



# RIPPINGALE NEWS

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## APRIL 2012

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### ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

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#### SERVICES FOR APRIL

<b>Palm Sunday</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Eucharist	<b>4.00pm</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	Liturgy for the day	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Easter Day</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>	Eucharist	9.30am
<b>SUNDAY</b>	15 <sup>th</sup>	NO SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S [See Notice board for other Services in the Group]	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Evening Prayer	6.00pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>	29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>GROUP EUCHARIST @ Rippingale</b>	<b>10.30am</b>
<u>SERVICE FOR MAY</u>			
<b>SUNDAY</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	Eucharist	6.00pm

FLOWERS The church will be decorated for Easter on Good Friday 6 April, after the Liturgy and/or Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup>. The church will then be open during the day until Harvest.

#### ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Parochial Church Council will be held in the church @ 7.30pm on Monday 16 April 2012. All Parishioners are welcome to attend, but only those on the Electoral Roll may vote on any decisions taken.

#### TREASURER

**We are still looking for a Treasurer. Please contact Mary Morgan, the Church Secretary ASAP.**

### GRAND DRAW

Owing to Licensing Laws we cannot enclose tickets with the Newsletter but they are now available from members of the PCC, as follows:

Pam Baylis 28 High Street  
Mike Exton Thorn Cottage, 42 High Street  
Bryony Harrison 11 Doctor's Lane  
Eric Jessop "Highlands Farm", Middle Street  
John MacMillan 13 East Street  
Mary/Neil Morgan 18 Pinfold Close  
Eva Patrick 3a High Street

AND Sue Atkinson @ The Bull Inn Tickets are books of 5 @ 20p each = £1 per book

FIRST PRIZE £100 [one hundred pounds cash donated by The China Palace in Bourne], a £20 Gift Card [Donated by Tesco's in Bourne], plus other prizes. The Draw will take place after HM Diamond Jubilee Celebration Service on 3<sup>rd</sup> June @ 6.00pm, in the church, and will incorporate a prayer which as been written for the whole of the Nation. Obviously, the Service will centre around HM Diamond Jubilee and light refreshments will be available afterwards.

200 CLUB – Winners for March £20 C Petz [7]  
£10 M Jessop [15] C Eagan [94]  
£ 5 D Ward [90] T Floyd [102]  
S Atkinson [122] C F Gibbons [62]

### JACK GRAY R.I.P

Brenda Gray would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and support following the sad loss of Jack, her husband. He will be sadly missed by Brenda, his children and his grandchildren. On behalf of the whole family, thank you for the wonderful attendance at the Funeral and the very generous donations to the Marie Curie Nurses and Sempringham Abbey. It was a fitting tribute to a wonderful man.

## PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk - Sheila Scholes 440200 - clerk@rpcouncil.co.uk

### NO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD IN MARCH 2012.

#### POST OFFICE FACILITY – The Bull Inn

When attending the Council's "Open Office" mornings at The Bull – which coincide with the Post Office opening – it is noticeable how little-used the Hosted Post Office service appears to be. Residents are asked to please support this village amenity. For some in the village and the surrounding area, the Post Office in The Bull is a vital service and we can all help to ensure that it is retained by shopping at the Post Office, wherever practicable. Services available include:

*\*Car Tax, \*Travel money, \*Travel insurance, \*Banking services, \*Home Shopping returns, \*Bill and budget payment scheme in addition to \*Postage and \*Post Office Saving stamps.*

*You may not know that as well as providing the Post Office Service, the Billingborough Postmistress brings over a good selection of fresh bread, foodstuffs, stationery and cards for sale.*

Opening Times Reminder:

**Monday, Tuesday and Thursday** 2.00pm – 4.00pm

**Friday** 9.00am – 1.00pm

#### PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

The Village Website now contains a page showing Planning Applications received, Parish Council observations and SKDC decision. The page will be updated after each Council meeting.

#### VILLAGE LITTER PICK & TIDY – SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MAY 10.00AM Start.

The Parish Council is taking the lead in arranging a Village Litter Pick and Tidy up. Meet at the Village Green, Middle Street for 10.00am start. At the same time the "Bunting Babes" are putting up the flags ahead of the Jubilee Weekend Celebrations and it would be really appreciated if as a member of the Rippingale Community you could spare a couple of hours on that Bank Holiday Sunday to help. We have arranged for the [cash] bar to be open at the Village Hall from 12.30pm and will be providing [free] coffee & tea for the helpers. Bring along a pair of rubber gloves – and read the Jubilee Committee Report attached to the Newsletter for other information.

#### VILLAGE GRASS CUTTING

As you know, Rippingale employs its own grass cutting Contractor [Mr Clive Boyfield] whose costs are met by Rippingale Precept, SKDC and LCC. As we reported earlier, the County Council is reducing its contribution by approx. 33% and the Parish Council has, with reluctance, accepted the revised LCC Contract. The alternative would be to return some grass work to the County – resulting in fewer cuts and a drop in standards. The Parish Council is now looking at how this loss of income to the Council will affect the schedule of work given to its Contractor. At the Public Meeting held in November last to discuss the Council's Budget, all present agreed that the standard of maintenance and grass work in the village is commendable and appreciated the efforts of Mr Boyfield. We are fortunate that, in addition to cutting the grass, he is able to "turn his hand" to many other maintenance tasks around the village.

