



Rippingale News

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**[Editorial: Mary Morgan]
18 Pinfold Close**

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Priest in Charge – Revd G P Williams [Fr Graham 01778 571474]

SERVICES

Sun	4	Eucharist	6.00pm
	11	Eucharist	9.30am
	18	<i>NO SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S</i>	
		<i>[See Notice board for other Services in the Group]</i>	
	25	Evening prayer	6.00pm

NOTE

Thursday 1 May Ascension Day Eucharist at Morton 10.00am

ANNUAL MEETING

At the Annual Meeting held in April the following officers were elected:

Churchwardens: Mr Mike Mills and Mrs Sue Atkinson
 Diocese Rep: Mr Mike Mills
 Treasurer: Mrs Alyson Jones
 Secretary: Mrs Mary Morgan

The Chairman [the Revd Graham Williams] thanked the PCC for their hard work, particularly Neil Morgan who had resigned as Churchwarden after 7 years service, although he will still serve on the PCC.

FLOODLIGHTING

The PCC are very aware of "carbon foot printing" but it was unanimously decided that the flood lighting should still be used, not only because the church is the main focal point of the village, but also for security purposes. Lead thieves are very predominant in the area. The cost of floodlighting is sponsored by The Bull Inn.

<u>FLOWERS</u>	W/b	4 th & 11 th	Mrs Faith Balaam
		25 th	Mrs Heather Goodacre
<u>200 CLUB</u> – Winners for April	£20	Mrs A J Gray [1]	
	£10	Mrs R Main [9]	Mr/Mrs Carter [15]
	£ 5	Mrs K Michelson [24]	Mrs E M Johnson [25]
		Mrs C Mayhew [60]	Mrs Taylor [84]

FORTHCOMING EVENT

"*Music for a Summer Evening*" will be held in St Andrew's at 7.30pm on Friday 20 June. Mr Hugh Goodliffe-Wayman will be playing our magnificent organ with light classical music, together with "our" favourite hymns – this means we don't have to sit on the hard pews for too long and can stand up and sing out hearts out!. Anybody that has been to the last two musical evenings will vouch for a very enjoyable event. The ticket price of £6 includes a glass of wine and savouries. There will also be a Raffle. Watch out for posters. If you are going to attend and would like your favourite hymn played, please contact Mary Morgan. Oh! One more thing – bring your Union Flags with you – we usually end up waving them!!

"*Collage*" Arrangements are underway for "Collage" to give a concert in the church. This is a mixed voice singing group, based in Grantham, and we hope to host a concert for them in late September.

PARISH COUNCIL [Clerk – Sheila Scholes – 440200]

PLANNING

Barn Farm, Station Street. Change of use from agricultural to equine paddock and stables. Application approved 20 March 2008.

10 Doctor's Lane. Demolition of garage, erection of new garage and rear extension. No objection raised.

THE 3RD FINGER **HELP PLEASE!**

The Parish Council is working with the County Council to have the metal "Finger Post" at the Middle Street/Station Street junction restored to its original condition, BUT, we have a problem ... Does anyone remember – or even have a photograph of – what was written on the 3rd finger, which pointed towards Middle Street? If so, please contact Cllr Peter Moseley 07855 428648 or p.j.moseley@cwi-technical.co.uk.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

The Minutes of Parish Council meetings – once approved by the Council – are currently available on the village web-site. Further reference copies will also be available in the Village Shop and Doctor's Surgery. A copy of the meeting Agenda will also be displayed on the Parish Notice Board in Middle Street.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN THE HOME

SKDC has again contacted the Parish Council promoting the Grant Schemes available for heating and insulation improvements. Those over the age of 70 are entitled to a new FREE insulation offer. For further information contact July Harrison, SKDC [01476] 406376 or ceef@southkesteven.gov.uk.

SPRING FLOWERS

The Parish Council appreciates the kind comments on the beautiful display of primroses this Spring in the churchyard, but would like to enhance the Village Green's display of daffodils for next year. Can you help by donating, later in the year, daffodil bulbs for planting by the Parish Council?

PARISH MEETINGS

Plans for the Parish Community Meeting on **6 May** are well in hand, and many village and other local organisations will be in attendance. The Parish Council hopes that residents will wish to attend, discover the many activities and amenities that Ripplingale offers, and make any concern known to the Parish Council.

On **15 May** the Parish Council AGM will be held, when officers of the Council will be elected for the forthcoming year. Meetings commence at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, and, as always, members of the public are welcome to attend.

VILLAGE WALKS

The Village Walk organised by Cllr Exton on Thursday 17 April was well attended. Some 30 plus walkers, including well behaved children and dogs, walked the local footpaths. Other Walks are planned for Thursdays 22 May and 19 June 2008. Families, with dogs [under control] and children [under supervision] are welcome. The idea is to walk a roundabout route and return to The Bull Inn for a refreshing drink afterwards. Meet at the Village Green at 7.00pm.

RIPPINGALE VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given of the AGM of the VDC starting at 7.30pm on Monday 19 May in the 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. If you would like to stand for election please contact the Secretary, Phil Ripplingale not later than Monday 12 May 2008.

FRIENDS OF RIPINGALE POST OFFICE

No further progress to report. Negotiations are on-going.

THE NEW SPRINGWELLS PRACTICE

DOCTORS' SURGERY

Telephone System

In response to patient and staff requests, the current 0844 4041999 number will cease, as from **30 June 2008**. We appreciate that the "0844" number has been unpopular with patients, and has had cost implications. We have been disappointed with the technical problems experienced with the system.

