



Rippingale News

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18 Pinfold Close

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

NEW PATTERN OF SERVICES as follows:

SUNDAY	2	Eucharist	Rippingale	6.00pm
	9	Eucharist	Rippingale	9.30am
	16	NO SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S		
		<i>Eucharist</i>	<i>Kirkby Underwood</i>	<i>9.00am</i>
		<i>Eucharist</i>	<i>Morton</i>	<i>10.30am</i>
		<i>Evening Prayer</i>	<i>Hacconby</i>	<i>6.00pm</i>
	23	Evening Prayer	Rippingale	6.00pm
	30	GROUP HARVEST FESTIVAL AT RIPPINGALE		10.30AM
		Includes the Baptism of Faith Balaam's granddaughter.		

RICHARD [Dick] SANDS 1926 - 2007

St Andrew's was privileged to host the Service of Celebration for the life of Dick Sands in August. Dick died peacefully in hospital in Harrogate on 31 July. He was born at Wellington Farm, Station Street, Rippingale, where he lived until a couple of years ago, when he "retired" to Yorkshire. He farmed much land in the surrounding area and the Service was conducted by "fellow farmer", the recently Ordained Revd David Creasey. The Eulogy was given by one of his sons-in-law and Fr David gave a very interesting and apt Address. The church was appropriately and beautifully decorated with the farming theme. It was a delightful Service and so in keeping in remembrance of Dick who, was not only a gentleman, but also a gentle man. We wish Sheelagh and her family our good wishes. May Dick rest in peace in the knowledge that he will be sorely missed, but greatly loved by all who knew him. *Mary Morgan on behalf of the PCC.*

CHURCH CLEANING: Eva Patrick and Florence Grime

CHURCH FLOWERS: 2nd Mrs Bladon
9/16 Mrs Main
23/30 Mrs Whiten

200 CLUB WINNERS - AUGUST: *Drawn by Fr Graham at The Bull Inn*
£200 Mrs L Hall [42]
£ 50 Mr J Warman [167] Mr/Mrs P Rippingale [93]
Mr P Page [149] Mr M Mills [171]

Subscriptions are due in September for the year 2007/08. Sadly, Jean Redding has decided not to continue organising the 200 Club. We thank her for her contribution over the last years. The Church Treasurer, Mrs Alyson Jones will take over from September 2007.

The BBQ held at Ringstead House, by kind permission of Brian and Mary Shields, raised £635. Thank you to all who supported it and worked so hard.

Lincolnshire Old Churches Trust - Sponsored Bike Ride and Stride - Sat 8 September 2007

Why not get some fresh air and exercise and take part in this year's Sponsored Bike Ride [or stride]! The purpose of the Ride and Stride is to raise money for Lincolnshire Churches. The money is equally divided between the church, or churches, nominated by each participant and the Lincolnshire Old Churches Trust, which uses the money to award grants to churches in Lincolnshire. If you would like to participate, please contact Bryony Harrison for further details and sponsorship form.

CHURCH CHOIR

So far, two people have come forward offering to be in the Choir, but nobody to organise it. If you are interested, please contact the Church Secretary.

PARISH COUNCIL [Clerk - Sheila Scholes - 440200]

RIPPINGALE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Parish Council last met on 19 July. The Meeting was attended by Mr Paul Holmes, Head of Provision Planning, Lincolnshire County Council who had been invited to give details of the decision to close Rippingale C or E Primary School. Mr Holmes reported that of 132 potential children, numbers had fallen to just 16 pupils. In the best interests of these children the decision had been taken to close the school and pupils will attend Horbling, Pointon and Bourne Primary Schools. The decision to close had nothing to do with failing or falling standards at the school, and staff, governors and parents had made every effort to retain its sustainability. With regard to the school building and land, Mr Holmes confirmed that development for housing was a possibility: the school buildings belong to the Diocese of Lincoln and the playing field to the County Council. The Parish Council wishes any development to retain the existing Victorian building and be sympathetic with its former use. To this end representation is being made to English Heritage with a view to having the building "Listed".

PLANNING

137 Station Street [rear] residential development [4 dwellings and access]. Notice of Appeal to Secretary of State. The Parish Council confirmed its original objections to the application.

