



Rippingale News

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(Editorial: Mary Morgan 440897)
18 Pinfold Close

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

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

SERVICES - DECEMBER

Sun	5	Christingle [No other service at St Andrew's]	3.00pm
Sun	12	Eucharist	9.30am
Fri	17	School Christmas Service	10.30am
Sun	19	Nine Lessons and Carols	6.00pm
Fri	24	Midnight Mass	11.30pm
Sat	25	Eucharist at Kirkby Underwood	10.00am
Sun	26	Group Eucharist - Morton	10.30am

FOR YOUR DIARY: Plough Sunday - 9 January 2005 - 9.30am

We were pleased to welcome members of the Group to the very moving Memorial Service on 7 November.

The *Service of Remembrance* on 14 November was well attended and £102 was collected for The Royal British Legion.

At the time of going to press we have not held our Gift Day, but many of you have returned the envelopes with contributions, for which we thank you most sincerely. The total amount donated will be published in the January Newsletter.

CHURCH CLEANING:

Eva Patrick and Florence Grime

Having received the last Newsletter, when volunteers were requested, Eva and Florence agreed to clean during November. This means they now clean the church 5 months of the year, including December, for which the PCC is most grateful.

200 CLUB Winners - November

£20	Mr R Ayres [199]	
£10	Mrs C Enderby [129]	Mr T Elliott [38]
£5	Mr C F Gibbons [62]	Mr L Atkinson [145]
	Mr Davey [118]	Mrs E Newsome [67]

RIPPINGALE VILLAGE METHODIST CAROL SERVICE

A Carol Service is to be held on Thursday 16 December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. It will be led this year by "homegrown" Richard Bailey and music with Don Faux and Friends. The Offertory will be in aid of the National Children's Homes. Please stay afterwards for tea/coffee, sausage rolls, mince pies and a chat.

LINCOLNSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST

A message from Chris Bladon:

"Although not many attended the event, quite a number called on me beforehand and their purchases along with those that came and supported us on the day amounted to a very creditable £260 for the Trust. My thanks also go to Sue at The Bull who provided the accommodation and coffee. If all goes to plan, I hope to repeat the event next year."

PARISH COUNCIL (Clerk - Sheila Scholes - 440200)

PLANNING

31 Middle Street - erection of dwelling. The Parish Council has no objection to the application in principle, but has requested that:

- .. Ridge height should be no higher than adjacent properties
- .. Frontage should be in line with existing Council properties
- .. Sympathetic building with adjacent listed property

27 East Street, new vehicular access. Planning Permission granted 5 November 2004.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR/VANDALISM

The November Parish Council meeting was attended by residents wishing to express concern that, over the past 18 months, there has been an unacceptable increase in anti-social behaviour and vandalism in the village. PC S Smith was in attendance in view of reported problems in the village and confirmed the Police priorities. These are:

- .. Emergency calls
- .. Violence
- .. Spare resources designated as "Directed Patrols".

Rippingdale is currently a "Hot Spot" for these Directed Patrols. PC Smith has arranged for additional Anti-social patrols to be arranged in the village, with Police Community Officer and Special Constable support. It is hoped that an appeal to parents will produce results and that all concerned parents will wish to support the Parish Council and Police in this matter. It was further agreed that a Public Meeting be called, organised by Cllr B Flatters, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, with the Police in attendance.

The Public Meeting will be held on Thursday 9 December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

NB *The Council have just paid out £352 to have the OXO blocks in the play area repaired!!*

PARISH SPECIAL CONSTABLES

PC Smith has suggested that volunteers from the village might train as Volunteer Parish Special Constables. Duties would be four hours per week with police training and support. More details available at the Public Meeting.

BUS SHELTER PROJECT

The Parish Council cannot finance the project at this time and the £1000 grant aid is to be returned to Lincs Rural Transport Partnership.

DOCTORS' SURGERY

A comprehensive and reassuring reply from the Practice Manager has been received regarding rumours of closure of the Surgery. The letter is reproduced in full with this Newsletter.

WINTER SALTING ROUTES 2004

Copies of the LCC Guide to Winter Driving are available at the Post Office in Middle Street. The roads to be salted/gritted in Rippingdale are: *High Street, Middle Street and Station Street.*

FINANCE

Budget 2005-6. The Council agreed its Budget for 2005-6 (copies on website). The Parish Council proposes that the Precept required would be as 2004-5, ie £11,750.

DISTRICT COUNCIL BUSINESS

District Cllr G Taylor advised that the District Council is preparing its 2005-6 Budget and aims to save £7000,000 in the next year. Some savings are to be made by improving efficiency, others by reducing services. No final decision taken to date.

DATES OF MEETINGS - 2005

Members of the public are always welcome to attend these meetings which are held at the Village Hall in the Committee Room. There are no meetings in August or December.

THURSDAYS	January	6th
	February	10th
	March	10th
	April	7th
	May	12th
	June	9th
	July	7th
	September	8th
	October	6th
	November	10th

NEXT MEETING - Thursday 6 January - 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE

The following planning applications have been considered and responded to by the Committee:
27 East Street - enlarge access. Approved by VDC.
Poplar Farm Barn. Amended applications approved by SKDC.
Adjacent 31 Middle Street - dwelling. Approved by VDC.

