



Rippingale News

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18 Pinfold Close

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH Priest in Charge - Revd G P Williams [Fr Graham 01778 571474]

SERVICES

SUNDAY	5	Evening Prayer	6.00pm
	12	Eucharist	9.30am
	19	<i>NO SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S</i> <i>[See Noticeboard for Services in the Group]</i>	
	26	Eucharist	6.00pm

Note: Starting in September a new pattern of worship in the Group will be commencing. The only difference, as far as St Andrew's is concerned, is that the Evening Prayer and Evening Eucharist will change places. *Full details in the September Newsletter.*

CHURCH CLEANING: Neil and Mary Morgan

CHURCH FLOWERS: w/b 5th Mrs Bladon
12/19 Mrs Cook
26th Mrs Bladon

200 CLUB WINNERS - JULY *Drawn by Shaun Newcomb in The Bull Inn*

£20	Miss H Jessop [188]	
£10	Mr/Mrs J Wales [21]	Mrs M Morgan [73]
£ 5	Mrs L Hall [42]	Mrs M Morgan [179]
	Mr C Egan [94]	Mr/Mrs D Suddaby [124]

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday 4 August - BBQ at Ringstead House, Station Street, by kind permission of Brian and Mary Shields. Tickets at £7.50 per head are now available. Please contact the Church Secretary, Mary Morgan.

Lincolnshire Old Churches Trust - Sponsored Bike Ride and Stride - Sat 8 September 2007

Why not get some fresh air and exercise and take part in this year's Sponsored Bike Ride [or stride]! The purpose of the Ride and Stride is to raise money for Lincolnshire Churches. The money is equally divided between the church, or churches, nominated by each participant and the Lincolnshire Old Churches Trust, which uses the money to award grants to churches in Lincolnshire. If you would like to participate, please contact Bryony Harrison for further details and sponsorship form.

Saturday 6 October - Harvest Supper To be held in The Bull Inn, 7.30pm to eat at 8.00pm.

Tickets are now available at £8.50 per head. Numbers are limited to 40 so it will be "first come, first served". To book your ticket, please contact Mary Morgan.

CHURCH CHOIR

At a recent meeting of the Parochial Church Council it was suggested that we try to form a choir. We have a splendid organ - we have choir stalls - all we need is volunteers to "sing". However, although it is thought that there are enough people in the village who would be willing to be in the church choir, it will need someone to organise. Anyone interested in being a member of the choir and/or willing to organise, please contact the Church Secretary, Mary Morgan.

NOTE FROM EDITOR Last month I reported that Michael Morgan had taken over distribution of the Newsletter in Dovecote. Since then, Michael has said that he was having difficulty finding the time, but I am pleased to say that Shaun Newcomb has offered to take his place. Thanks Shaun. *Mary*

PARISH COUNCIL [Clerk - Sheila Scholes - 440200]

FLOODING

Rippingale has been very fortunate in that the heavy rainfall during June did not cause flood damage in the village. Residents who witnessed the Rippingale flood of July 2001 will have not forgotten the damage to property caused by flood water. Since that date a great deal of flood improvement work has taken place in the village.

Those new to the village may not know that rain water drains down from the A15 through culverts, down to Station Street and that the lowest point for water to collect is by the Surgery. From there, very large drains carry water away from the village.

The Parish Council worked very hard to co-ordinate the various agencies concerned: District and County Councils, The Environment Agency and The Black Sluice Drainage Board, who between them carried out an integrated scheme to reduce the likelihood of further flooding. A volunteer Flood Warden Scheme was also set up to monitor likely flooding, and take emergency action if necessary. During the above work, it was made very clear to all residents that maintaining dykes adjacent to their property is their "Riparian Ownership" responsibility. This means that there is a legal [enforceable] requirement to make sure that dykes are kept clear and allow water to flow freely.

The Parish Council has recently received reports that some residents are using dykes [presumably not their own!] To dump grass cuttings and other debris. This is unacceptable and could have dangerous repercussions if blockages do not allow water to flow on through the drainage system.

Rippingale Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is monitoring this situation, and anyone observed, or thought to be disposing of rubbish in this manner, will be reported to the Police and Local Authorities.

The District Council provides ample facilities for disposal of waste and garden rubbish, PLEASE USE THEM. YOUR CO-OPERATION IS REQUESTED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY. Thank you.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - JULY 2007

Due to Councillors' Training, the July meeting has been put back a week and the report of the meeting was not available at the time of going to press. A full report will be included in the September Newsletter.

There is no Meeting in August

RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Rippingale opened its gardens to the public this year on Sunday 24 June. The event was well attended and, although only being one day, some £180 profit was made, which was split between the Village Hall, LIVES and the Gardening Club. The RDGC would like to extend its thanks to all those who opened their gardens on the day as well as those who attended. In particular special thanks go to Chris Bladon who, not only did the lion's share of the organising as usual, but was left to run the whole event single handed on the day, due to unforeseen circumstances.

On Wednesday 11 July the Club visited Pennygate Plants and Gardens. Sixteen members enjoyed a fine evening viewing the beautiful gardens, followed by tea and a plant sale. The next meeting is a visit to Kirkdale House, Boothby Pagnell, leaving Rippingale Village Green at 6.30pm.

RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The July meeting was a coach trip to Whitemoors Gardens and Craft Centre. Along with several guests we had a very pleasant visit to the place, but unfortunately it rained quite a lot so it was a quick tour of the lovely gardens. We had a very nice lunch in the tea rooms at Whitemoors and then off to Fosse Park for a spot of retail therapy which we all enjoyed. The next meeting is on 2 August 2007 at 7.30pm when we will have a pudding tasting. Visitors welcome.

RINGSTONE PLAYERS

The Ringstone Players are looking for new members for their forthcoming production "The Fairytale of Snow White", to be performed in early January 2008. There will be a meeting on Tuesday 28 August to welcome new members. For details telephone Pam Harle.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

KIDS' CINEMA CLUB

"Arthur and The Invisibles" will be showing at the Village Hall on Wednesday 29 August. Doors open at 6.30pm, film starts at 7.00pm. Bring the children along, enjoy the film and eat some popcorn, or drop the children off and collect them when the film is finished.

FAMILY DISCO AND BBQ

This event held on Saturday 14 July was a fun evening enjoyed by all. There was a very good turnout of both young and old. About £500 was raised towards Village Hall funds. A big thank you to Andy Haskayne and his brother Alan who gave up their time free to do the disco for us. They did an excellent job. Thanks to everyone who helped and supported us.

AND FINALLY

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the Commandment to "honour" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a Commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat, one little boy [the oldest of a family] answered, "Thou shall not kill".

DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER 2007 NEWSLETTER WEDNESDAY 15 AUGUST 2007

**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