



Rippingale News

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[Editorial: Mary Morgan]
18 Pinfold Close

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Priest in Charge – Revd G P Williams [Fr Graham 01778 571474]

SERVICES

Sun	6	Eucharist		6.00pm
	13	Eucharist		9.30am
	20	<i>NO SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S</i> <i>[See Notice board for other Services in the Group]</i>		
	27	Rogation Sunday		
		Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood	10.00am
		Midday Prayer	Rippingale	12noon
		Lunch	Dunsby	12.40pm
		Afternoon Prayer	Hacconby	2.00pm
		Concert	Morton	3.00pm

EVENTS

Wed 9 The Annual Meeting of Parishioners, followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parochial Church Council will be held at 7.30pm in the church. *[Not to be confused with the Annual Meeting of the Rippingale Parish Council See overleaf].*

FLOWERS

w/b 6th & 13th Mrs M Whiten
27th Mrs C Bladon

CLEANING

We are delighted to announce that we now have a cleaner for the church. This has been arranged through Mrs Sue Atkinson, at The Bull Inn, for which the PCC are most grateful.

200 CLUB DRAW - MARCH

£20	Mrs W Donald [10]	
£10	Mrs A Deane [50]	Fr Graham [147]
£ 5	Mrs M Morgan [177]	Mrs L Doncaster [5]
	Mrs G Petz [131]	Miss P Deane [145]

RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the March meeting we welcomed Mr Colin Hornsey, an amateur lapidarian, who gave us an informative and often hilarious talk about crystals and rocks. He started the talk with his version of the Big Bang, when all the stones were formed. He told us about the "hardness table", the softest being talc and the hardest, diamond. Mr Hornsey had lots of samples to show us which were fascinating to look at, particularly the polished stones. A very interesting part was the Victorian Birthday Gem Chart, quite different from the modern list of birthday stones. Mr Hornsey also brought along some very pretty jewellery he made from various gemstones, which he sold to several members of the WI. The next meeting is on 3 April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, and will be the Annual General Meeting, to choose new officers for next year. We will also be having a Fish & Chips supper.

70th ANNIVERSARY

This year we will be celebrating our 70th Anniversary. To mark the occasion we are holding a Tea Party on Sunday 8 June from 3.00pm to 5.00pm in the Village Hall. We would welcome all past members to join us. If you require transport, please contact out President, Sylvia.

PARISH COUNCIL [Clerk – Sheila Scholes – 440200]

CORRECTION Chairman's e-mail address as reported in last Newsletter should read davidsankey@btopenworld.com

PLANNING – Nothing to report.

ANNUAL PARISH COMMUNITY EVENING

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE – Now Tuesday 6 May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Various village organisations have been invited to come along to give both new and seasoned parishioners an insight into their role in the community and how you can join them and get involved. Everyone is invited to come along, members of the Parish Council will be on hand as well, to answer any questions you have about your village, and to listen to any suggestions you may have for future improvement. There will also be a "Suggestion box" at the door for those who would rather put their's in writing. Please come along and support this event, you may be surprised just how much goes on in the village you didn't know about. There will also be refreshment and a licenced bar available.

LITTER

Various comments and complaints have been received by the Parish Council who have decided to hold another Litter Pick:

Sunday 20 April 10.30am – 12noon. It is hoped that, as before, this will receive your support. Black bags will be provided, but please bring your own gloves! Within this short time, a large amount of litter can be collected, and it is an excellent opportunity to bring to the notice of Parish Councillors matters requiring their attention around the village. The Working Group usually enjoys a drink at The Bull afterwards! The Parish Council is particularly concerned about the glass and alcohol cans littering the playing field. Please note that this area is to be monitored by the Police and action will be taken against under-age drinkers. It has been noted and reported that some of the litter is being generated by the refuse collection vehicle! Rippingale will enter the Best Kept Village Competition this year [in 2007 the traffic diversion through the village meant that we did not participate]. Litter [or rather the absence of it] is one of the key elements considered when judging the competition.