FOUL PLAY ON THE FOOTBALL PITCH

On Wednesday 17 November, after marking the pitch out ready for the weekend games, I had the lovely task of scooping up three heaps of dog dirt. Dog dirt to young children is a great danger causing stomach upsets and even blindness. This child could be your son, daughter or grandchild. If your dog happens to foul on the pitch PICK IT UP and send yourself "off". That's what happens to the kids when they foul. *P Thurston, Football Groundsperson.*

REMINDER: DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE PLAYING FIELD ANYWAY! [Editor]

RIPPINGALE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

200 CLUB Winners - November	£20	A Tennant	
	£10	J Exton	J Elliott
	£5	J Phillips	P Read
		A Keen	M Atkinson

MENINGITIS FUND

The sum of £235 was donated in memory of Nellie Whitney who died at The Willows on 7 September, aged 102.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We all enjoyed our Ploughman's Supper in October and had great fun with the Beetle Drive afterwards. The Group meeting in Bourne was well attended by members and we were treated to a fashion show by Pam Bosworth and her models. Pam told us all about her dress agency and hat hire enterprise and how it all began. Several members attended the talk on Coventry Cathedral at Heckington and more went to the Key Theatre to see Jerome Flynn as Tommy Cooper in "Just Like That". The November meeting was unexpected because the original speaker was unable to come, so we heard all about the beautiful city of Boston from Kevin Harrison instead. The next meeting will be on 2 December when Fiona from Bare Pots in Lincoln will give us the chance to paint our own plates or Christmas baubles if we want to (for a fee) or just watch how she does it. There will be sherry and mince pies and we shall be drawing the winner of the £100 bursary. This will also be the last chance for members to put their name down for Christmas Dinner at The Bull on 6 December. Names will also be taken for those wishing to attend the Spring Council Meeting at Springfields on 15 March 2005, when the speaker will be Gervase Phinn. *Michelle Joint*

RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Thirty eight members enjoyed an excellent slide show with music and a talk by Jackie and Peter Murray on "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly". Afterwards questions were answered and a vote of thanks was given by the Chairman, Mr C Curtis. The Christmas meeting will be on 8 December in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm, which will be a talk by Mr Rheinhard Beilher of Bay Tree Nurseries. New members very welcome.

RE M I N D E R BURNS' SUPPER

Saturday 22 January 2005, 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm. Tickets £20 each. Contact either Ellen Floyd on 440773 or Betty MacMillan on 440344.

PILLOW THOUGHTS

Please remember in your prayers: Miss M Durham Mrs D Waters Gareth Mayhew
Sue Thompson

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

I'm sure you will wish to join me in thanking the happy band of distributors who between them deliver the Newsletter to every household in the village. *Mary Morgan, Editor*

AND FINALLY A Recipe for a Christmas cake - *with a difference!*

INGREDIENTS:

1 cup	Water
2 cups	Dried fruit
1 cup	Brown sugar
1 tsp	Salt
8 ozs	Mixed nuts
4 lge	Eggs
1 tsp	Baking powder
Juice of one lemon	
1 bottle of Whisky	

METHOD:

Sample the Whisky to check for quality. Take a large bowl (check the Whisky again). To be sure it is of the highest quality, pour 1 level cup and drink. Repeat.

Turn on the electric mixer and beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add one teaspoon of sugar and beat again.

Make sure the Whisky is still OK. Cry another tup. Turn off the mixerer.

Break 2 eggs and add to the bowl and chuck in the dried fruit. Mix on the turner. If the druit gets stuck on the beaterers, pry loose with a drewscriver.

Sample the Whisky to check for tonsisticity. Next sift 2 cups of salt - or something - who cares? Check the Whisky again.

Now sift the lemon juice and strain the nuts. Add 1 tablespoon of sugar or something, whatever you can find.

And finally grease the oven - turn the cake tin to 350 degrees - don't forget to beat off the turner - throw the bowl out the window, check the Whisky again **AND GO TO BED!**

[It is recommended that you read the Method before preparation of the Ingredients!]

**I WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS AND
GOOD LUCK IN 2005**

**DEADLINE FOR JANUARY 2005 NEWSLETTER
FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER 2004
18 Pinfold Close
DON'T FORGET**

MWM

The Rural Medical Practice

Formerly The Springwells & Glenside Practices

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The Surgery
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The Surgery
Station Street
Rippingale
Bourne
Lincs, PE10 0TA
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Partners: Dr G Campbell Dr J Parry Dr M Campbell Dr M Webster Dr K Croft Dr H Keck Mr F Hatfull

Mrs SM Scholes
The Old Station
Rippingale
Bourne
Lincs PE10 0TG

Monday, 25 October 2004

Dear Mrs Scholes,

Doctors Surgery Rippingale

Thank you for your letter received this morning and for your previous message about the Hospital Car Service. I am sorry I have not been available to respond sooner.

1. Residents' Letters

We have taken residents' letters and comments about the reduced opening times very seriously. So, last week we interviewed and offered jobs to one new dispenser and one new receptionist. We are also in serious discussion with another doctor about joining us as a part time partner. I am sure you will be pleased to hear that we intend to reopen Rippingale surgery for an additional session on Friday mornings, once the new staff are in place.

I also attach copies of responses to residents' letters as requested.

2. Rumours About Closure

We can not of course guarantee the future of Rippingale Surgery. We do have significant Health & Safety, Disabled Access, and Structural issues with the current building.

However, it is certainly not our intention to cease to provide regular surgeries at Rippingale, but in the long term probably not from the existing building.

We are starting discussions with the PCT about replacement buildings. My expectations are that it will take us a couple of years to sort out an alternative.

3. Prescription Collections

The offer of help from the Hospital Car Service for the collection of prescriptions is very welcome indeed. I would very much welcome the opportunity of discussing this further with you. It would be very useful to arrange a meeting when our new dispenser starts (in a couple of weeks) to discuss how it could work.

Yours sincerely

Frank Hatfull

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