



# Rippingale News

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**OCTOBER 2008**

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18 Pinfold Close

## **ST ANDREW'S CHURCH**

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

### SERVICES

SUN	5	Harvest Eucharist	6.00pm
	12	Eucharist	9.30am
	19	NO SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S <i>[See Notice board for other Services in the Group]</i>	
	26	Evening Prayer	6.00pm
<u>FLOWERS</u>		Decoration of the church for Harvest Festival will take place on Saturday 4 October at 9.00am onwards.	
	W/b 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs C Bladon	

### HARVEST SUPPER

This will be held in The Bull Inn on Saturday 4 October at 7.30pm for 8.00pm. Tickets [limited to 40] are available from The Bull Inn. Money on receipt of tickets, please. Cheques should be made payable to "St Andrew's Church, Rippingale".

200 CLUB DRAW The Draw for September and October will be drawn after the next meeting of the PCC on Monday 29 September.

### "COLLAGE" CONCERT

This was a wonderful evening and "Collage" really did us proud. Everyone present said how much they had enjoyed it and agreed that it was such a pity that more people were not there to appreciate the wonderful choir. Much of the delicious food supplied by the PCC went to waste! However, at the time of going to print a profit of £170 was made. This includes the sum of £20, which "Collage" refused to accept for expenses!

## **RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

At the September meeting the Speaker was the ever popular Andrew Sankey, well known in Rippingale for his lectures at the Gardening Club. Andrew's talk was very interesting and this time was about the origins of the Harvest Festival, starting as a pagan celebration in Saxon times by the villages. It was the Revd Stephen Harker, a Cornish cleric who decided to take one aspect of the Saxon celebrations, the blessing of the bread, and start using this to form the present day form of the Harvest Festival. August was the month for harvesting the crops, so in rural England at that time the whole village was involved, so the schools closed. This made sense – because no one would attend as they were busy in the fields. When the harvest was finally brought in there would be a great feast in a barn or some such building, and the food and ale were provided by the landowner. Great merriment was had by all. Corn collies were apparently originally introduced by the Egyptians, who actually sacrificed a person to the Corn Spirit and wrapped them in the last pieces of grain and killed them! The blood ran into the earth, hence the most popular ribbon on today's Corn Dollies is red. These Corn Dollies were made all over Europe but Great Britain has the most variety, more or less each county using their own symbol, eg the Staffordshire Knot. Sadly by the 1960s, through mechanisation and selection of lower growing crops, the tradition died out, but it is still possible to buy suitable corn to weave from a specialist supplier. Some 33 members greatly enjoyed the evening and were informed that the next meeting was to be on the 2 October, when the Bourne Borderers Morris Dancing Group would be there, and members were asked to come suitably dressed, as we would surely be asked to join in.

## **PARISH COUNCIL [Clerk –Sheila Scholes – 440200]**

### PLANNING

Chaff House, Poplar Farm, East Street, detached garage. Approved 30 July 2008.

Bungalow, rear of 15 East Street. OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION approved 20 August 2008.

31 East Street, detached garage/alterations. No objections raised.

Ringstone House, 31 High Street. [Listed building] Internal/external alterations. No objections raised.

12 High Street, extension/alterations, detached garage. Received 11 September 2008. Under consideration by Council.

### ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Steve Smith, Lincs Police CPSO Team Manager, attended the Parish Council meeting to discuss the anti-social behaviour problems on the Playing Field. He told the Council that no reports have been made to the police from Rippingale, and that the police cannot follow up second-hand or anonymous reports. He commented that within a village community, offenders are usually "known" to someone and asks that members of the village community will have the courage and sense of responsibility to report these individuals to the police. A witness statement will enable the police to follow up reasonable suspicion enquiries. Therefore, please make a note of the following contact details and DO report direct to the police any incidents or matters of concern. They WILL respond to your call.

**Steve Smith, CPSO Team Manager 07939 887 875**

**CPSO Dave Doe 07825 100 359**

**Police HQ [24 hrs] 01522 534222**

AGAST – The **A**ction **G**roup **A**gainst **S**empringham **T**urbines.

An "AGAST" representative gave a report to the Parish Council which described the possible impact of the proposed Wind Farm to be located in Sempringham Fen. Anyone wishing to learn more about the opposition campaign should contact Debbie Wren [07984 620170] or [www.agast.co.uk](http://www.agast.co.uk)

### A15 VERGES MAINTENANCE

The Council is informed that improvements to A15 roadside verges are to be made to improve visibility at junctions and through bends and ensure that foliage does not mask road signs. The A15 between Sleaford and Market Deeping will be maintained and the programme of work, begun August 2008, will continue through 2009.

### DOG FOULING – YET AGAIN!

PLEASE clear up after your animals. Recent reports of dog fouling relate to the public footpaths in and around the village. As stated before, if you can't/won't take bagged dog mess home for disposal, PLEASE put it into a litter bin for collection.