9 Middle Street, two single storey extensions. Planning Permission granted 19 June 2007.

GRANT AID

The Parish Council has received confirmation of an "Awards for All" grant to be used for re-instatement of the wooded area of allotment land to provide additional allotments for residents. More information will follow when the Parish Council is allowed to publicise details of the Award.

DOVECOTE PARKING

A questionnaire sent to 52 households in the Dovecote area, asking if it was desirable to replace the existing grassed area with hard standing for more parking, met with a very small response. Only 11 households replied: 7 in favour and 4 objecting to the proposal. The Parish Council agreed that in view of such limited response from residents, no further action would be taken on this matter.

RIPPING-ALE DOG SHOW 8 September 2007

The Parish Council has given permission for organisers to hold a Dog Show as part of the Beer Festival weekend. Dogs are not normally permitted on the Jubilee Playing Field because of health risks to children using the football pitch and playground. The organisers have been made aware of conditions to hold the Dog Show, and residents are reminded that lifting the "ban" applies to the Dog Show event only!!!

VILLAGE WEB-SITE

Lincolnshire County Council has recently offered to "host" a village web-site. At its meeting, the Parish Council agreed that the village web-site set up and maintained by villagers, notably Mr J Warman, is of a very high standard and superior to many others. It was agreed that the Parish Council will continue to support the present web-site arrangement, and residents are reminded that Parish Council business, including approved Minutes of Meetings, are available to view.

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Date of next meeting: Thursday 13 September 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village HALL.

RIPPING-ALE BEER FESTIVAL

The 7th Beer Festival will be held on The Playing Field as follows:

Friday	7 September	6.00pm - 11.00pm
Saturday	8 September	12 noon - 11.00pm
Sunday	9 September	12 noon - "empty"

There will be 22 Real Ales, 8 Ciders and Fosters' Lager for the "phillistines." BBQ food and live music will be available over the weekend. Come along and enjoy some good ale and good company. All proceeds to charity.

RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

This month the weather was very kind to us [for a change] and on Wednesday 8 August some twenty five members enjoyed a visit to the very pleasant gardens of Kirkdale House at Boothby Pagnell. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 12 September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. A talk "Autumn Colours" by John Gregory will be preceded by a very short AGM. New members are always welcome and at only £1.50 a single or £2.50 a double, our current membership fees are excellent value for money.

RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The August meeting took the form of a "Pudding Tasting Evening". After the usual business we all tucked into some ten different puddings, provided by the committee. Diets were put to one side whilst we scoffed the lot! After a welcome cup of tea we had a short quiz provided by Beryl Fitchett. The meeting closed at about 9.45pm and we went home feeling very sweet and sugary! The next meeting is on 6 September when the speaker will tell us about "Aroma Therapy".

RIPPINGALE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

200 CLUB WINNERS	July	£20	J Lewis [153]	
		£10	D Bale [119]	K Wilson [112]
		£ 5	J Coddington [53]	C Mayhew [97]
			D Waters [8]	A Harris [93]
	August	£200	J Tailor [106]	
		£ 50	L Wilcox [176]	G Bates [118]
			P Taylor [136]	C Tarrant [59]

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will be held on Tuesday 18 September at 7.30pm. Any correspondence needs to be sent to Sue Misselbrook, 96 Station Street, by 11 September.

CINEMA CLUB

The next film showing will be "Hoodwinked" on Wednesday 26 September. Doors open at 6.30pm, film starts at 7.00pm. Admission is FREE so come along and enjoy the film. The tuck shop is available for drinks and popcorn etc.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Will be held on Saturday 27 October at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from Sue, Phil and Nige. Adults £3.00 and children under 16 £2.00. Fancy dress is optional, but there will be prizes for the best dressed adult and child.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

We know it's a bit early to be thinking about Christmas, but the annual Rippingale Village Hall Christmas Fair will be held on Sunday 18 November from 2.00pm, until 5.00pm. Anyone who would like to have a craft stall at £5.00 each, please contact Angela asap to book. Tables are limited so please book early.

AND FINALLY

NOTICE SPOTTED IN SAINSBURY'S - pedantic? Or a sense of humour? You decide.

"Due to the severe weather conditions some vegetables are experiencing availability issues"!!

DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER 2007 NEWSLETTER SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2007

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