#### LOCALISM

Councillors would like to point out that, whilst they can report to, and monitor District and County Councils' attention to maintenance matters, the Parish Council is not empowered to do more. Under the new Localism legislation, Parish Councils may have powers to take on additional responsibilities, but concern is expressed that District and County Councils, with their financial constraints, may use the legislation to transfer responsibility to Parishes, without offering resources to maintain them. Advice and information continues to filter down to Parish Councils and it is expected that "Localism" will become the new buzz-word! The "Community Lincs" website – [www.communitylincs.com](http://www.communitylincs.com) may be of interest with its news of local Community and Charity activities, projects, volunteering opportunities, competitions etc.

#### GREEN [GARDEN] WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

##### NEW ARRANGEMENTS

From April 2012 SKDC will charge £25.00 pa for its green bin collection service and a further £10 pa for extra green bins. Anyone wishing to use this service must register with SKDC by 'phone [01476] 406279 or [www.southkesteven.gov.uk/greenbin](http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/greenbin) Collection days and times are advised on the website when you register. You will be given a "Paid" sticker which must be fixed on the bin, otherwise it will not be collected. If you decide NOT to register, you are told to keep your green bin [in case you change your mind] but not to put it out as it will not be emptied after 11 June. Look out for posters and fliers to be distributed shortly by the District Council.

#### TENNIS COURT ACCESS

Some youngsters are STILL climbing over the fence to get into the court, rather than contact the Key Holders as requested. Not only is this anti-social behaviour causing damage, it is potentially dangerous – how would someone get out of the Court if they had an accident? Please remind any members of your family using the tennis court that they can easily get a key from one of the 4 Key Holders. Signs give the Clerk's number [01778] 440200 as the first point of contact.

#### LINCOLNSHIRE "GOOD CITIZENS AWARD 2012"

The County Council is asking for nominations for the above:

*"It's your chance to honour those extraordinary people whose voluntary contributions make noticeable differences to people throughout Lincolnshire. Of course they don't do it for reward but the hugely positive impact they have on people's lives should be recognised. So I urge everyone to nominate their Good Citizen for 2012".*

The awards come in three categories: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen [aged 16 or below] of the Year and Community Group of the Year. Nominations close on 20 April and can be made online [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/goodcitizensawards](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/goodcitizensawards) or by letter to Lincolnshire County Council, FREEPOST DC1082, Lincoln, LN1 1BR.

### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2012**

Please make a note of the date – more information in the next Newsletter, for the planned Open Evening and Village Meeting.

### **NEXT MEETINGS:**

**COUNCIL MEETING – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Village Hall**

**7.30pm Public Forum/Question Time**

**7.45pm Parish Council Meeting.**

### **VILLAGE WALKS**

The next Village Walk will be on Thursday 26 April @ 7.00pm. Meet at the Village Green. For further information ring 07768632189

### **ST GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATION**

A date for your diary There will be opportunity to recognise St George's Day again this year with a Celebration Dinner at The Bull Inn on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April. A light-hearted evening of fun and frivolity dedicated to "Englishness". Further information from Sue at The Bull [440054] or Laurie Parncutt on 440024.

### **RIPPINGALE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

<u>200 CLUB</u> – Winners – March	£20	Ken Dunford [36]	
	£10	Steve Warcup [132]	Ian Middleton [113]
	£ 5	Pat Tayler [147]	Karl Gray [87]
		Dick Lambert [124]	Chris Tarrant [49]

### **CHILDREN'S FILM CLUB**

The Club will be showing a suitably appropriate film ["U" rated] on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April**. Doors open @ 6.00pm, Film starts @ 6.30pm. Free entry. Refreshments available. Details of film will be displayed on the Village Hall banner.

### **RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT WI**

Our March meeting was held on 1<sup>st</sup> March. The topic for the evening was "Self Defence with Dale". Dale talked to us about all aspects of personal safety, whether we were out in the street or in our own homes. He also showed us some fairly straightforward moves to get out of the grasp of someone. We were advised that the best defence, when possible, was to run away as fast as possible. He did also reassure us by telling us we were more likely to win the lottery than be attacked" Our next meeting will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in Rippingale Village Hall, as always. This will be our Annual Meeting where the new President and Committee will be elected. We hope to see all members there for a truly democratic evening which will be followed by refreshments and homemade cakes. There will be no speaker this evening but a time for socialising and chatting, which we are so good at! For further information, please contact: Hilary, Sue or Beryl.