### BOURNE CALL CONNECT TRANSPORT SERVICES

This is a new service available by pre-booking and operates between designated locations in the Bourne area, including Rippingale. The idea of the Scheme is that the Call Connect Service runs at times, and on routes, where local bus services do NOT operate. To use the service, it is necessary to register [free of charge] with the Booking Centre: 0845 234 3344, which is open Monday – Friday 08.30 – 17.00hrs and Saturday 09.00 – 15.00hrs. Leaflets are available at the Post Office explaining the use and extent of the service, or look up the web-site [www.lincsinterconnect.com](http://www.lincsinterconnect.com)

### ANGLIAN WATER DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT 2007

Copies of the Report are available on [www.anglianwater.co.uk](http://www.anglianwater.co.uk) or by contacting Robin Price on 01480 326989

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 9 October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

### **VILLAGE WALK**

The next Village Walk will be on Sunday 19 October. Meet at the Village Green at 10.15am.  
Mike Exton

**MOBILE LIBRARY** MONDAY 27 October 11.45 – 12.45 – Church

## **RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

There was an encouraging attendance of both "old" and "new" members at the latest meeting which began with the AGM. This was followed by a talk on Colour, Shape and Texture in Herbaceous Plants, with the return of guest speaker Hazel Kaye. Her great knowledge, experience and enthusiasm for her subject was illustrated with high quality slides. She presented a set of rules and guidelines for composed and balanced borders with emphasis on focal points, scale and proportion. Hazel stressed the importance of variation in the use of texture and adherence to the colour theories of O.N. Rood to achieve harmony and concord. She made critical appraisal of a large repertoire of borders of both her own designs and also those designed and planted by Christopher Lloyd at Great Dixter, Vita Sackville – West at Sissinghurst and Beth Chatto at her garden in Essex. Hazel brought a large selection of much sought after plants for members to purchase on the evening. The Club continues their interesting and varied programme, with the next meeting on 8 October, hosted in the Village Hall, Rippingale at 7.30pm when Anita Thorpe will talk on the subject of Autumn Colour.

## **RIPPINGALE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

### LOST KEYS

Some keys were found on the Playing Field after this year's Beer Festival. If you think they could be yours, then please telephone Angela on [01778] 440872 for details.

### CASINO NIGHT [20 Sept]

It was with regret that it was decided to cancel this event because of lack of interest.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At this poorly attended meeting held on 16 September, the Officers and Committee members were elected, as follows:

Chairman:	Mrs Sue Misselbrook	Secretary:	Derek Diess
Vice-Chairman:	Nigel Adams	Treasurer:	Mrs Angela Keen
Maintenance:	Andrew Flatters		
Committee:	Mrs Angela Adams	Barry Flatters	
	Mrs Heather Gadsby	Derek Headland	
	Jonathan Sewell		

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Adult Film Night It is proposed to resume film screenings on Tuesday 14 Oct 08 in the Village Hall. Doors open at 7.30pm and the show commences at 7.45pm. Remember, there is a licensed bar and admission is FREE. Why not become a regular attender and support your Committee. It is the intention to have one screening a month, at least until May 2009. The film to be shown this month is a classic comedy from Ealing Studios called "The Lavender Hill Mob" and stars Alec Guinness and Stanley Holloway.

### Kids' Cinema Club

On Wednesday 29 October we will be showing Dr Seuss' Horton Hears a Who. Doors open at 6.30pm with the film starting at 7pm prompt. Admission is FREE with the usual refreshments available to buy. Parents do not need to stay with children as they will be supervised.

### Christmas Fair

To be held on Sunday 23 November from 2 – 5pm. If you would like to book a table for a craft stall, then please contact Angela on [01778] 440872 ASAP, as space is limited. As usual the price will be £5 per table, supplied by the Village Hall Committee.

### New Year's Eve Disco

A Disco Dance will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 31 December 2008. Please make a note of this in your diary and support your Committee. Details as to the cost of the event and the catering arrangements will be given in next month's Newsletter.

## **NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION**

*From the Editor – Mary Morgan*

I HAVE A PROBLEM – OR IT COULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY – who knows?

I am looking for a Distributor to deliver the Newsletter on the Dovecote Estate.

There is no reason why it should not be shared – after all there are 55 copies to be delivered.

My thanks go to Sean/Jamie Newcomb, who took over from Shirley Flatters, Please give me a ring on 440897 if you would like to help. This Newsletter is being delivered by “who knows who”!

### **AND FINALLY:**

*An elderly gentleman had hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the Doctor and the Doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%..*

*The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the Doctor and the Doctor said, “Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again?”*

*The gentleman replied, “Oh, I haven’t told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I’ve changed my will three times!”*

**DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER**

**WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER 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**