



Rippingale News

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18 Pinfold Close

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

SUN	6	Evening Prayer	6.00pm
WED	9	Ash Wednesday Service at Morton	10.00am
SUN	13	Eucharist	9.30am
SUN	20	NO SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S	
		[See noticeboard for services in the Ringstone in Aveland Group]	
SUN	27	Eucharist	6.00pm

GIFT DAY [November 2004] Thanks to your kindness, a wonderful £762.56 was donated. Because so many taxpayers were prepared to put their details on the envelope, this amount was increased considerably giving us a final total of £938, which will go towards the cost of repairs to the guttering and re-leading of five of the six clerestory windows. St Andrew's PCC thank you all for your generosity.

CHURCH CLEANING:	Neil and Mary Morgan
CHURCH FLOWERS:	W/b 5/12 Mr B Shields
	19/26 Mrs P Read

200 CLUB - Winners - January	£20	Mr L Hibbins [148]	
	£10	Mr K Lett [61]	Mrs R MacDonald [137]
	£ 5	Mr/Mrs K Simm [33]	Mr/Mrs P Read [3]
		Mrs J Yallup [89]	Mrs Taylor [84]

There are still a few places left in the 200 Club. Anyone interested should contact Jean Redding on 440630 OR the Editor.

Disability Discrimination Act 1995 In accordance with this Act, the PCC have not only installed an audio sound system, but has also provided service sheets/books in larger print for those with impaired sight. Fortunately, we already conformed with the Act regarding wheelchair access.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	Wednesday 2 March	Lenten Lunch in church at 12noon
	Wednesday 20 April	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
		[Evening - time to be confirmed]

METHODIST CAROL SERVICE

A message from John Phillips:

"Holding the Methodist Carol Service in the Village Hall for 2004 proved to be a very enjoyable event. 120 people sang enthusiastically between other items, and £238 was raised for National Children's Homes. Mince pies and sausage rolls were provided by many generous friends and brought a lovely Christmas feeling to the conclusion of the evening. Thanks to everyone. See you this year!! JP"

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Another year and another big Thank You to Sue, Ebon and all the helpers at The Bull for the great party they put on for the senior citizens of the village. The dinner was enjoyed by all and the dining area was excellent. Thank you to Sue for organising the party. *Lucy Francis*

PARISH COUNCIL (Clerk - Sheila Scholes - 440200)

PLANNING

Erection of dwelling, land 31 Middle Street SKDC Planning Permission granted.

Erection of dwelling, 77 Station Street SKDC Approval of Reserved Matters granted.

Demolition of Methodist Chapel, erection of three dwellings Outline Planning Permission granted.

Proposed garage, 4 Wendover Close SKDC Planning Permission granted.

Dwelling, 2 Wendover Close Outline Planning Permission granted.

Erection of dwelling, Plot 2, adjacent 27 East Street No objections raised, SKDC notified.

Change of use of land from agricultural to paddock, Poplar Farm, East Street. Councillors, with no interest to declare, have opposed the application. Reasons for objection that change of use would facilitate possible building development on the land in the future. SKDC notified.

Erection of double garage, Old Mill, Dovecote Barn. Councillors with no interest to declare have no objections to the application. SKDC have been notified.

STREET LIGHTS

Additional street lights have been purchased for Station Street and Scarborough Close. It has been agreed to request a further light to be erected on the Village Green. Lights not working have been reported to SKDC - it would be a great help if you need to report a light to quote its reference number - stencilled (usually) on the lamp post. Cllr Melvyn Patrick is responsible for reporting the faults to SKDC or LCC, as appropriate.

DATES OF 2005 MEETINGS

All meetings on Thursdays at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room. The public are always welcome to attend. No meeting in August or December

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

RIPPINGALE VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE

Planning applications considered by the Village Design Committee

Adj 31 Middle Street, dwelling. Approved by VDC and SKDC.

77 Station Street, dwelling. Objection by VDC because of lack of detail. Approved by SKDC.

Methodist Chapel, three dwellings (outline). Objection by VDC because application did not mention that 10 trees would have to be felled which would be detrimental to the character of the area. Approved by SKDC but for 2 dwellings only.

