



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]

FEBRUARY SERVICES

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

CHURCH CLEANING FOR FEBRUARY:
CHURCH FLOWERS:

Neil and Mary Morgan
Mrs M Whiten and Mrs R Main

200 CLUB WINNERS - JANUARY	£20	E Page [190]	
	£10	S Newcomb [104]	Mrs T Pridmore [172]
	£ 5	Sue Atkinson [65]	C Petz [7]
		Mrs M Whiten [139]	Mrs G Bainbridge [195]

GIFT DAY

The wonderful amount of £634 was given, and because so many of you put your name and address on the envelope as taxpayers, the grand total is £785. This will go towards the interior decoration of the church fabric. Thank you all for your generosity.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

This is to be held on Wednesday 19 April 2006 in the church. At this meeting, Mr Neil Morgan will state his intention to stand down as Churchwarden at the Annual Meeting in **2007**, having served for six years. The PCC are therefore looking for a replacement Churchwarden AND ALSO a Verger. Over the last couple of years the two Churchwardens have taken on the role of Verger in addition to their normal duties. Churchwardens are not paid, but the post of Verger has a small income and consists mainly of setting up the church for Services. For further details, please contact either Mike Mills or Neil Morgan. *[NB Male or female may apply]*

LENTEN LUNCH

The Lenten Lunch this year will be held on Wednesday 8 March at 12 noon, in the church.

CONSERVATION AREA

The PCC are proposing to designate the churchyard north of the church as a Conservation Area and are in touch with the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust for their advice. This area is unseen from High Street and Middle Street and does not have any gravestones.

FEAST WEEKEND

At a recent meeting of the PCC it was suggested that this event be held on Sat/Sun 1/2 July 2006. The Church Secretary will be writing to all Secretaries etc of village organisations to ask for their support. Ideally, ALL organisations will be represented and a Steering Committee formed.

RIPPINGALE POST OFFICE AND STORE

The latest timescales given by suppliers and contractors for the refit of the store is now Easter time. Whilst this is a little later than planned, it does afford a little more breathing space on the planning side. Notwithstanding this delay, we will be introducing the new extended opening hours for both the Post Office and Store, with effect from Monday 6 February:

SHOP

Monday to Friday	7.00am - 8.00pm
Saturday	8.00am - 8.00pm
Sunday	8.00am - 8.00pm

POST OFFICE

9.00am - 5.30pm
9.00am - 12.30pm
CLOSED
<i>Mike and Claire Moles</i>

PARISH COUNCIL (Clerk - Sheila Scholes - 440200)

MR GERRY WAND, RIP

The Parish Council would like to pay tribute to Mr Gerry Wand, who died in early January. Mr Wand was Chairman of the Parish Council for many years and his service to the village community was admirable. The Parish Council, on behalf of the residents of Rippingale, extends sympathies to the late Mr Wand's family.

PLANNING

2 Wendover Close [adjacent] erection of bungalow. Approval of Reserved Matters received 22 November 2005.

Poplar Farm, East Street. Planning Permission granted 7 December 2005.

1 Miller's Close, conservatory extension. No objections raised.

27 East Street [west], erection of dwelling. Concern expressed on the proposed access on to East Street and effect of cars parked on-road. SKDC advised.

Barn Farm, Station Street, alterations, extensions and conversions. No objections raised.

EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY

Please note new name is "Central Networks". Contact numbers advised are:

Emergency Line 0800 056 8090

General Enquiries 0800 096 3080

OTHER ELECTRICAL MATTERS

If there is a qualified Electrician in the village willing to carry out an Electrical Safety Check to the Portakabin Changing Rooms, would they please contact the Clerk [440200].

HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE

Mr Derek Diess [pronounced "deece"] has kindly offered to be Volunteer Co-ordinator. If you are unable, for any reason, to contact Mr Diess, please telephone the Clerk on 440200.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 9 February 2006 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

RIPPINGALE VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given of the Annual General Meeting of the Village Design Committee, starting at 7.30pm on Thursday 23 March in Rippingale Village Hall. The committee look forward to welcoming members of the public who wish to attend. Committee members serve for two years and must stand for re-election after this time. This year, there are four committee vacancies available. If you would like to stand for election to the committee, please contact the Secretary, Mrs Heather Gadsby not later than Friday 24 February 2006.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The committee continues to receive Planning Applications upon which it makes comments to the District Council. As a result of responding to applications, the committee has become aware that there are some apparent anomalies in the planning process. These are currently the subject of discussion between the VDC and SKDC, which we hope will resolve the matter in the near future.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE - Margaret Ayres - Rippingale Co-ordinator

