



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 FOR DECEMBER

FRI	1	Christingle	2.00pm
SUN	3	Evening Prayer	6.00pm
	10	Eucharist	9.30am
FRI	15	School Christmas Celebration	2.00pm
SUN	17	Nine Lessons & Carols	6.00pm
	24	Midnight Mass	11.30pm
	31	GROUP SERVICE AT MORTON	10.30am

CHURCH CLEANING: Eva Patrick and Florence Grime

CHURCH FLOWERS: A message from Christ Bladon [440812]

The decoration of the church for Christmas has been advanced by one week as the Carol Service will be held on Sunday 17 December and an additional event, the Brass Band Concert, on Saturday 16 December. We have been asked to decorate the church for these events and therefore the church will be open on Friday the 15th from 9.00am until 1.00pm and Saturday from 9.00am until noon. If anyone has problems with these arrangements, please contact me.

200 CLUB - WINNERS FOR OCTOBER: *Drawn by Mrs Charlotte Enderby [nee Balaam]*

£20	Mike Exton [165]	
£10	Mr/Mrs Carter [15]	Mrs J Redding [6]
£ 5	Mrs Holdershaw [81]	Mrs Nora Beever [187]
	Angela Keen [106]	Brian Shields [5]

BRASS BAND CONCERT

A fantastic evening of Christmas musical classics will be held in the church on Saturday 16 December at 7.00pm. The music will be provided by the popular Stamford Brass and will feature Simon Page on the organ. Proceeds to the Fabric Fund of St Andrew's, MacMillan Nurses the Village Hall and L-I-V-E-S. Adults £8, under 16s £4, includes a glass of mulled wine and light refreshments. There will also be a raffle.

BELL RINGING

Basically, bell ringing is the ability to ring church bells for church services and special occasion. Why do it? It's challenging, can be fun and can be a social occasion. You meet new people and make new friends. [Us ringers are very friendly people!] How hard is it? You don't have to be strong to ring bells, it's all about technique. There is no age limit to learning; the lowest age, about thirteen, oldest - no limit! Here at Rippingale, at this moment in time, there are only two regular ringers. So we are appealing to all you ex-ringers to come back and join us and to all you non-ringers and, hopefully, willing volunteers to come and have a go. You never know, it may be the one thing missing in your life to make it complete!! We meet for practice every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. On the first and third Wednesdays we ring at Rippingale and the second and fourth Wednesdays we ring in Billingborough. So if you want to have a go or wish to take it up again, we would be pleased to see you. If you want to talk to someone about bell ringing, please contact *Mike Redding, Tower Captain*

RIPPINGALE METHODIST CAROL SERVICE

Tuesday 19 December is the date of this year's Carol Service, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Richard Bailey and the Revd Colin Martin will lead this evening and the collection [offertory] will be in aid of The National Children's Homes. Please stay afterwards for light refreshments and a chat.

PARISH COUNCIL (Clerk - Sheila Scholes - 440200)

VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR

Notice of a vacancy for a Parish Councillor has been advised to SKDC, details of which have been posted on the Parish Notice Board. A by-election to fill the vacancy will be held if, within 14 working days from 16 November, ten electors give notice in writing claiming such an election to the Returning Officer. If no such notice is given, the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-option.

If you are interested in becoming a Co-opted Member of the Parish Council please contact any Parish Councillor who will be pleased to tell you what is involved.

PLANNING

Rear of 137 Station Street, Residential development, 4 dwellings and new access. The Parish Council has objected to the application and notified SKDC accordingly.

Yew Tree House, 70 Station Street, garage, garden store and gym. Councillors to make a site visit and report back.

ROAD CLOSURES

Details of alternative routes are posted on the Village Notice Board:

1 Doctors Lane [4 - 9 December 2006] - Essential maintenance work.

2 Bridge reconstruction [2 January - 23 March 2007]

The B1177 will be CLOSED just to the south of Rippingale Fen crossroads.

Road diversion signs will be in place on the B1177, A52 and A15.

RUBBISH COLLECTION

1 All residents should have received a letter from SKDC notifying the supply of "Wheelie bins" in the near future. Please note the Assisted Collection Scheme number [01476] 406360 for your use if you anticipate difficulties in using the new collection system.

2 The Parish Council has reported two problems regarding refuse collection to SKDC:

a) Bank Holiday Saturday collection in Pinfold Close, whereby the freighter could not get through parked cars. SKDC reply *"...Unfortunately we are unable to make a special arrangement on Bank Holidays. ... Due to the design of our rounds no other vehicle is in the area with capacity to make these collections until the following Monday. One solution would be for the residents of this area to not have a collection until the following Monday. This would be for the Parish Council to discuss with them. Another possibility would be for the residents to place their rubbish at the end of the Close, at the junctions of Middle Street or Station Street. Again, this will rely on the good will of these residents, and the Parish council discussing this with them."*

If Pinfold Close residents would like to take up either of SKDC suggestions above, would they please contact the Clerk [440200]. Residents will then be consulted regarding future collection arrangements.

b) The second problem reported was that of the green Wheelie bin collection freighter leaking smelly liquid waste. SKDC reply *"With regard to the collection vehicle, this vehicle is cleaned each day after use and therefore any liquid from the vehicle the following day should be clean. I apologise that this has not been the case in the past and the operations team have been instructed to monitor this more carefully in the future..."*

FINANCE

The Parish Council approved expenditure of £758 to cut down hedging to rear of tennis court.