4 Wendover Close, garage. Objection by VDC. Would undermine existing neighbouring hedge.

Adj 2 Wendover Close, outline for a dwelling. VDC objection, need for sustainability, does not reduce the need for car travel, impact upon the character of the settlement.

Plot 2, East Street. Objection by VDC based on the identical application [SO4/0867] refused by SKDC.

Poplar Farm, High Street, change of use from agricultural to paddock. Objection by VDC as this would enable the paddock to be considered as suitable for residential development.

Planning applications for development in the village are passed to the Village Design Committee for their comments by the District Council. The VDC's comments are not based on personal preference or bias. They are based on Government, District Council and the design Statement's planning policies. The final decision on an application is made by the District Council.

The VDC is presenting a Bird and Wildlife Slide Show by Nick Williams on 23 February in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm Adults £3, children £1 at door. Refreshments will be available and a raffle will be held with the first prize of "A flight over the village".

SNOWDROP & HELLEBORE WEEKEND - GARDENS OPEN - SAT/SUN 12/13 FEBRUARY

Manor Farm, Keisby, Nr Bourne AND 25 High Street, Rippingale - 11.00am to 4.00pm

Entrance £1.50 each garden. Children free. Plant sales and refreshments. *NO DOGS PLEASE*

RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The Christmas meeting was on 8 December. The Chairman introduced Mr Rheinart Beilher of Bay Tree Nurseries who gave a very interesting talk on his beginnings and the gradual growth of his nursery as it is today. He also brought along many plants, bulbs and other useful items which he sold at the end. Questions were answered and a vote of thanks given. Refreshments followed. No meetings in January or February. The next meeting will be Wednesday 9 March which will be a slide show by Mr Richard Adams on "Camera in the Garden" in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. New members are very welcome.

FUNERAL: Ruth Elizabeth Fuller

Ruth's family would like to thank all who attended her funeral at St Andrew's Church on Monday 20 December. The service was conducted by the Revd Wing Commander Andrew Turner, the husband of Ruth's niece, and thirty family members joined with thirty friends, many from the village, for the service. The hymns were "What a friend we have in Jesus" and "Lord of all hopefulness". The readings, from the Book of Ruth, the New Testament and an apposite poem, were read by Liz Turner (niece), Iain Mathieson (son-in-law) and Wendy Staniland (daughter). Donations in lieu of floral tributes totalled £500 which has been donated to the MacMillan Cancer Relief Fund.

David Fuller

FAREWELL TO THE SANDS

Oh! My word, a short walk down memory lane with Dick and Sheelagh Sands. What can we all say. Yes, a wonderful pair in innumerable ways. At the moment Dick continues to live in Wellington Farm where he was born. Only a short time past has he given up his love for "mother earth" and farming. From the village school, Dick attended Bourne Grammar School where he enjoyed sport. During the war years he served in the Home Guard, likewise he was a Bevan Boy. Dick's community spirit grew and continues to this day. To mention but a few of his undertakings, he was goal keeper in the football team, one time captain of the cricket team, he was a very good shot and continues to enjoy a round of golf. Dick served on the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council for a number of years, freely giving of his time. I remember the days he had an MG sports car!

I first met Sheelagh at Donnington where we both taught and it was here Dick came into the picture. Congratulations! They have just celebrated their Golden Wedding. Over the years Sheelagh taught in Bourne and Rippingale, she became a very supportive farmer's wife, giving a helping hand in village life at the WI, the Feast and the Gardening Club. At St Andrew's church, Sheelagh was Secretary and later a Churchwarden. A flower lover, decorating the church at festival times and for many weddings over the years, the garden at Wellington Farm was always a joy for all to see at the Village Open Gardens weekend. In times gone by, Sheelagh enjoyed hockey and tennis. Dick and Sheelagh have been superb gardeners together. They are moving on, leaving many friends with a lifetime of memories and happiness. They have both given much to Rippingale and we are the richer for knowing them. Shortly, they will be leaving us to settle in Yorkshire to be near their two daughters and family - this, with great joy! Dick, from boyhood through manhood, Sheelagh for the last fifty years, your friends in Rippingale salute you. Many thanks for your stalwart service. Rippingale wish you a long and very happy retirement. *Lorna Webb*

RIPPINGALE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

VILLAGE HALL "OPEN NIGHT"

The Management Committee has decided to host an open evening in the village hall on Thursday 1 March. This will be a purely social event with cheese and wine provided and the Committee would particularly like to welcome newcomers to the village. A circular, with full details, will be distributed to each household nearer the date.