[The Practice at Billingborough will revert to the former local number 01529 240234]

Opening times

From 1 April these have increased as follows:

Pre-booked appointments are now available between 6.30 and 7.40pm on **Tuesday evenings** and the Surgery will remain open until 8.30pm. These appointments are primarily to accommodate workers, or those in full-time education, who may have difficulty accessing our usual appointment times.

*[The Billingborough Surgery will also open on **Saturdays** between 8.00 – 10.00am.*

Again, these appointments may be pre-booked and are primarily to assist workers unable to attend easily during the working week.

RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Members who attended the April meeting found the illustrated talk on "Orchids for Everyone" by Richard Yates of Leicester, most enjoyable. Richard has grown orchids for more than fifty years, a passion he shared with his father from an early age. His advice showed not only a common sense approach, but also a wealth of knowledge gleaned from first hand experience. He told his audience that the easiest orchid for culture was the Phalaenopsis which is bred to go on the window sill or in a well lit room. Tough and easily available, it is indeed an orchid for everyone. He said that the greatest cause of loss was through over-watering, reminding those present that, not only did the thick leaves hold a reservoir of water, but the bark compost did as well. He suggested a weekly cap of rain water with proprietary fertilizer for three weeks and in the fourth week plain water. He suggested that the RHS advice for the growing of most plants was followed, weakly weekly – one teaspoon in four gallons. Aerial roots with their green tips show that an orchid is growing well, taking up carbon dioxide along with the leaves. Richard showed slides of his orchid hunting experiences in Brazil south of Rio de Janeiro, he touched on species which he grows in his orchid houses at home, such as Cattelyas, Dendrobiums, Odontoglossums, Phaphiopedilum, Pleione and Vandas. The Club continues their monthly meetings on 14 May with "A Home for Butterflies". A visit to the garden of Phil Bowler, Windmill Lodge, Amber Hill, Boston, leaving the Village Green at 6.00pm. Field visits continue throughout the summer. The next indoor meeting is in the Village Hall on 12 September which begins the new season with a short AGM at 7.30pm followed by a talk entitled "Colour, Shape and Texture in Herbaceous Plant". New members will be given a warm welcome.

RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The General Meeting of the WI was held in the Village Hall on Thursday 3 April. We started off with the election of four members to the Committee as Lesley Fuller, Annette Harris, Margaret Ayres and Linda Gosden had stepped down. Margaret and Linda received special thanks for their work as Treasurer and Secretary along with appreciation given to Lesley and Annette. At the Committee Meeting it was decided that, as the Secretary was stepping down, Hillary Magill would be appointed Secretary unopposed, and the post of Treasurer would be sorted out at the meeting after the new Committee had been appointed. Four new members were appointed unopposed, being Anne Gleding, Dorothy Gearing, Beryl Chinneck and Rachel Price, who will be welcomed at the next Committee meeting on 24 April 2008. Next on the Agenda was the election of the President, and Sylvia Stewart agreed to stand for a

third and final year. She was unanimously re-elected. After various reports from the President and Secretary we had a fish and chips supper. The meeting closed at approximately 9.30pm. We would like to remind everybody about the **Celebration Afternoon Tea Party in the Village Hall on Sunday 8 June from 3 – 5pm** and we would like to see as many past and present members at the 70th Anniversary Celebration. The next meeting will be at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on 1 May and we will discuss the Resolution and have a Craft Flower Show for members. We hope all members will enter at least one class.

RIPPINGALE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

CHARITY BINGO NIGHT

Saturday 17 May – Rippingale Village Hall. *Proceeds in aid of L-I-V-E-S First Responders.* Doors open 6.30pm – eyes down at 7.30pm. Licensed bar, Raffle and FREE half-time buffet. All welcome.

ADULT CINEMA CLUB

“I am Legend” starring Will Smith will be shown on Tuesday 13 May. Doors open at 7.30pm, show starts at 7.45. Admission is FREE.

KIDS’ CINEMA CLUB

“Bee Movie” will be shown on Wednesday 28 May. Doors open at 6.30pm with the show starting at 7.00pm. Refreshments available. Admission is FREE. Parents do not need to stay with their children as they will be supervised.

<u>200 CLUB</u>	WINNERS – MARCH	£20	Jim Stubley	
		£10	Joan Yallop	Ian Jones
		£ 5	Mike Hallas	Mrs G Bradshaw
			Jean Redding	Louise Doncaster
	WINNERS – APRIL	£20	Marie Whiten	
		£10	Debbie Davison	Rose Doncaster
		£ 5	Steve Hall	Brian Preston
			Pat Taylor	Andrew Flatters

PLEASE NOTE THE MAY DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE ONE DAY EARLIER AT THE ANNUAL PARISH COMMUNITY MEETING ON TUESDAY 6 MAY 2008.

LETTER FROM A RESIDENT [17 East Street]

Please place the following in the Newsletter:

*This morning [7 April] there is THREE freshly deposited heaps of dog sh*t lying close together on the west-going pavement of East Street, outside Nos 13-9. This foul contamination obviously originated from three different dogs and, by inference, owned by 1-3 people who were together and who must be devoid of any normal social conscience.*

*I don't suppose that the [adult?] offenders relist dog sh*t smeared around their houses, or even on their footwear. Obviously they don't mind someone else having the problem. There is quite a number of children using the pavement every day and their health must be at some risk ... This matter of public health should be o concern to everyone in the village. East Street cannot be the only place fouled in this way?*

David Grime

**DEADLINE FOR JUNE 2008 NEWSLETTER
THURSDAY 15 MAY 2008-**

**Items for the Newsletter MUST be in by the above date,
otherwise I cannot guarantee they will be included.
ITEMS FOR THE GROUP MAGAZINE ASAP PLEASE
MWM**