The Annual Precept 2007-8 was approved at the meeting and it was agreed that a Precept of £14,000 be set, represented by a charge of £39.83 per Band "D" household. [Current charge is £36.99]. A copy of the Council Budget 2007-8 is posted on the Village Notice Board and website.

DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Dates for 2007 were agreed. All meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. There is no meeting in December.

Date of next meeting Thursday 11 January 2007

RIPPINGALE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

200 CLUB WINNERS - November	£20	N Gray [104]	
	£10	T Beech [14]	I Wilson [167]
	£ 5	V Francis [199]	P Taylor [147]
		W Ball [198]	N E Brighton [?]

RIPPINGALE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS DISCO/KARAOKE

The school is arranging a Family Christmas Disco/Karaoke evening on Saturday 2 December [6-10pm] at the Village Hall. Tickets will cost £3.50 for adults/£2.50 for children. This price will include a jacket potato with choice of fillings [or sausage roll] and mince pies and cream. There will be a licensed Bar. Father Christmas will also be visiting us to say "hello" to the children. Posters will be displayed round the village from the beginning of November to tell you where you can obtain tickets - everyone is welcome. During the evening we will also be drawing the winning tickets for our Christmas Raffle. First prize is a Christmas Hamper [to the value of £50] plus many other prizes. Raffle tickets will also be available from the beginning of November.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We had a great meeting on 2 November with several new members attending. The Speaker was Margaret Rushworth, who gave us a great talk about Middle Eastern Dancing, generally known as Belly Dancing. Margaret discussed the various costumes from Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco and Turkey and demonstrated the dances from each area. The members were taught a little about the dancing and we nearly all had a go! Supper was served to 35 after the business part of the WI with the Federation Notices being read out. The supper was loosely based on Moroccan dishes and was cooked and prepared by Anne, Michelle and Gill. Tea, coffee and Turkish Delight was served by Brenda and Rosetta. The next meeting is to be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 7 December and is titled Beryl's Baubles.

RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

At their meeting in November, 27 members were entertained to a very interesting and amusing talk by Paul Gray on the Gardens of Gunby Hall. Paul, who has worked at Gunby Hall all of his life, has risen to the rank of Head Gardener. Gunby Hall was built on the site of a medieval house in about 1700. It is reputed to have a ghost, and Paul tells us that "the story he made up" is the correct one. The next meeting is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13 December and is a talk by Julian Browse on Seagate Nurseries. This will be our Christmas meeting so members are invited to bring along a little something for the buffet. Last year we made the mistake of requesting "not too many mince pies" and subsequently had a mince pie free Christmas Party. We won't make that request this year. For more details of the Club please visit www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk/GardeningClub/htm

THE BULL INN

SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY - Wednesday 20 December at 3.00pm. *Everyone welcome.*
CHRISTMAS DRAW NIGHT - Saturday 23 December. Free buffet and Karaoke hosted by Andrea.
8.30 - 9.00pm Selection of prizes to be won.

KIDS' CINEMA CLUB

Doors open at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Parents do not need to stay with their children, as they will be supervised. Refreshments will be available to purchase, including sweets, drinks, crisps and popcorn. Come along to your local "cinema" and watch the latest movies FREE.

Wednesday	29 November	Cars
Wednesday	20 December	Over the Hedge

SANTA IS COMING TO RIPPINGALE STORES Hoorah Hoorah

As we complete a full year at Rippingale Stores, by way of a "thank you" to all and to wish everyone a Happy Christmas, on Saturday 9 December, Father Christmas will be visiting the Rippingale Stores Grotto from 6.00pm onwards. There will be free presents for all the children, photographs with Santa [£1 each] free mince pies and a subsidised Hog Roast for the bigger "children". [All proceeds to Rippingale C of E Primary School].

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all their continued and valued support and we look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Bash. Claire & Mike Moles

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH BULLETIN 32 - 8 November 2006

A Bulletin received today advises of the following telephone scam. PDS parcel delivery service suggest there is a parcel that they are unable to deliver to you. They then ask you to call 09066 611911, a premium rate number. **DO NOT CALL THIS NUMBER.** The scam originates from Belize and it will cost you £15 in charges. Please report any fraudulent activity to either the Royal Mail on 02072 396655 or contact ICSTIS the premium rate regulator. *Margaret Ayres, Co-ordinator*

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Would whoever stole the stone squirrel from the front garden of 17 East Street, please put it back. It is of no value to anyone except me - my daughter bought it for me and it has stood there for the last 18 years!!! Florence Grime

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTORS

It's that time of the year again. I am sure you will join with me in thanking my sterling distributors of the Newsletter every month. All I do is put them through their door! They are:

High Street	Roy Beddington	45 issues	
Fred Whiten	Wendover Close	13	
Florence Grime	East Street	40	
Faith Balaam	Doctor's Lane	15	[Previously distributed by Rosetta]
Pam Burgess	Station Street	59	
Rebecca Main	Miller's Close	29	
Eric Page	Barn Farm/The Fens	20	
Phil Read	Goldfinch Rise	29	
Shirley Flatters	Dovecote	52	
Sylvia Scheinpflug	Middle Street	44	[and half of Pinfold Close]
Sylvia Stewart	Half Pinfold Close	17	

WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT THEM !!!!!

And finally:

I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas

DEADLINE FOR JANUARY 2007 NEWSLETTER
FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 2006

Items for the Ringstone in Aveland News ASAP please

MWM