



Rippingale News

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18 Pinfold Close

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

SERVICES FOR MARCH

Sunday 4	Evening Prayer	6.00pm
11	Eucharist	9.30am
18	NO SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S <i>See Noticeboard for details of Services in the Group</i>	
25	Eucharist	6.00pm

GROUP SERVICES FOR APRIL [covering Easter] can be found on the pack page.

CHURCH CLEANING: We are looking for people to clean the church in March and October. Anyone interested, please contact the Secretary.

CHURCH FLOWERS: *No flowers during Lent.* The church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 7 April from 9.00am onwards.

LENTEN LUNCH will be held on Wednesday 21 March at 12 noon in the church. All villagers are welcome at £2 per head. The older children from the school are always invited and choose to which charity any profits are donated. See posters nearer the day.

INTERIOR DECORATION A Faculty has now been granted and work should start in the Spring.

HEATING IN THE CHURCH The PCC has had a Fire Risk Assessment carried out, according to recent legislation, and it seems that the radiant heaters have no safety controls, which is illegal and any accident would not be covered by the insurance. With immediate effect, these heaters will no longer be used. The PCC are looking for an alternative solution for heating the church. However, the electric under-pew heating will still be used.

200 CLUB WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY: *Drawn by Mrs Jean Redding, Organiser of 200 Club in The Bull Inn and witnessed by those present.*

£200	Neil Morgan [72]	
£ 50	Mrs L Broddle [105]	P Thurston [146]
	Mrs W Donald [10]	Mrs Pam Bayliss [166]
	Mr V Billett [198]	Mrs C Mayhew [60]

PROPOSED FLOWER FESTIVAL It is suggested that a Flower Festival be held in the church in 2008, possibly in conjunction with an Open Gardens weekend. It will be sponsored by the owners of The Bull Inn, Rippingale. Anyone interested in contributing to this is asked to contact Mrs Christine Bladon, at 10 Wendover Close, Rippingale on [01778] 440812.

RIPPINGALE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

LENT SERVICE Revised date. TUESDAY 6 MARCH 2007 at 11.00am IN THE CHURCH

PARISH COUNCIL (Clerk - Sheila Scholes - 440200)

PLANNING

Stable building, Chaff House, Poplar Farm, East Street. Amended Plans. Their being insufficient time to discuss the application at a Council Meeting before the due date to return comments to SKDC, the application was circulated to all Council Members. SKDC have been advised that:

Two Councillors objected to the application on the grounds previously stated.

A further two Councillors have signed a village petition objecting to the application.

One Council member has no objections to the application, and

One Council member declared a "Personal Interest" and made no comment.

3 Wendover Close, proposed Dormer Window. Certificate of Lawful Use or Development. No objection made.

47 Dovecote, erection of dwelling. A site visit has been arranged by Council members to confirm, or otherwise, the Council's decision that there is no objection to the application. Concern has been expressed as to access to the site and the Council will make these objections known to SKDC.

ROW GARDENS ALLOTMENTS

The Council met with members of the Allotments Group and note their wish to extend the area of land given over to individual allotment holders. A summary of this meeting will be found on the village website, after approval of Council Minutes on 8 March.

POWER CUTS - EMERGENCY ITEMS

E-on have suggested the following items to be collected by residents for use in the event of power cuts.

... An analogue corded telephone - digital cordless 'phones will not work during a power cut.

... Torch, with batteries.

... Wind up mobile 'phone charger.

... Battery operated radio.

... Foil blanket/reusable hand warmer.

HOSPITAL CAR SCHEME

This voluntary service needs a few extra drivers, as several stalwarts have resigned after serving many years. If you would like to join the team or need to know more, please contact Derek Diess (pronounced Dees) on 01778 440063 who will be happy to answer any questions. Persons wishing to be considered must have a full UK licence **AND** be in possession of fully comprehensive insurance. Reasonable expenses are claimed from both the "patient" and the Parish Council.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 8 March 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.

ROW GARDENS ALLOTMENTS - Get on the Waiting List NOW

As many of you will know, the allotments have sprouted into life, and the first year has seen an abundant harvest of vegetables and sheds. The waiting list is still open, and we would particularly like to hear from any disabled person who would like an allotment garden. The gardens have been laid out with wider paths than normal [1 metre minimum] to allow for wheelchair access, and smaller plots can be arranged. Please do not wait to apply if you would like a plot, even if you may not want to start straight away. We need to know how many plots are required for future planning, and if you leave it until the last moment you may find you have to wait a year or so for the land to become available. **APPLY NOW** - contact John or Ian and get your name on the waiting list so that we know how much land is required. Joining the waiting list will not commit you to take on a plot should one become available before you want to start. For up-to-date information visit the village website - www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk/Allotment/htm

RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Wednesday 14 February saw our first meeting of 2007. Harry Leach gave a very interesting talk on "Growing Veg" which included a number of very useful tips. More volunteers to open their gardens on Sunday 24 June are needed, as are helpers for the event. Non Gardening Club residents are welcome to open their gardens, as well as members, and those who are willing should contact the Club Secretary, John Warman. Our next meeting is Wednesday 14 March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, when Bob Taylor will be giving a talk on "Astrantias in the Garden."

