



# Rippingale News

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## A NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM FATHER GRAHAM

*I came across this quote in a magazine recently and thought it was useful as we wave goodbye to one year and hello to another. The quote is simply this: "The past is a memory, the future a mystery, the present is a gift from God. This is why it is called the present." We can't live in the past, we can't live in the future, we can only live in the present moment. Thank you God for the sacrament of the present moment. The quote made me think of a prayer of St Augustine of Hippo, which seems particularly suitable for this time:*

"Teach me good Lord, to commend  
the past to your mercy,  
the present to your love, and  
the future to your providence."

*Amen to that. Have a happy 2006!*

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

### JANUARY SERVICES

SUN	1	Evening Prayer	6.00pm
	8	Plough Sunday <i>[followed by soup etc]</i>	9.30am
	15	<b>NO SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S</b> <i>See Notice board for Group Services</i>	
	22	Eucharist	6.00pm
	29	Group Service at Dunsby	10.30am

CHURCH CLEANING FOR JANUARY:  
CHURCH FLOWERS:

Pam Burgess and Bryony Harrison  
Mrs M Whiten and Mrs R Main

200 CLUB WINNERS - December

£20	Mr G Wilson [100]	
£10	Mr/Mrs D Brittain [88]	Mr C Petz [7]
£ 5	Mrs M Whiten [163]	Mr F Elliott [45]
	Mrs N Donley [110]	Mrs N Beever [187]

### GIFT DAY

Thanks to your generosity we have had a substantial amount donated to the church. Because so many people were prepared to give details on the envelope, the tax refund is still to be assessed. The final amount donated will be published in the February Newsletter.

### REPAIRS

Repairs to the guttering and drain pipes has now been completed.

### CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

This Service held at the beginning of December was delightful and the children sang beautifully. A wonderful £65 was collected for The Children's Society.

### RIPPINGALE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

The PTFA would like to say a big thank you to all of you who came to our Christmas Fair on Saturday 26 November at the Village Hall. It was a very well-attended and enjoyable event and over £400 was raised for the School's "wish list". Once again, many thanks.

### RIPPINGALE METHODIST CAROL SERVICE

Another well attended service raised £207 for National Children's Homes and set the scene for Christmas time. The hearty singing was enhanced by organ, guitar and violin, and several carols were beautifully played by the Elizabethan Handbell Ringers. All this music, with seasonal readings and poems, concluded with lovely refreshment provided by many good friends. Thanks to everyone.  
*John Phillips*

## **RIPPINGALE POST OFFICE AND STORE**

A message from Steve and Barbara Henderson:

*"We wish to thank everyone for their good wishes, gifts of wine, chocolates, plants and flowers on our retirement. They were very much appreciated."*

A warm welcome is extended to Mike and Claire Moles as the new owners of the Post Office and Shop. We wish them all the very best and may they be well supported in this venture. *Janice Diess.*

OPENING TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SHOP            Mon - Fri        7.30am - 6.30pm  
                  Sat & Sun       8.30am - 12.30pm

*The shop will **not** be closed during lunch times.*

POST OFFICE Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri        9.00am - 5.30pm  
                  Wed & Sat            9.00am - 12.30pm

Sunday papers are available at the Shop on Sunday mornings between 8.30am and 12.30pm, but there will be no deliveries. The Shop is to be refitted, date unknown, but will possibly take place at the end of January/beginning of February. The closure of the Shop during this time and Post Office opening hours will be well publicised.

## **RIPPINGALE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

200 CLUB WINNERS - December	£20	H Goodacre [155]	
	£10	A Ward [157]	M Ayres [71]
	£ 5	Jill Brittain [88]	R Jessop [142]
		N Adams [128]	D Waters [8]

## **ROW GARDENS ALLOTMENTS GROUP**

The Group met at the Allotment Field, Station Road, on Sunday 11 December to discuss the way forward and to start laying down donated hardcore for a turning and parking area. It was unanimously agreed to reserve some land near the proposed hard standing for use by the less able in the community, and to promote this. When interest is shown, grants for making the plots disabled friendly will be applied for. The main full sized plots have been spaced out with wheelchair/disabled access in mind. About 3 tons of clean rubble was put down, and there were a few aching backs the following morning. More clean rubble and hardcore is needed, and offers of the remains of "that old brick wall or path" etc will be welcomed. Please call John Warman or Iain Middleton. All the currently available full sized plots [250 square meters] have now been taken. However, we need to know how many more plots will be required well in advance to enable us to request the land. Please do not delay - get your name on the waiting list NOW. Just call John or Iain[above]. The cost for a full sized plot has yet to be agreed with the Parish Council. However, it will be the RGAG membership fee of £3, plus the rent, which should reflect the rent of other allotments in the area, which seem to range from about £8 to £12 a year with hard standing and water. For up-to-date information and to view the plans of the allotments visit the Rippingale Village Website [[www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk](http://www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk)] and follow the links under "Organisations". *John Warman*

## **RIPPINGALE AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

The Christmas meeting of the Rippingale and District Gardening Club was enjoyed by 32 members who learned a little more about "Lilies, Poppies, Daisies and Peas", a talk and slide show by Hazel Kay. Members provided a buffet which was enjoyed by all after the talk. There was a remarkable absence of mince pies! We now go into our Winter break and the next meeting is on Wednesday 8 March 2006 at the Village Hall, when there will be a talk by Neville and Shirley Bell on "Succulents in the Garden." New members are always welcome. *John Warman, Secretary.*

## **THANK YOU    THANK YOU    THANK YOU**

*To Sue, Eb, staff and helpers on behalf of the Village Elders for the lovely Christmas Dinner and party you provided on 7 December. I'm sure it was appreciated by one and all. Lucy Francis*

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH BULLETIN 29 - 30 Nov 05**

On Tuesday 28 November, five teenage youths went round Rippingale knocking on several doors asking if we knew someone was laying in the gutter outside, who they thought to be drunk. When the householder starts out to review the situation the youth in the gutter gets up and runs off with the other lads in the group. This may just be a teenage prank, however, this could also be a way to assess whether the property is occupied with intent to carry out something else. This was reported to the Police being Incident No 293/29 Nov. The Police did a sweep of the village with no result. In these long hours of darkness, please be extra cautious when opening the door when you are not expecting anyone, and it is suggested that you should be very cautious before leaving the safety of your property. If you have one, use the door chain. If you have something which you feel ought to be reported, you can ring *Pc Smith on 01778 394892 Ext 0483*. Please also remember during this festive period to keep any valuables or Christmas presents out of view and ensure that sheds/garages and outside doors are locked when not in use.

*Margaret Ayres, 14 Blanchard Close, Co-ordinator.*

### **PILLOW THOUGHTS**

Please remember in your prayers: Miss M Durham Gareth Mayhew Christina Woodyer

### **AND FINALLY:**

Another snippet from the Daily Mail:

A man was driving down a country road, when he saw a farm sign saying, "For sale: eggs, fruit, veg and paracetamol." Curious, he drove into the yard and asked: "Why do you sell paracetamol?" The reply came: "Cos I'm a farmer see."

DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY 2006 NEWSLETTER  
FRIDAY 20 JANUARY 2006

ITEMS FOR THE RINGSTONE IN AVELAND NEWS ASAP PLEASE

**MWM**