



# Rippingale News

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## JULY 2005

[Editorial : Mary Morgan]  
18 Pinfold Close

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

SUNDAY	3	NO SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S <i>"Bring &amp; Share" Picnic at Sempringham Abbey at 5.00pm followed by Deanery Service at 6.30pm</i>	
	10	Eucharist Bell ringing to celebrate 60 yrs of peace [see separate item]	9.30am 5.00pm
	17	NO SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S <i>See notice board for other Group Services</i>	
	24	Eucharist	6.00pm
	31	GROUP SERVICE at MORTON <i>Followed by "Bring &amp; Share" picnic at the Vicarage, Morton</i>	10.30am

### GIFT AID *A message from the Treasurer*

I expect many of you have noticed the recent scaffolding to do work on the church roof and guttering. The cost of repairs to an old building like this are high and we are always looking for ways to increase our parish funds. The work is now complete on the south side of the church and the north side will be done later in the year when the timing is right not to disturb bat roosts. In view of the substantial expense for this essential work, I would like to tell you about Gift Aid. Have you considered making a regular contribution to the church? Gift Aid is a way of making that contribution more valuable. For every £1 you contribute, the Inland Revenue will add 28 pence! There is no catch - you just need to be a taxpayer and complete a simple declaration. You will not have to pay extra tax or reveal your income or the amount of tax you pay. As an example - £2 a week = £104 per annum. The tax refund would be £29.33, making a total of £133.33. Obviously, if every taxpayer who contributes to the church fills in a form, the extra money would be substantial. We are grateful for all donations we receive and we appreciate that not everyone is a taxpayer. You can make a regular payment by cheque or Direct Debit, or a one off payment by envelope. All donations are treated in the strictest confidence. If you would like to know more, please contact me, Alyson Jones. [1 Pinfold Close]

**DONATIONS** The PCC were delighted to receive two donations recently. One from Mr/Mrs Wood, who won the Scarecrow Competition and donated their £30 winnings to the church, and to the Gardening Club for £264 being part of the profit from the Open Gardens weekend. We have already spent the money! We have purchased 50 new hymn books and we are very grateful to have received this money which has almost covered the cost.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Mrs P Burgess and Mrs B Harrison

**CHURCH FLOWERS:**

w/b	3rd & 10th	Mrs Main
	17th & 24th	Mr B Shields
	31st	Mrs Cook

**200 CLUB - Winners - June**

£20	Mr N Saxton-Howes [34]	
£10	Mrs J Redding [6]	Mrs L Stuttle [36]
£ 5	Mrs D Jessop [120]	Mrs V Ireland [87]
	Mr/Mrs Millis [76]	Mr R Stubble [40]

**FOR YOUR DIARY**  
*All proceeds to  
St Andrew's church*

**BBQ Ringstone House - Sat 20 August**  
£7.50 More details in August Newsletter

**RACE NIGHT**                      **Rippingale Village Hall**  
SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER    Doors open at 7.30pm  
First race at 8.00pm prompt.    Full race card, a licensed bar and  
buffet.    Tickets will be available later - Adults £2, juniors £1.

**PARISH COUNCIL (Clerk - Sheila Scholes - 440200)**

PLANNING

The Parish Council has submitted an application for the renewal of temporary planning permission for the portakabin on the playing field.

OVERHANGING HEDGES etc

At this time of year, residents are respectfully asked to check hedges and trees which may be overhanging pavements and causing obstruction/poor visibility. Please trim back greenery if necessary.

PLAYING FIELD/TENNIS COURT

There has been no response to previous request for interest in retaining the tennis court facility.

**NEXT MEETING - Thursday 14 July 2005 - 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room.**

**COMMEMORATION OF THE 60th ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II**

The Ministry of Defence has requested, through the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, that bells should ring out across the country at 5.00pm on Sunday 10 July 2005. It is to coincide with a Fly Past over Buckingham Palace. On VE Day in 1945 the church bells rang out in celebration of victory; on 10 July this year they will ring out in celebration of peace.

Rippingale and Morton should have full teams of six ringers and Billingborough should be able to raise a band of six. Unfortunately, they cannot get enough ringers to ring all eight bells at Billingborough, six at Sempringham and six at Horbling, so they have settled on ringing at Horbling. Anybody who would like to try their hand at bell ringing will be more than welcome. We are always looking for willing volunteers, and it would be nice not having to rely on Morton ringers to ring our six bells for church services. Please come along and "have a go". You never know, you may just like it! We meet at Rippingale church every first and third Wednesday at 7.30pm and at Billingborough on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 7.30pm. After all, where else can you practice a hobby with all the equipment provided? For further details, contact Mike Redding.

**RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

"OPEN GARDENS" WEEKEND - 21/22 May

Downpours over the weekend did not stop Rippingale Garden Club having another successful annual event. This year, eight gardens were open to the public around the village, in which plants and refreshments were for sale in certain gardens. A profit of £702 was made, slightly down on last year, due to lower numbers of visitors. In conjunction with the gardens, a Scarecrow Competition was held by the Village Hall Committee, in which the public was asked to judge, with nine people entering.

This was won by Albert and Alma Wood of Wendover Close with "Old McDonald Had a Farm". Melvyn Patrick, Chairman of the Rippingale Parish Council, presented them with the first prize of £30 on Sunday evening. Helen and Alec Gadsby won the second prize of £20 with the "Speed Trap", and the third prize of £10 was shared by Sophie and Katie McCormack with the "Gladiator" and the Stuttle family with their entry "Bill and Ben". Photographs of all the Scarecrows can be seen on Rippingale website - [www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk](http://www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk)

The June meeting was an outside visit to Baytree Nurseries and was attended by 25 members. The owner, Mr Rheinhardt Beilher, gave a conducted tour of his Plant Nursery where they grow most of their plants and shrubs for sale in the Garden Centre. Afterwards, members were invited to browse around and purchase in the centre at their leisure. The next meeting is a garden visit to Mrs Angie Jones, Willow Holt, Willow Lane, Thorney. Leave the village green at 6.00pm 10 August. Any new members are very welcome.

**RIPPINGALE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**SUMMER FAYRE**

The Summer Fayre will be held at the School on Sunday 3 July between 12 noon and 5.00pm. There will be a funfair, bouncy castle, barbecue, licensed bar, line-dancing and many stalls. This is organised by the PTFA and is an important event in their fundraising year. With several children from Rippingale and other villages attending the School, it is a worthwhile event to support.

## **BABY MASSAGE CLASSES**

If there are any mums (dads, grandmas etc.) Who would like to learn the art of Baby Massage, there are courses available in Rippingale, Bourne and Market Deeping. Adele Longland, a Health Professional, who has lived in Rippingale for almost 20 years, is an instructor with IAIM (International Association of Infant Massage). Baby Massage is becoming increasingly popular with parents today as there are many well researched benefits for mums and babies. Infant massage can improve sleep patterns, help relieve colic and constipation, deepen bonding and is a fun and relaxing way to calm your baby. Adele's courses run over five weeks and will give local mums the opportunity to meet others and experience this special time with their babies. There is also a weekly get-together at Rippingale Village Hall for those mums and babies who have completed the course. For further information or to book a place, please contact Adele on [01778] 440421.

## **VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

### **BREAK-IN AT VILLAGE HALL**

Between the hours of 10.30pm Wednesday 1 June and 8.00am on Thursday 2nd all the fold-up tables and some electrical equipment, including the Bingo machine and amplifier, were stolen from the Village Hall. This has made it difficult to operate, and the Friday night Bingo has been cancelled until further notice. The robbery is similar to others in the area. If anyone has any information could they please pass it on to the Bourne police on [01778] 394892.

<b>200 CLUB - Winners - June</b>	£20	M Atkinson [5]	
	£10	J Lewis [152]	S Stewart [101]
	£5	D Thistleton [38]	A Keen [39]
		J Yallop [130]	R Beddington [151]

## **RippingaleVillage.co.uk - number one in the searches**

If you type Rippingale into almost any web search engine RippingaleVillage.co.uk is number one in the search list [Jeeves seems to think that people are more interested in fishing in Canada, but we **are** number two!!] Our popular little website, however, still needs your help in expanding. We need input, photos etc, for both the Photo Gallery and the Past Events pages, and we hope to set up an Archive for the many photos, pictures, postcards etc that are currently lying in the back of your drawer and albums. If you have any old photos, postcards etc that we could copy and use, could you please contact John Warman. Likewise, any recent photos for our Photo Gallery and Past Events pages would also be appreciated. Do let us know if you are organising an event of any sort so that we can put it in the What's On section, and don't forget advertising, whether its your business or something to sell, is free to locals. With broadband being available in the village from some time in July, access and viewing of the website should be even more pleasurable - so happy surfing. *John Warman*

## **PILLOW THOUGHTS**

Please remember in your prayers: Miss M Durham Mrs D Waters  
Gareth Mayhew

*Please let me know of any people you feel need our prayers. [Ed]*

**AND FINALLY** Spotted in the Daily Mail from a lady in Cheltenham:

*Many years ago, one of my sister's grandchildren asked permission to hold a much-loved ornament of an old man. Upon replacing it carefully on the shelf, she said, "Oh Grandma, you've dusted a little place especially for him to stand on." !!*

## **DEADLINE FOR AUGUST NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 15 JULY 2005**

*ITEMS FOR THE RINGSTONE IN AVELAND NEWS ASAP PLEASE*

**MWM**