



# Rippingale News

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## AUGUST 2005

[Editorial : Mary Morgan]  
18 Pinfold Close

<b>ST ANDREW'S CHURCH</b>		Priest in Charge - Revd G P Williams [Fr Graham 01778 571474]	
SUNDAY	7	Evening Prayer	6.00pm
	14	Holy Eucharist	9.30am
	21	NO SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S	
		<i>See noticeboard for other Group Services</i>	
	28	Holy Eucharist	6.00pm

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Neil and Mary Morgan

**CHURCH FLOWERS:** w/b 7th Mrs Cook  
14th & 21st Mrs Balaam  
28th Mrs Smith

**200 CLUB - Winners - July** Drawn by Tom Elliott [Sqn Ldr retired]  
£20 Harry Adams [166]  
£10 Mrs C Day [85] Mrs Everson [192]  
£ 5 Mrs M Pullen [91] Mr R Wellman [156]  
Mrs Houldershaw [81] Mr Rex Horton [82]

The August draw will be 1 x £200 and 4 x £50. Subscriptions are due during August, so your friendly collectors will call on you to collect your money. Subscriptions are payable as follows:  
Yearly - £13 Half-yearly - £6.50 OR Quarterly - £3.25. Cheques should be made payable to "St Andrew's 200 Club". Anyone wishing to join the 200 Club should contact Jean Redding.

**MUSIC FOR A SUMMER EVENING** This event, which took place on Saturday 25 June 2005 raised a total of £275 for church funds. Thank you to all who attended.

**BBQ BBQ BBQ BBQ BBQ BBQ BBQ BBQ BBQ BBQ BBQ BBQ**  
**Ringstead House, Station Street. SATURDAY 20 AUGUST £7.50 per head**  
Posters are displayed and tickets available. Please call Neil/Mary Morgan to order tickets. Cash on delivery please. All proceeds to St Andrew's church.

**RACENIGHT Rippingale Village Hall Saturday 17 September Doors open at 7.30pm**  
First race at 8.00pm prompt. Full race card, a licensed bar and buffet. Tickets available from Phil Read. Adults £2, juniors £1. All proceeds to St Andrew's church.

### REPAIRS

Repairs to the guttering etc have been completed on the South side of the church. Other repairs to the North side will commence around September, so as not to disturb the bat roosts.

### RIPPINGALE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

We would like to thank everyone who supported us by coming along to our Summer Fayre. It was a huge success, a beautiful day and we all had a great time.

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE SHIELDS FAMILY**

Mary, Brian and family would like to thank all the kind friends who sent their good wishes and cards, and especially their prayers during her recent illness. Thank God they were answered. I am home and on the way to recovery. *Mary Shields*

## **PARISH COUNCIL (Clerk - Sheila Scholes - 440200)**

### PLANNING

*29 High Street, existing porch.* No objection raised.

*31 Middle Street, amended plans.* The Parish Council has made a further request to SKDC that the proposed new house is built in line with existing adjacent houses.

### POLICE MATTERS

Community Police Support Officer (CPSO) Graeme Parrott attended the July Parish Council Meeting to outline his role in supporting the local Police Service. His duties include issuing Fixed Penalty Notices regarding litter, dog fouling, confiscation of alcohol and tobacco, and working with the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. He asks that any matter of concern - however "small" - be reported to the Police. Please note these contact numbers:

01522 558798 Ext 2083 [24 hour cover] OR [Graeme.parrott@linpol.ba](mailto:Graeme.parrott@linpol.ba) 3213083

He also hopes that residents will wish to volunteer to attend the "Community Engagement Panel Meetings" to be held in Bourne Police Station. This is an opportunity to make known local problems to the police who will then refer them on to, eg other emergency services, local authorities etc.

These Panel Meetings are part of a national government enterprise. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Cllr Barry Flatters on 440140 for more information.

### WAR MEMORIAL

The Parish Council is now in a position to apply for Grant Aid for the repair and cleaning of the War Memorial. The preferred estimate to carry out the work is £5190. Grant Aid is likely to be 50% of the cost and fund raising events are being planned to help finance the balance.

