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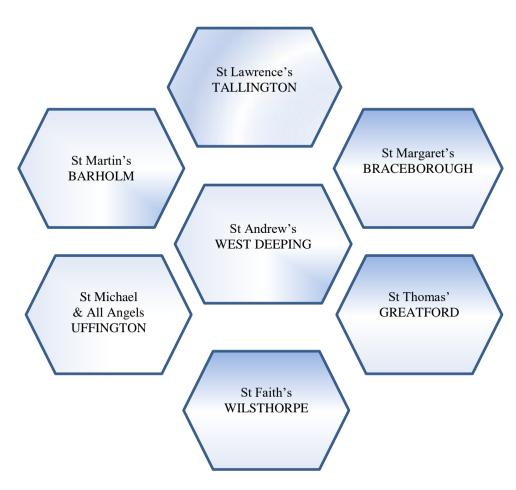
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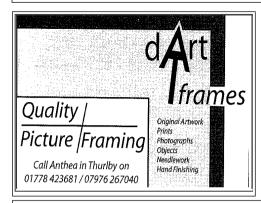
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GARDENING & WILDLIFE IN APRIL

Clematis armandii is that somewhat uncommon thing; an evergreen climbing plant with white flowers. Its large shiny leathery leaves give it almost a tropical look (it originates from China), and it flowers around about now. This plant is in the same family as our very own Traveller's-joy (*C.vitalba*), a native of hedges and waysides in limey areas.

C.armandii is a tenderish plant, so choose a sheltered spot, out of winds, away from frost hollows, and against a south or west facing wall or fence. It will need some strong wires or netting to climb - and climb it certainly will - reaching heights of in excess of 30 feet (9.5 metres) without regular pruning to keep it in check.

The flowers are 2 inches (5cm) across and white or creamy white, with a strong vanilla scent, that increases in intensity as the weather improves. Evidently this is a very clever device to attract pollinating insects, which will be more active in the warmer weather.

There are two varieties of this Clematis – 'Apple Blossom' and 'Snowdrift'. The former has a pink tinge to its flowers, whilst the latter's are pure white.

Be aware that, without some tlc, side growths from this climber can pile up on top of each other to form mounds of dead leaves, giving it a scruffy appearance. Therefore tidy and prune your *Clematis armandii* as soon as flowering is over to allow the new growth time to ripen and bear next year's flower buds. Given the large leaves, and potential build-up of dead material, a strong support is essential.

When tying in new stems (use twine, not wire), you will soon find they are quite fragile and apt to snap away from the main stem. Special care and nimble fingers are an advantage here! **Tim Barfield & Donna Radley**

LENT PILGRIM COURSE

Around 14 people from across the Uffington group have attended the two six- week Pilgrim courses run by Rev Mark Thomson, focussing on The Creeds. We've all appreciated the opportunity of taking time out of our usual routines to examine these particular building blocks of our Christian faith. Discussions around our understanding of the Holy Trinity and how our beliefs can be reflected in our everyday life have been interwoven with humour and friendship, and we've all found the course a stimulating preparation for the coming Easter season. We're extremely grateful both to Mark and to the hosts of our meetings and hope that others might like to join us in future courses. By Elizabeth Ashby

A VIEW FROM THE CURATE'S HOUSE

Dear All

l hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter and were able to celebrate this great Christian festival at one of our church services and were also able to spend time with family and friends over the Bank Holiday weekend. We have another great occasion happening this month when, on 3rd April, we welcome the new Bishop of Grantham, the Right Reverend Dr Nicholas Chamberlain, to the Uffington Group. Bishop Nicholas will lead our group service at 10.30am in Uffington on that Sunday to launch the Developing Discipleship Programme in our parishes.

The Developing Discipleship Programme is an initiative that has been introduced across the whole diocese and which has been used successfully elsewhere. The main purpose of the programme is to help churches to grow. It does this by encouraging churches to think about what they are doing now and why they are doing it, and to consider how they might do things differently in order to develop and flourish. The programme is designed to help us grow in our faith as individuals, to grow as church families in our separate parishes, and to grow in confidence so that we can better engage with our wider communities.

Following on from the Bishop of Grantham's visit we will be holding a series of meetings lead by a team of specialists from Lincoln to help us identify how we can develop growth in our churches and how we can better support and engage with our village communities. We will look at what we are doing now and also explore ways of building on what we are currently doing. It will help us to identify where God is working in our individual parishes. This will then help us to develop a vision for each of our parishes, which is relevant to the Church in the 21st Century. Once we have established our vision we can then set goals and priorities for each of our churches and work towards achieving them.

I would like to encourage you to come to the service on 3rd April to hear what Bishop Nicholas has to say and then to think and pray about how you can get involved in the programme. Please come along to the follow up meetings where we will learn how to develop our vision for our churches and a plan to guide our work in and service to our churches and our wider communities.