This item is further to the report in January's Newsletter regarding disturbances by several youths knocking on doors in November. On 7 January similar incidents to those reported were again carried out, this time, however, a much wider area of the village and many more individual properties were affected. Since this event I have attended a meeting at Bourne Police Station and discussed the matter with several police officers. As a result of this meeting a higher police presence has been promised, paying particular attention to known "hot spots". It is, however, important that any public disorder events are reported to the police immediately with the hope that the "offenders" are "caught in the act". Any details/descriptions/names that you can give to the police will be of great value and will, hopefully, result in stopping further anti-social incidents of any kind.

Tel No: Pc Smith [01778] 394892 Ext 483

Please also notify the co-ordinator responsible for your part of the village of any incidents, so that information can be cascaded around the village. For the Neighbourhood Watch to operate to its full potential we need everybody's help. If you do not already belong to the Scheme, please contact the co-ordinators relevant to your section of the village, you may even get a reduction in your house insurance as a result of joining the Scheme!

DETAILS OF CO-ORDINATORS ARE OVERLEAF.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATORS

BARRY FLATTERS STATION STREET [Lower]

SHIRLEY FLATTERS 16 DOVECOTE

LIZ FLATTERS	38 DOVECOTE
JOHN SCHOLES	STATION HOUSE, FEN ROAD
BOB TENNANT	STATION STREET [Upper]
TIM BLADON	10 WENDOVER CLOSE/HIGH STREET440812
MELVYN PATRICK	3a HIGH STREET
ROSETTA ATKINSON	DOCTOR'S LANE
MARGARET AYRES	BLANCHARD CLOSE/PINFOLD CLOSE
STEFAN CLARKE	MIDDLE STREET
DEBBIE MASLIN	EAST STREET
ANGELA KEANE	MILLER'S CLOSE

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2006

In the December issue of the Newsletter, the Parish Council announced that they wish to enter Rippingale in this competition, hoping residents and groups in the village will wish to support the entry. As Editor, I have received the following contributions from two residents.

FROM MARGARET AYRES, Blanchard Close

*Did you know that it is breaking the law to drop even something as small as a sweet paper or a cigarette end and the police can issue a **£50 Instant Fixed Penalty**. [I believe one fine has already been issued in Rippingale] The worst affected areas are Middle Street from the Shop to the Village Green and around the church gates, the playing field and surrounding part of Pinfold Close [especially after football matches], Station Street, from The Pinfold to the Doctor's Surgery and, in particular, around the Village Hall and East Street from the Doctor's Surgery to Doctor's Lane. The rubbish mainly consists of crisp packets/sweet wrappers/cigarette cartons/fast food containers. Even a toilet roll was strewn in the hedges at Christmas time [to high for me to reach!]. Please ensure that you and your children dispose of their own litter by using either the bins provided around the village or take it home with them, ensure that the area around your own property remains litter free and when you walk around the village instead of passing litter by, remove it to the nearest bin.*

FROM ANGELA KEANE, Miller's Close

As a parent, I am writing to express my concern and disgust at the increasing amount of dog fouling in the village. On returning back to school after the Christmas break, I have had to clean my son's shoes two nights in a row. Is it really fair that I raise my voice to him for walking through it when all he was doing was talking to his friend and not looking constantly down at the path? Whose fault is it? Could it be the irresponsible dog owners who don't care what their dogs are doing and just walk away and leave it. Not only is it disgusting it is dangerous. I walk my children to school because it is more beneficial to them, but with the condition of the paths I am wondering if it should still be the case. Next time you stand and wait with your dog while they are fouling the footpath, perhaps you could use this time to take a plastic bag from your pocket ready to clean it up. Also, I would like to point out that on the day of the children's school play at the church, on arriving for their rehearsal in the morning they were confronted with dogs mess outside the church doors. Unfortunately, this was only noticed after one of them had walked through it. If you are the owner of that dog and are reading this, I hope you feel ashamed of yourself. Finally, I would like to say thank you to all those dog owners who do respect the village and other residents, by making the effort to clean up.