### TENNIS COURT & PLAYING FIELD

In response to last month's Newsletter item, the Parish Council has received two positive and constructive letters from residents.

*Mr S Harrison*, who was instrumental in obtaining the £25,000 facility in 1994, rightly points out that the "tennis court" was designed to be a multi-sports facility and was designed and marked for five-a-side football and netball as well as tennis. Mr Harrison was Chairman of the newly-created "Sports & Social Club" for two years and the Club took responsibility for managing and promoting various activities, including the use of the new facility. Unfortunately after a number of successful years, the Sport and Social Club folded. He says in his letter, "... *Now only nine years later, an expensive sports facility stands derelict ... As ever, once anything is damaged and not repaired it quickly becomes a target for further problems and once the perimeter fence was damaged and weeds allowed to grow through tiny cracks in the surface, the outcome was predictable. If no-one is using the facility currently it is because no-one has been physically able to use it because of broken glass, weeds and vandalism to the net and fencing. It was well used in the first few years after it was built and now the village is 50% bigger. Would it not be better to ask for volunteers to re-start a Sports and Social Club, including fund raising to sort out the damage and make it usable again? ... When it was usable, it was used, and could be again if the right environment were created.*"

*Mr D Carter*, in his letter, states: "*I firmly believe that we should attempt to retain it [the court] ... In comparison to other villages we have an awful lot to offer and I believe that the tennis court should be integral to this ... It is in need of repair, however the surface is in good condition, the wooden side panelling is strong, the metal cage structure is intact and the majority of the fencing simply requires re-rigging. I believe that we have a village facility that would probably cost £250,000+ to build new, but that simply requires a little time and effort to revitalise. ...I am suggesting that we attempt to refurbish the facility in time to celebrate over the weekend planned for the Rippingale Beer Festival. To this end, I believe it would be entirely appropriate to canvass local opinion and those available to help and to dedicate a weekend between now and then with an aim to have the facility refurbished in just a single weekend. What a way to celebrate the end of Summer! ... In the week that has seen the euphoria of our capital city being awarded both the 2012 Olympics and the tragedy of a terrorist attack, I believe that we should be firmly investing in retaining both sports facilities for our children to use as they grow, and the type of facilities that allow families to enjoy sport and quality time together.*"

The Parish Council fully endorses both of these letters and believes the way forward is the formation of a Sports and Social Club. If you would like to be involved in this please contact the Clerk on 440200. If you are willing to help David Carter in his proposal to refurbish the court during one weekend this summer.

**DIARY DATES:**

SUNDAY 18 September - 10.30am *VILLAGE LITTER PICK* - Meet at Village Hall. Led by the Parish Council ALL volunteers to help will be most welcome. It would also be appreciated if the School and Village Organisations could support the Clean Up. Black bags and "litter claws" will be provided, but please supply your own gloves! We hope to have finished by 1.00pm and then return to the Village Hall for a well-earned cup of coffee!

**NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE Thursday 8 September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room.** Members of the public are always welcome.

THE PARISH COUNCIL DO NOT MEETING DURING AUGUST

**RIPPINGALE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

<b>200 CLUB - Winners - July</b>	£20	D Thurston [121]	
	£10	D Baldry [3]	G Ward [70]
	£ 5	G Bates [118]	G Flatters [163]
		P Cotton [158]	J Cook [75]

**RIPPINGALE ROVERS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB [JFC]**

Rippingale Rovers JFC are looking for players for their Under 9s team. If you are interested in playing next season, please contact Cliff Marriner.

**PILLOW THOUGHTS**

Please remember in your prayers:

Miss M Durham	Gareth Mayhew
Betty MacMillan	Mary Shields

*Please let me know of any people you feel need our prayers. [Ed]*

**AND FINALLY**

"I would do anything to pass this exam," said a student to her professor. "I mean," she continued, leaning towards him and gazing meaningfully into his eyes, "I'd do anything."

"Anything?" queried her professor.

"*Anything*," she confirmed.

"Would you study?" He whispered.

**DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER  
FRIDAY 19 AUGUST 2005**

*ITEMS FOR THE RINGSTONE IN AVELAND NEWS ASAP  
PLEASE*

**MWM**