The meetings will be held on: -

Saturday 23rd April from 9.30am -12.30pm at Tallington Village Hall Wednesday 11th May from 7pm to 9.15pm at Greatford Village Hall Wednesday 22nd June from 7pm to 9.15pm at Greatford Village Hall

Please come along to the meetings to find out more. If you have any questions about the programme, please contact Rev Carolyn or me and we will be happy to discuss your queries.

Every blessing Rev Mark

BRACEBOROUGH & WILSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met at Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Village Hall on 29th February 2016. During the Public Forum Councillors received a report on possible celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday. A resident was concerned about the possibility of removing funding for the Rural Touring Arts Group. The Clerk gave an update on the Wilsthorpe river bridge and was asked to contact Anglianwater regarding the connection to the sewerage scheme at Wilsthorpe.

A meeting with LCC Highways Officers and Councillors had been arranged to take place in March. Fly tipping remains a problem, if you see this taking place please contact the police with the registration number, time & place. The District Council has a new website where you can report rubbish to be collected on a map.

It was agreed that there was no objection to planning application S16/0200, approval of Condition 2 of materials and Condition 4 details of materials for The Orchard, Wilsthorpe.

D.Cllr Barry Dobson reported that the community tax had been approved, an increase of £4.28 for Band D properties. He reported that grants were being reduced over quicker period than expected by the government.

C.Cllr Martin Trollope-Bellew reported that the government was reducing the Revenue Support Grant by a larger amount than expected, in 2011/12 it was £211 million, by 2019/20 it will be £20million. The Council & Lincolnshire MP's had lobbied hard and the government had given the county an extra amount — Transition Fund of £9000 and Rural Services Grant of £5.2million for 2016/17. This extra money has allowed for no reduction in road gritting, public transport subsidies or closure of children centres. Despite this extra money the council still has to find 35million savings and will have to use its reserves. A consultation held earlier in the year (9000 responses) put pot hole repairs, gritting and PCSO's to be protected with Libraries at the top of the hit list to be cut.

The next meeting to take place on Monday 4th April 2016 at Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Village Hall at 7pm. This will include the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Parish Council Meeting. The APM is an occasion for electors to raise any concerns they may have. They may wish to discuss parish affairs, make resolutions & vote, but these are not legally binding for the council. The Parish Meeting may pass resolutions on the public activities or policies in the parish of any local authority, public body, government department of public service provided that they affect the parish specially and are not such as are calculated to affect the whole country or all parishes.

For more information on the Parish Council please go to http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/BraceboroughandWilsthorpe

Rosemary Woolley, Clerk to the Council

BRACEBOROUGH

PLEASE NOTE: NO Holy Communion on Sunday 3 April at St.Margaret's Church! Please note the normal 9am Holy Communion service at St.Margaret's will NOT be held on Sunday 3rd April. Instead there will be a Group Service at Uffington where the new Bishop of Grantham will be preaching.

Work to Bell tower. All the planned works to the bell tower have now been completed under the de mimimus permission granted by the archdeacon. Flooring has been repaired, the main bell frame cleaned and re-painted, all the bell wheels have been serviced and cleaned and wood preservation treatment has been completed. The louvre windows have been checked and adjusted and the entire tower has been professionally cleaned and disinfected. Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to last May's Gift Day appeal. That money together with grants received from Allchurches Trust, Veneziana Fund, John Warren Foundation, Alan Evans Trust and the Lincolnshire Bellringers Guild have enabled us to carry out these essential works.

Discipleship Programme. The next stage in this programme for our parish is to engage in planning how this initiative will move forward. 3 dates have been agreed when we shall receive guidance and practical help by visitors from the diocese: Saturday 23 April and the evenings of Wednesday II May & 22 June. Please make a note in your diaries as we really need volunteers to help work at the details of this stage. Please contact Malcolm or Mark if you can attend any of these meetings.

Saturday 23 April in the Village Hall - A Red, White & Blue Pot Luck Supper. The colour theme is for you — not the food items! Please consider wearing something in this theme to help colour up the evening. 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets: Adults £8, Children £4, Family £20. Licensed Bar & Raffle.

Sunday 8 May Freshe Ayr 'Playful Pipes' Concert at St.Margaret's Church at 3pm followed by tea and cake in the Village Hall afterwards. Fresh Ayre play medieval to modern music on recorders, oboe, crumhorns, timbrel, tabor, organ and keyboard and have kindly agreed to play a concert for us at church on Sunday 8 May at 3pm. Please make a note in your diary, as this will be a wonderful afternoon of fascinating musical entertainment. Tickets are £5 including the light refreshments. Call Malcolm on 561153 or contact Revd.Mark to put your name on the list. Proceeds to St.Margaret's Church.