### **RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

The Club met in the Village Hall on Wednesday 14 March for the first meeting of the year to hear a talk on "Victorian Violas" given by Robert Chapman, a well known speaker from Lincoln. Mr Chapman is one of the foremost growers of these species in the country and exhibits at Chelsea and Harrogate Flower Shows. The subject of the talk focused on viola plants to give beauty and fragrance in the garden and on the patio. These were extremely popular plants during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, highly scented, this elite family produce continuity of bloom throughout the Summer, April – September. He extolled their virtues of sheer staying power, vast array of colour and abundance of flowers as truly amazing – some varieties can be supporting as many as fifty or more stems at any one time. Their natural growth habit is hardy perennial so after flowering fades in Autumn, they rest in the Winter months ready to repeat their stunning display year after year. He had brought with him a good number of violas which he had bred himself and which are new to the market this year. These were later sold to members of the audience. The talk was well attended and was greatly enjoyed by established members of the Club as well as many new members attending for the first time. The next meeting will be held in Rippingale Village Hall on Wednesday 11 April at 7.30pm when Mike Ireland will give a talk on "Alpines and Interesting Perennials". New members are always welcome. The April meeting will be the last meeting in the Village Hall until the Autumn. The May meeting will be the start of our garden visits when we will visit Castor House near Peterborough. *Elizabeth Forman*

### **RIPPINGALE OPEN GARDENS Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

Approx ten gardens will be open at a cost of £3 for adults and free for children under 16, who must be accompanied by an adults. There will be two gardens where teas will be available and these will be shown on the Programme when the Entrance Fee is paid.

SATURDAY 2.00pm until 6.00pm

SUNDAY 11.am until 4.30pm

## RIPPINGALE OIL CONSORTIUM

### Comparative Heating Oil Prices for w/c 20 February 2012

Chandlers ROC	57.7	500+ litres	Delivered
Chandlers [Web]	58.7	2000 litres	Quote
Boiler Juice	61.62	1000 litres	Quote
Fuel Fighter	60.80	1000 litres	Quote
Home Fuels	61.99	1000 litres	Quote
Direct Oil	61.70	1000 litres	Quote

Comparative prices since August 2011 can be seen at [www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk/oil](http://www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk/oil)

### VILLAGE WEBSITES

Rippingale has three websites to its name: RippingaleVillage.co.uk which was created in 2004, then CountryEye.org.uk and RippingaleVDC.org.uk both of which started their lives as part of the original website. Since August 2011 RippingaleVillage.co.uk has been going through a revamp in its original style, bringing the contents up-to-date, and including new features like the "Jibilee Celebration" and the "Oil Consortium", plus many new articles on Rippingales's recent history etc. To see what's happening just go to:

[www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk](http://www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk) and follow the links, or just use these shortcuts:

[www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk/jubilee](http://www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk/jubilee) for the Jubilee Celebrations

[www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk/pc](http://www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk/pc) for the Parish Council

[www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk/events](http://www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk/events) for the "What's On" calendar

[www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk/oil](http://www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk/oil) for the Oil Consortium

If you have anything for the website – articles, comments, information for the "What's On" etc – please follow the links to the "Contact Us" page and send an E-mail.

### GOLF IN RIPPINGALE

An effort is being made to form a Golf Society in the village. All interested parties are to contact Mrs Sue Atkinson at The Bull Inn Tel: 440054

### RINGSTONE PLAYERS

Present "Just the Two of Us" by Ros Moruzzi at Edenham Village Hall. Thursday 17 May @ 7.30pm, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30pm and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 which includes a Fish & Chips supper, available from 10 April onwards from "Spice of Life" Health Food shop in the Burghley Centre, Bourne.

### DOG FOULING

In spite of exhortations to respect the village environment and complaints made against the irresponsible behaviour of at least one person, who may be assumed to be a villager, within a matter of a couple of days of the appearance of my "anti-social behaviour" letter in the March edition someones "dog dump" appeared on the pavement in East Street. Appealing to a sense of public spiritedness does not seem to have had any effect and I can only think that the person responsible for the dog's actions would rather let other people live with their unwanted "Waste Matter" than do the decent thing and PICK IT UP! *David Grime East Street.*

### THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

To all residents who have put A4 envelopes through my door. It is really appreciated.

ALSO a big **THANK YOU** to John Warman. You will have noticed the different format of this Newsletter and therefore more text. When I first took on the Editing of the Newsletter back in 1999 it was one double sided page eventually increasing to two double-sided pages. The Parish Council pay for the printing of the Newsletter so, thanks to John, the cost will have been greatly reduced. *Mary Morgan*

### STOP PRESS

#### AUDREY CODDINGTON RIP

Audrey Coddington passed away on 19 February 2012 [aged 80] at Peterborough City Hospital with her family around her.

### AND FINALLY

A little girl came home from school and said to her Grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today". The Grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting", she said, "how do you make babies?" "It's simple", replied the little girl, "You just change "y" to "i" and add "es".

**DEADLINE FOR MAY NEWSLETTER:  
SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2012**

**Items for the Group Magazine ASAP**

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