippingale & District WI

Members organised the January meeting by inviting Colin Ward from Swine's Meadow Farm Nursery in Market Deeping. He took us on his latest visit to New Zealand with the aid of photos and videos, describing the beautiful landscape, flora and fauna. A magical trip for a winters evening. Members realized more swotting up was needed for the Quiz on New Zealand that followed over coffee and chat. Members were reminded that subscriptions were due. Names were taken for the 80th Birthday Lunch in February.

At the February Birthday meeting on February 1st in Rippingale Village Hall at 7.30pm there will be a bring and share supper with entertainment by female vocalist Nicky Downs.

For further information please contact the President, Michele Joint on 01778 440368 or e-mail radwi@btinternet.com

Village Walks

This month's walk will take place on **Sunday 18th February**. The meeting point is the Wharf Road Car Park in Stamford. The walk will start at 10.15am sharp. Any queries, please call Derek Diess on 01778 440063.

Loose Ends Crafting Group

Happy New Year to you all, our little group is back up and running after our Christmas break.

Our first event this year is on Friday March 2nd when we will be serving tea/coffee and cakes to raise funds for Dementia UK so please come along and support this very worthy charity which takes place from 10.30am until 12.30. In the summer we will be joining with the village hall committee on Sunday July 1st as part of their Summer Fayre which is an exciting new event so keep the date in your diary and watch out for more information over the coming weeks.

Finally, if you're at a loose end on a Friday morning 10am-1pm and you are interested in craft of any kind why not come and join us in Rippingale Village Hall for coffee/tea, cake and crafting, bring along your latest project you will be made most welcome. Non-crafters are also welcome. The cost is £4 with all profits being donated to Dementia UK. For more information please contact Carol 01778 441386

St Andrew's Church Rippingale 200 Club Winners

December 2017	January 2018
£20 Mrs A Long (191)	£20 Mr J MacMillan (151)
£10 Mr M Bayliss (181)	£10 Mrs P Warman (169)
£10 Mr J Newell (179)	£10 Mr P Palmer (125)
£5 Mr M Hallas (168)	£5 Mrs A Harris (140)
£5 Mr R Coutts (163)	£5 Mrs S Charlton (10)
£5 Mrs G Hyland (43)	£5 Mr A Donaldson (145)
£5 Mrs M Jessop (78)	£5 Mrs P Wood (44)

Important to note that at the February Coffee Morning (Tuesday 6th) the big six-monthly draw will take place!!

Village Hall 200 Club Winners for November/December 2017

November 2017

£20 B Hutchison (33), Mary Morgan (183), £10 Sue Knibbs (17)

£5 Louise Smith (41), Helen Martin (102), S McCarthy (90), Rowena Grew (116)

December 2017

£20 Pat Taylor (147), £10 Pat Morton (97), B Hutchison (33)

£5 Nicky Revill (51), D Davison (150), Kate Manley (84), Sue McLean (159)

Congratulations To All The Winners

Request from the Village Hall

Rubbish collection from the Village Hall is not free. We are charged quarterly for the use of the Purple Waste bin, which is for Village Hall waste only. Therefore, would those individuals who continue to place their rubbish in this bin please refrain from doing so. Thank you.

A Community Shop for Rippingale – Survey results

Firstly, the Rippingale Village Hall Management Committee would like to sincerely thank all those that took the time to complete and return our recent questionnaire regarding the possible formation of a village Community Shop. In excess of 300 questionnaires were delivered to villagers. We received 45 responses, (44 written and one by telephone), all of which were valuable and made for interesting reading.

A staggering 84% felt that it was important to have a shop in Rippingale, with over two thirds feeling this was very important! 30% would use it daily, with another using it 30% weekly. Comments and suggestions on the proposal included: 'I think a shop would be wonderful for the community.' 'One concern would be accessibility for older people who no longer drive. They may find the walking distance to the Village Hall prohibitive' '...will not provide sufficient supplies to the village at large...' 'A good idea. I think that the Village Hall is too far away for older people to walk to, and it may put them off using it. How about a 'mobile one'. 'Delivery service for older residents that cannot get to the shop.'

Based on the above responses, it is felt that a Village Shop based at the Village Hall would not be a viable project. Having researched this possibility, it is clear that we would need a minimum of 20+ volunteers to assist us on a regular basis to run a shop. Duties would include, transporting stock from supplier to the shop, opening up, running and closing the shop, cleaning duties, stock control, financial matters, etc, etc.

We therefore have to advise you that we will not be taking this idea any further.

Once again, a big 'thank you' to all that took part in our survey. We value your opinions.

Rippingale Village Hall Management Committee

Volunteers Needed - Emergency Plan Team

We are still looking for volunteers who can be called upon to help coordinate relief work and liaise with the relevant authorities, should any emergency situation arise in Rippingale. This could include anything from a flooded street to an aircraft crash. We all hope the Team will never be required, but we need to think like a boy scout and have contingencies in place, just in case. If you are interested or available to help in anyway, even if it's just tea & biscuits, please contact the Parish Clerk. Thank you.

Useful Numbers

Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) Floodline - 01522 782082

Report a fallen tree blocking a footpath or road - 01522 782070 (LCC) or 101

Report a Power Cut or damaged power lines - 105

LincsAlerts

Vehicle Thefts – Recently there have been a number of reported vehicle thefts in and around the local area. Please do not leave valuables on show or overnight in your vehicle. Report any suspicious activity to 101.

Sign-up – To receive email or text updates, visit www.lincolnshirealert.co.uk or Telephone: 01522 558 399

Allotments – There are still a few allotment plots available if you would like to experience some of the 'Good Life' this year, and enjoy the fruits (or veg) of your labour.

Please contact the RGAG Secretary: angelaadams684@btinternet.com or the Parish Council Clerk.

For anyone struggling with sticking to a New Year Resolution:

"Don't be discouraged. It is often the last key in the bunch that opens the lock"

"Failure is proof that you tried. Now try again."

March 2018 Newsletter – This could be the last issue if another Editor is not found

Deadline for Submissions is Tuesday 15th February

Please submit entries to the Parish Clerk at RippingalePC@Gmail.com

Items for the Rippingale Village Website

Please mark your email 'Website' and send to RippingalePC@Gmail.com

See www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk for T&Cs