Saturday 21 May in the Village Hall – Bingo & fish and Chip Supper with puds! 7pm for 7.30pm.

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Dear Residents

At the Full Council meeting on 29th February the District Council approved an increase in Council Tax for 2016/17. As with the County Council SKDC is also having its Revenue Support Grant cut and by 2019/20 this fund will stop. Urban residents receive 45% more from government grants despite rural counterparts paying £81 more in council tax per head.

Are you receiving your district magazine – SKtoday? The council has a new contractor responsible for deliver; Kelham would like to hear if you have <u>not</u> received the winter issue, contact details below. If you go onto the SKDC website and type in SKtoday (all one word) you will be able to access the magazine.

SKDC are busy preparing the new Local Plan which will set out the districts objectives for the next 20 years. Officers have looked at land which may be available for future planning both residential and business. It is hoped that once the initial work has been completed then consultation with the public will begin September 2016.

If you are a member of a community & voluntary group, parish council, charity looking for help to fund a project SKDC may be able to help. There are two strands to the scheme; one supports community events, the other community projects with grants as little as £200 for events and £500 for projects.. If you would like to find out more about how to apply please go to the SKDC website 'Community Fund' by Lincolnshire Community Voluntary Service (LCVS) or email skcommunitygrants@lincolnshirecvs.org.uk telephone 01476 920888.

If you have any problems or concerns relating to the Casewick Ward please do not hesitate to contact either Rosemary Woolley 01778 560634 (answer machine) email rh.woolley@southkesteven.gov.uk or Kelham Cooke 07940 187 426 email k.cooke@southkesteven.gov.uk

If you have any concerns relating to the Dole Wood Ward (Braceborough & Wilsthorpe) please contact Barry Dobson, 01778 426649 or email b.dobson@southkesteven.gov.uk

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism

13th March West Deeping Evie Rose Blagrove

Funeral

11th March Tallington Barry Peter Wyld (71)

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Burial of Ashes

10th March Greatford Kathleen Townsin (aged 70)

(funeral previously at Marholm)

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Spring News from Uffington Village Hall. The rethatching of Uffington Village Hall Roof was successfully completed on 17 March 2016. A finial ram representing the village's link to the Bertie family sits atop a beautiful reed roof, with a sedge and straw ridge, facing east towards the village. UVH has the only thatched village hall roof in Lincolnshire and is believed to be 1 of only 15 thatched village halls in the UK. A photographic timeline of the rethatching is available on Facebook: Uffington Village Lincolnshire. Plans are afoot to formally celebrate its opening; in the meantime, UVH Committee would sincerely like to thank everyone who has helped finance the conservation of this unique community building.

Uffington Church AGM will be held on 20th April at 7.30pm in Casewick Chapel. All welcome.

NSPCC - Did you know that in 2016 in the Peterborough area 239 children were abused and subject to protection plans at the local NSPCC service centre. We need your help to raise funds to support their care by taking part in the annual Rutland Water sponsored bike ride to be held on Sunday 5th June 2016. This is a family event for all ages, taking place midst glorious surroundings with a free hog roast for all entrants. Our website www.rutlandbikeride.eventbrite.co.uk provides full information or alternatively please contact John Burcham on 07880 600635 or Chris Quinn on 07738 551233.

Thank you. Can I thank everyone for their cards of sympathy and kind words. Brenda was part of the village and joined in many things that took place in the village. Once again my many thanks. **Tom and family**

WELLAND MOTHERS' UNION

Lady Day Service, Mon 4th April 30pm St Andrew's Church, West Deeping. Everyone welcome.

Next meeting Monday 18th April 2.00pm at Sylvia's home. Talk by Rev'd Mark Thomson. Further information from Elizabeth Noble 01778 344674 or Anne Batty 01780 740151

Discipleship

What does 'disciple' mean to you? One of the twelve lesus called, who gave up everything to follow him? Some of the others in the Bible, who followed lesus in his lifetime? Very dedicated. special people, of great faith? Somebody else?

If you're a Christian, you're a disciple. Christians are all called to follow Christ, and not just to believe but to grow in faith - to become, as a former Bishop of Lincoln, Edward King, said over a hundred years ago, 'more Christ-like Christians'. As our present Bishop, Christopher, comments. that 'is one of the toughest challenges we can set ourselves . . . also one of the most rewarding'. There are some times we're better at meeting the challenge than others — enthusiasm can wane. or life can just get in the way.

To help us rekindle our enthusiasm and grow in faith, the Diocese of Lincoln has started a Developing Discipleship Programme, to help us think as individuals, as parishes and as a group about where we are and where we're going in our life and faith - and where we'd like to be. We're launching the programme in the Uffington Group with a special service:

> Sunday 3rd April 10.30am - Group Service at Uffington with the Bishop of Grantham the Rt. Revd. Dr. Nicholas Chamberlain followed by a 'bring and share' lunch

It's the first time we'll be welcoming the new Bishop of Grantham to the group, so we hope everyone will come along to the service and stay to meet him afterwards.