VILLAGE WALKS

Cllr Exton has volunteered to lead a Village Walk on Thursday 17 April, meeting at 7.00pm outside the Church. The idea is to walk the footpaths around the village, of which many may be unaware. If successful, it is hoped that we can arrange further evenings during the summer. Families, with dogs [under control] and children [under supervision] are all welcome. The idea is to walk a roundabout route and return to The Bull Inn for a refreshing drink afterwards.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 10 April 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are always welcome to attend.

ADULT CINEMA CLUB

The second showing is the film "The Hunt for Red October" on Tuesday 15 April. Doors open at 7.30pm with the show starting at 7.45pm. Refreshments and a licenced bar will be available. Admission is FREE.

KIDS' CINEMA CLUB

The film "Golden Compass" will be shown on Wednesday 30 April. Doors open at 6.30pm with the show starting at 7.00pm. Refreshments will be available. Admission is FREE. Parents do not need to stay with their children as they will be supervised.

RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Members accustomed to the usual high standard of speakers at the monthly club lectures were not disappointed with Michael Myers' talk on Woodland Ranunculi. Michael journeyed from Smelthouses near Harrogate to share his wealth of knowledge with all present. His immense enthusiasm for his subject was illustrated with high quality slides. Ranunculi, the Buttercup family, includes plants such as Delphiniums but on this occasion he focused on woodland species – Anemones, Hepaticas, Aconites, Hellebores and Celandines with particular emphasis on hybrids

and cultivars. His growing tips showed a pertinence to the amateur gardener with suggestions for interesting crosses within the species. Michael said that, although much work had been done in the last twenty to thirty years, there was more scope for a lot of new plants through hybridization with infinite scope for flower variations. New members were given a particularly warm welcome and took advantage of the opportunity to purchase specialist plants which Michael had brought with him on the evening. The Club continues their interesting and varied programme with their next meeting on 9 April hosted in the Village Hall at 7.30pm when Richard Yates will talk on the subject of Orchids.

Open Gardens

Open Gardens this year will be on Saturday 3 May [2.00pm – 6.00pm] and Sunday 4 May [2.00pm – 5.00pm] Teas will be at 84 Station Street [Mr/Mrs Hallas] and 10 Wendover Close [Mr/Mrs Bladon].

POST OFFICE CLOSURE

The Friends of Rippingale Post Office [FORPO] have had meetings with Post Office representatives and Lincolnshire County Council. Neither meeting produced any change in the situation. Post Office Ltd is still insisting on the provision of a mobile service, although they have, as yet, found no alternative to the Scarborough Close site. We have pointed out that the site is dangerous and will strongly oppose its use. We await developments on this issue. Lincolnshire County Council has ruled out financial assistance, as per the Essex CC scheme, to retain threatened post offices. The problem is that LCC will not know the full extent of closures until later this year, so cannot assess the full financial impact of such assistance across the County. FORPO, with Castle Bytham and other action groups, have formed a new organisation, CAPOC [Communities Against Post Office Closure] and have subsequently launched a new CAPOC web site at www.postofficeclosures.org.uk The site aims to assist all those wishing to fight their own closures and CAPOC will continue the fight on a national basis. We still have at least one month to keep our post office open, and *WE WILL FIGHT TO THE LAST!*
For FORPO

AND FINALLY

Did you ever hear the story of the efficient but rather pompous tax inspector who called to check on a farmer's wages records?

He began firing questions: "*How many employees have you?*"

"*Two*", replied the elderly farmer.

"*What do you pay them?*"

"*Agricultural rate plus overtime.*"

"*No other staff?*"

"*No other staff except for a half-wit.*"

"*Oh!*" The inspector's nose sniffed a departure from the Annual Return.

"*And what does he receive?*"

"*A pound a week, his meals and a pair of trousers every Christmas.*"

"*I'd like to see him.*"

"*See him?*" snapped the exasperated farmer, "*Your'e talking to him!*"

DEADLINE FOR MAY 2008 NEWSLETTER
TUESDAY 15 APRIL 2008-
Items for the Newsletter MUST be in by the above date,
otherwise I cannot guarantee they will be included.
ITEMS FOR THE GROUP MAGAZINE ASAP PLEASE
MWM