



RIPPINGALE NEWS

www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk

JANUARY 2005

[Editorial: Mary Morgan]
18 Pinfold Close

NEW YEAR MESSAGE from Fr Graham

"Each year ends and begins, for the Church, with a picture of the Holy Family at Bethlehem. In December the picture includes the worship and wonder of the shepherds; and in January, the new year opens upon the adoration of the Magi. Ending the old year, or beginning the new one, the picture is one of worship, wonder and adoration. What is true of the shepherds and wise men is meant also to be true for all Christians: at the beginning or the ending, always worship. The visits of the shepherds and the Magi show us that being a Christian involves us in worship, a worship that is best not done in isolation. "The bible," wrote Martin Luther, "knows nothing of religion in isolation." Hence the most important act of Christian worship, the Eucharist, takes place around a table, which is a symbol of togetherness and family. Would a wise man have embarked on that journey alone? It's doubtful, if only because of the potential danger. The truth is, of course, that we'd be foolish to go it alone when we could have the support and encouragement of others. And in this we would follow the model of the first Christians, who "met together to hear the apostles' teaching and to share the common life, to break bread and to pray." [Acts 2.42]. Seems a wise thing to do.

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

SERVICES - JANUARY

Sunday	2	Evening Prayer	6.00pm
	9	Plough Sunday [followed by Soup and French bread]	9.30am
	16	NO SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S	
		[See noticeboard for services in the Ringstone in Aveland Group]	
	23	Eucharist	6.00pm
	30	Group Eucharist at Morton	10.30am

St Andrew's has been given a gift of a ciborium [a goblet-shaped lidded vessel used to hold consecrated wafers in Holy Communion] and a white chasuble [a long sleeveless outer vestment worn by a priest when celebrating Mass]. These gifts will serve to enrich the liturgy at St Andrew's and our sincere thanks go to the anonymous donors. *Fr Graham.*

We thank you all for your generous contributions on our Gift Day. The total so far is in excess of £600 and with so many taxpayers willing to complete the name and address section, this will considerably increase contributions. We hope to be able to quote the exact sum in the next Newsletter.

The *Christingle Service* on 5 December was well attended and the sum of £60 was collected for the benefit of the Children's Society.

CHURCH CLEANING:

Mrs P Burgess and Mrs B Harrison

CHURCH FLOWERS:

w/b 8/15th Mrs M Whiten
22/29 Mrs R Main

200 CLUB - Winners - December

£20	Mrs S Hall [183]	
£10	Mrs S Horton [52]	Mrs S Atkinson [65]
£ 5	Mr/Mrs Lock [111]	Mr D Creasey [109]
	Mrs J Redding [178]	Mrs J Stubley [46]

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCHYARD - REMINDER

For some considerable time, a directive from the Lincoln Diocese has been in operation regarding the use of artificial [plastic and silk] flowers in all the county's churchyards. In spite of past requests, some people are ignoring this directive. Advent wreaths and poppies are permitted but should be removed as soon as possible. The Poppy Wreath donated by the Parish Council of Rippingale is placed in the Church beside the British Legion Flag in the South Aisle at the beginning of Advent. The Churchwardens are aware that this is a very sensitive issue but must carry out this ruling.

ANY ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS FOUND IN THE CHURCHYARDS AFTER NEW YEAR 2005 WILL BE REMOVED

PARISH COUNCIL (Clerk - Sheila Scholes - 440200)

No meeting during December.

NB NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 13 JANUARY AND **NOT** 6th.

NOWT WRONG (or rather too many)

In the December Newsletter it was stated that "District Cllr Taylor advised that the District Council is preparing its 2005-6 Budget and aims to save £7000,000 in the next year." Having read this wonderful news in the Newsletter, D Cllr Taylor contacted the Clerk to say he regrets that the saving will only be £700,000! *[this was an editorial mistake for which sincere apologies. MWM)*

PUBLIC MEETING (Neighbourhood Watch)

The Public Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 9 December was well attended, there being 40 people present. The theme of the meeting was to discuss the ongoing vandalism in the village. Pc Smith was there representing the Police and he suggested that we try and get as much information as we can on the persons causing the problems, this may include co-ordinators going around in groups to try and locate the offenders. If we can give Pc Smith any evidence regarding the persons committing these offences, he will bring the full weight of the law down on them. Antisocial Behaviour Orders could be implemented in certain areas of the village to try and stem the problem, especially on council-owned land. This will have to be implemented by the Parish Council, and will be discussed at the next Council Meeting in January [13 January]. Incident sheets were available at the meeting and the public took several. Hopefully these will be used to gather information and then be handed to the co-ordinators to be passed to the Police. If anyone has any information regarding possible attempts of vandalism they can telephone Pc Smith on 01778 394892 Ext 0483 and leave a message on his voice mail, or wait and ask to be put through to a call centre. If an act of vandalism is taking place, please ring 999 as usual. I have included a list of all the current co-ordinators, plus their telephone numbers. Please feel free to use these if you need someone to investigate anything that's worrying you. Do NOT confront anyone on your own! B D Flatters, Village Co-ordinator.

Barry Flatters	Station Street
Shirley Flatters	Dovecote
Liz Flatters	Dovecote
Mel Patrick	High Street
John Scholes	Fen Road/Station Street
Rosetta Atkinson	Doctors Lane
Debbie Maslin	East Street
Tim Bladon	Wendover/High Street
Stefan Clarke	Middle Street
Bob Tennant	Station Street
Margaret Ayres	Blanchard/Pinfold

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH BULLETIN 27 dated 6.12.04

Information has been received advising that Christmas decorations worth £500 have been stolen from a double garage in East Street, Rippingale on 3 December. Should you have any information that might be relevant please telephone Pc Richardson on 01476 403308. It is appropriate at this time to remind everyone not to keep any gifts/valuables in easy view, as criminals seem to work overtime at this time of the year. Be safe and vigilant. *Margaret Ayres*

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

On Tuesday 7 December, 53 members enjoyed their Christmas Party. We were entertained by the children from the local school who sang some traditional carols. The Club will start again on Wednesday 5 January. It would be nice to see a few more faces. For information please contact Jill on and/or Nancy.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Christmas Fair went off very well raising approx £425 for the Village Hall Funds. Although the weather put a few people off, those who did attend seemed to enjoy themselves. A big thank you again to Father Christmas who, as always, did an excellent job.

The Committee would like to encourage more Evening Classes in the village, so if anyone would like to start up a Keep Fit, Judo, Tai Chi or any other type of activity, please contact Rosetta.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

200 CLUB Winners - December

£20	Jim Stublely [89]	
£10	Jill Elliott [131]	Debbie Davison [150]
£5	David Fuller [92]	Paul Thistleton [80]
	John Phillips [108]	Ellen Floyd [17]

PILLOW THOUGHTS

Please remember in your prayers:

Miss M Durham

Mrs D Waters

Gareth Mayhew

Sue Thompson

AND family and friends of Mrs Ruth Fuller who died on 30 November.

And finally:

Whilst Christmas is almost over, it's not too late to smile at a little story that has come my way.

Gavin was learning carols at school for his first Christmas service, and to his mum's disappointment wasn't very impressed with any of them. Until one afternoon he rushed in from school bursting with enthusiasm. "*I liked the carol we had today mum. Can I sing it for you?*" Without waiting for a reply, he launched into, "*One in David's Royal Navy, stood a lonely battleship...*"

It was a sadly disillusioned little lad who joined in the singing at the Carol service.

**Happy New Year to all my
readers
MWM**

DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 21 JANUARY 2005

Items for the Ringstone in Aveland News asap please