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The February meeting of the WI hosted a visit from Claire Marshall, an Environmental Health Officer from SKDC who explained how the section is run by a very small staff of 8. The next meeting on 1 March, will be a visit from Anne Barnes, who will tell us about a "Victorian Table", which sounds very interesting. The meeting will start at 7.30pm and new members and visitors will be made very welcome.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

NEW YEAR'S PARTY

A very enjoyable family night was held in the hall. The entertainment featured The Hounddogs who were in particularly good form. The disco was by Fantazia and a very nice buffet was provided by Eva Patrick and Andy Bales. The children were especially well behaved and enjoyed the dancing. A special thank you to Betty and John MacMillan who, with The Burns' Society of London, sponsored the disco. Finally, a thank you to Phil and Pat Read who ran the bar for the evening - they both worked very hard. A donation from the evening was made to LIVES First Responders.

Melvyn Patrick

NOTE: All future enquiries for tickets for New Year's events to be made to the Village Hall Committee. They will be organising any further New Year's Eve social nights. Many thanks to all who supported the last two.

200 CLUB WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY	£200	L Hall [30]	
	£ 50	M Ackinson [5]	A Flatters [95]
		Chris Petz [129]	Pam Burgess [116]

Organisers of the 200 Club are looking for new members for this year. Existing members are reminded that their subscriptions are now due. Please contact Treasurer Stan Stewart, or hand in any money to 8 Pinfold Close.

KIDS' CINEMA CLUB

The following films will be showing in the Village Hall:

Wednesday 28 March THE ANT BULLY

Wednesday 25 April FLUSHED AWAY

Everyone is welcome, admission is FREE. Parents do not need to stay as children will be supervised. Refreshments are available to buy. Shows start at 7.00pm.

REVELLERS IN SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE REMEMBER THE BARD

The annual Robert Burns' supper was held in the Village Hall on Saturday 20 January to raise funds for the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance and LIVES First Responders. More than 100 revellers from the village and surrounding area graced the hall to pay tribute to the music and poetry of the great Scottish Bard. The Selkirk Grace was delivered by local man, Mike Moles. The Warm Reekin Haggis was expertly piped in by Neil Esslemont of the Scots Guards Association Pipe Band and was addressed eloquently and professionally by Major Iain Mathieson [Rtd] of the Black Watch, who gave a grand demonstration on how the address should be done. This year the Immortal Memory to Burns was given by Nick Rickett, who expertly gave a good account of the life and times of Burns from ploughboy on his farm to his untimely death, as a result of poor health. This young man died penniless. The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Chris Petz and no Burns supper would be complete without the Haggis, Neeps and Tatties. This delicious dish was supplied by Sue Atkinson from The Bull Inn. Local couple, John and Betty MacMillan, who helped organise the evening thanked all the ladies of the Committee for doing such a wonderful job and Mrs Rebecca Main for her wonderful flower arrangements, Phil, Pat, Nigel, Angela and Sue at the bar and everyone else who helped make the evening a great success. Tops and Tails and the raffle raised lots of money for the charities. A basket of flowers was presented to one of Rippingale's oldest residents, Mrs Norah Beaver, who will be 91 in April.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH BULLETIN No34 [16 February 2007]

MESSAGE FROM Sally Picker in the Crime Reduction Department at Grantham Police Station.

"As you may know it is proposed that there will be a revaluation of properties for Council Tax purposes. It is felt that this may be yet another ploy used by burglars to gain entry into elderly and vulnerable people's homes. After discussions with the Home Office and the Local Government Assn, it can be confirmed that the expected report on the review of Council Tax has been postponed. Also, we have received information from Leicestershire Police that they have had several distraction burglaries across the force using a similar method to engage the elderly victims concerned. In each case the caller knocks on the door and claims to have run over a cat. By using this excuse they have managed to gain entry to several homes and have, in most cases, been able to get away with significant amounts of cash and other valuables. We are very keen to prevent any such crimes in Lincolnshire and would appreciate any help or information that can be given by our Neighbourhood Watch groups."

SERVICES AND EVENTS IN THE GROUP FOR APRIL 2007

Sun	1	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	Evening Prayer	Rippingale	6.00pm
Thu	5	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Eucharist of the Last Supper and Watch	Morton	7.30pm
Fri	6	<i>Good Friday</i>	Morning Prayer	Rippingale	10.00am
			Liturgy	Morton	3.00pm
			Evening Prayer	Dunsby	6.00pm
Sat	7	<i>Easter Eve</i>	Easter Vigil	Morton	7.30pm
Sun	8	<i>Easter Day</i>	Eucharist	Rippingale	9.30am
			Eucharist	Morton	11.00am
			Eucharist	Hacconby	11.00am
			Eucharist	Dunsby	3.00pm
			Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood	6.00pm
Wed	18	Annual Meeting of the PCC To elect Churchwardens and the Council		Rippingale	7.30pm
Sun	22		Eucharist	Rippingale	6.00pm
Sun	29	GROUP SERVICE		Hacconby	10.30am

AND FINALLY

A MORNING PRAYER FOR LENT

I want to thank you Lord, for being close to me this day.

*With your help, I haven't been impatient, lost my temper, been grumpy, judgemental or envious of anyone.
But I will be getting out of bed in a minute and I think I will really need your help then.*

AMEN

DEADLINE FOR APRIL 2007 NEWSLETTER
THURSDAY 15 MARCH 2007

MWM