VILLAGE SCARECROW COMPETITION

The Committee has decided to hold a Scarecrow Competition in conjunction with the village Open Gardens on 21/22 May. It is hoped that, by combining with the Open Gardens, we can make the event much larger and more attractive to visitors than the small competition held in 2003. This is an early warning to those who might be interested in taking part. It is proposed to charge an entry fee of £1.50 and to award substantial prizes, judging being by a ballot of those attending the event and the Open Gardens. In order to discuss the organisation and intended themes for the competition, over a glass (or two) of wine, the Committee would like as many as possible of those interested to join them at the Open Night on 10 March. A detailed circular will then be distributed throughout the village giving full details of the competition. Details will also be posted on the village website.

INDOOR BOWLING

The Committee is exploring the possibility of forming an evening indoor bowls club at the village hall. It is hoped that such facilities could be made available to a range of age groups. In order to assess the demand the Committee asks that anyone interested should contact the Secretary, Mike Hallas or John Warman.

VILLAGE FEAST

We once again have the problem of finding people prepared to organise this event. Unfortunately, some of those who organised last year's Feast have now left the village and it will be sad, indeed, if the event finally has to lapse due to lack of support. Anyone who feels able to assist in its organisation should contact Rosetta Atkinson Mike Hallas.

200 CLUB Winners - January £20 B Lambert
£10 A Woods M Lock
£5 K Sckhavi V Francis C Day G Bates

The BIG draw night will be on Wednesday 2 February [1 x £200 and 4 x £50]. Doors open at 7.30pm. Why not come along and have a game of bowls or a game of cards and a bit of a laugh! Please make sure that numbers are paid for before this date. The year subscriptions will then be due - we still have a few spare numbers. If you wish to join, please contact Rosetta Atkinson. Thank you.

RIPPINGALE WEBSITE [www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk]

The village website is now well established, but it needs more material from the villagers. You can advertise anything for sale in the Small Ads from an unwanted Xmas present to your car, or even your house, promote your business under Local Businesses, which in turn gives a service to the readers who may need a carpenter or plumber etc, or make an announcement [births, deaths and marriages etc] ALL FOR FREE. SO, let's hear from you. All it takes is a 'phone call to John Warman or just go on line and follow the links and email us.

You will find out what is happening in Rippingale in the Events Calendar/What's On page, and you can advertise your own event there, again for free. Unless we are given the information we cannot put it up there. You will find copies of the "Rippingale News" from July 2004.

We now have a regular feature "Country Eye", but would welcome any other articles, either a one-off or a regular feature, for publication. Check out the "Rippingale" section from the main menu.

Soon, we will have Broadband in the village. However, the Rippingale Village website is quick to load from a normal modem. You can gain cheap and easy access to the internet through your ordinary 'phone line with a pay-as-you-go package, eg from Wanadoo, so why not get connected?

John Warman

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RIPPINGALE BURNS SUPPER

The inaugural Rippingale Burns Supper was held in the Village Hall on Saturday 22 January. One hundred guests enjoyed a wonderful evening of Burns' music and poetry performed by various artistes from as far afield as Northern Ireland and Buckinghamshire. The guests danced into the wee small hours to the lively music of Byards Leap. The delicious food was provided by Sue Atkinson from The Bull. Proceeds from this fantastic event, which at the moment looks to be in the region of £1500, will be donated to cancer research and the Village Hall fund. The organisers would like to thank everyone who made this such a great occasion.

PILLOW THOUGHT

Please remember in your prayers:

Miss M Durham
Gareth Mayhew
Janet Stublely

Mrs D Waters
Sue Thompson
Jim Dowling

AND FINALLY:

For the month when we celebrate St Valentine's day, a little poem which was written in my Autograph book, when I was about 12 years old!

*They strolled the lanes together.
They looked up at the stars.
They came to a gate together.
He lifted up the bars.
She neither smiled nor thanked him.
Indeed, she knew not how.
For he was only a farmer's boy
And she was a Jersey cow!*

MWM DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2005

ITEMS FOR THE RINGSTONE IN AVELAND NEWS ASAP PLEASE