[I heartily agree with both of the appeals. Being a dog owner myself, I always carry a "poop scoop" with me, together with a torch to see what I might tread in and a polythene bag for litter - Ed]

RIPPINGALE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

200 CLUB WINNERS - January	£20	J Maslin [61]	
	£10	T King [24]	Clarke Girls [111]
	£ 5	A Gregory [177]	B Shields [182]
		K Wilson [112]	N Grey [104]

L.I.V.E.S

May I take this opportunity in thanking Sue and Eb, and indeed all of you that kindly donated to the LIVES collection box which was in The Bull Inn over the Christmas holidays. I am currently trying to raise funds for a De-Fib machine for the village, so this total of £184.80 is a great start towards the cost of a new machine which is £2050. Once again many thanks for your support. *Nigel Adams*

RIPPINGALE AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting is not until Wednesday 8 March, when we will be having a talk by Neville and Shirley Bell on "Succulents in the Garden" at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Gardeners are reminded that "Rippingale Open Gardens" will be on Saturday 22 April and Sunday 23 April this year. Anyone wishing to open their garden should contact Christine Bladon OR John Warman.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

There has been a lot of eating, drinking and merrymaking at Rippingale WI over the festive season. At our December meeting we were entertained by the Pampered Chef, and afterwards everyone enjoyed sherry and mince pies, followed by presents from the Bran Tub. Later in the month, 34 of us gathered at The Bull Inn for our annual Christmas Dinner. Our thanks to Sue and her staff for a wonderful evening. Just before Christmas we held a Cheese and Wine Lunch at the home of Michele Joint, thank you Michele for use of your lovely home. Our January meeting, which was a members evening, was organised by our members who live in Kirkby Underwood. They tested our brains with some unusual quizzes, and then invited us all to have a go at flower arranging. They provided lots of greenery and lovely chrysanthemums, and amid lots of happy chatter we all produced an arrangement which we took home. This brightened up a very rainy and dismal evening. The Kirkby Underwood team provided wonderful desserts at refreshment time, all full of calories, but I don't think we minded. This must have been one of the most successful members evenings of recent times. Thank you ladies for your hard work which I am sure we all enjoyed. Our next meeting will be on 2 February when we will be listening to Cassie Cole taking about "My Life and Times with the World's Favourite Airline". New members are always welcome, do come and see what you are missing!

RIPPINGALE BURNS SOCIETY YET AGAIN - A WONDERFUL EVENING

Over 100 revellers from the village and surrounding area gathered to pay tribute to the music and poetry of the great Scottish bard. Haggis, neeps and tatties was provided by Sue Atkinson of The Bull Inn, and a delicious buffet was also provided by Sue - she did us all proud! A surprise gift was given to one of our oldest residents, Mrs Norah Beaver, 90 years of age in April. Norah was born and brought up in the village and is a constant friend to many. This wonderful evening could not have happened without the dedicated hard working ladies of the committee: Mrs Betty McMillan, Mrs Ellen Floyd, Mrs Eva Patrick, Mrs Bryony Harrison and Mrs Glenys Petz. The flowers were supplied and beautifully arranged by Rebecca Main. The Chairman of the Trade Contractors Burns Society of London was delighted to be able to part sponsor this wonderful evening of entertainment at Rippingale Village Hall. We are sure that this evening will be repeated again next year.

PILLOW THOUGHTS

Please remember in your prayers: Miss M Durham Gareth Mayhew Christina Woodyer
[Please let me know of any others who need our prayers - Ed]

AND FINALLY:

An eminent heart surgeon from a local hospital called at the garage to pick up his cherished classic car which had been undergoing an engine refit. The mechanic approached the great man and said: *"I've taken the head off your engine; stripped out the heart of it; ground in the valves; de-coked the pistons and put it all back together so that it now runs as good as new. What I want to know is, how come you and me do the same jobs, yet you are paid a fabulous salary and I receive a pittance?"*

The surgeon turned to the mechanic, smiled and said: *"Have you ever tried doing it with the engine running?"*

DEADLINE FOR MARCH 2006 NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2006

ITEMS FOR THE RINGSTONE IN AVELAND NEWS ASAP PLEASE

MWM

PS If you have any used A4 envelopes [the size of an unfolded N/letter] may I please have them?
Just put them through my letter box - thank you. *Mary Morgan*