The programme then moves on to three events, led by members of the Diocesan Discipleship Team: Saturday 23rd April, 9.30am-12.30pm in Tallington Village Hall; Wednesday 11th May, 7pm-9.15pm in Greatford Village Hall; and Wednesday 22nd June, 7pm-9.15pm in Greatford Village Hall. Everyone is very welcome to all the events, but we particularly hope that all PCC members will come, so that all the parishes are well represented.

READINGS FOR APRIL

| | Psalm | Acts | Gospel |
|------------------------|-------|----------|---------------|
| 3 rd April | 150 | Acts | John |
| Easter 2 | | 5:27-32 | 20:19-31 |
| 10 th April | 30 | Acts | John |
| Easter 3 | | 9:1-20 | 21:1-19 |
| 17 th April | 23 | Acts | John 10:22-30 |
| Easter 4 | | 9:36-end | |
| 24 th April | 148 | Acts | John |
| Easter 5 | l | 11:1-18 | 13:31-35 |
| 1 st May | 67 | Acts | John 5:1-9 |
| Easter 6 | | 16:9-15 | |

In Eastertide the reading from Acts is compulsory, so at all our services this month we will read Acts and the Gospel. The colour in church for Easter is white and gold, with a church full of flowers after the bareness of Lent (but if you're using lilies, please remember to remove the stamens!)

WEST DEEPING

St Andrew's Church, All Age Service Sunday 17th April 10.30am, If you have any ideas or requests, or would like a special prayer or hymn please tell Allen 01778 344208, or lan 01778 380014. Good progress was made at the Church spring clean on March 12th. Thank you to everyone who turned up to help.

West Deeping Walkers. Sundays. 10th April – Allan Crowson. 01778 345393. 24th April – tbc. Meet outside the Village Hall. 2pm now it's BST.

Walkers' Supper Friday 22nd April 7.30pm at Maggie and Peter's house. 32 King Street 01778 344768. Everyone brings a dish and we plan walks for the next 6 months. For general queries: Annie Newbigging 01778 346805, email: snewbigging@talktalk.net

Bible Studies. Tuesdays, 12^{th} and 26^{th} April. 2.45 for 3.00pm at Cromwell House followed by tea with our hosts Susanna and Ian. Contact: Allen Calvert 01778 344208.

Coffee Morning. Saturday 16th April. 10.30am-12noon. West Deeping Village Hall. Call in for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. Donations for St. Andrew's Church. Raffle, cake/produce stall, activities for children. All are welcome.

Heritage Group. Tuesday 19th April. 7p.m for a 7.30p.m. start. West Deeping Village Hall. Annual General Meeting, followed by 'Delving into village archives' - an informal, participative session to look at the group's collection - old photographs, property deeds, vestry minutes, the gravedigger's account book and more. Bring your own archives if you have them!

Carpet Bowls Club. The group meets on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday evenings in the Village Hall, See centre pages, Chairperson; June Thomas 01778 343434.

Rambling Readers. April 29th 7.45pm. West Deeping Village Hall. If you are interested in reading a new book each month supplied by Lincolnshire Libraries please touch base with Elizabeth at 01778 344674. Or just come along for a taster session.

Classes running in West Deeping Village Hall include: Step Clog. Fortnightly on Mondays 8-9.30pm, for beginners of any age as well as more experienced people. Hard-soled shoes are required, not trainers, to hear the patterns of the steps. Call Laura 01733 267129, leave your name and contact number and she will get in touch with you or email lozwharton122@skv.com

Tiny Talk. Sign language for babies. Thursday mornings. Toddler class at 9.45am. Baby Class 11am-12noon. For more details ask Hannah Davies 07970 782790, hannahd@tinytalk.co.uk

Boxercise classes run on Sunday mornings. Contact. Frankie 07949612859. email: frankieboxercise@mail.com

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West Deeping Celebrates the Queen's 90th Birthday with food, fun and frolics on the field Sunday afternoon - 12th June 2016 Full details to follow

LOCAL MUSICIANS IN LOCAL CHURCHES

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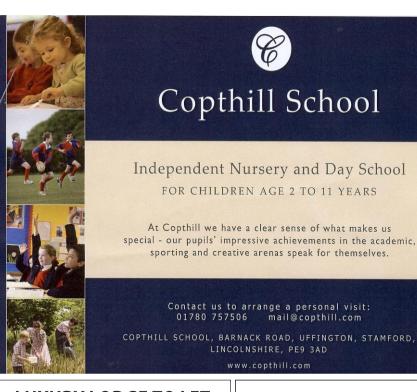
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Church Flowers

 $3^{\text{rd}}/10^{\text{th}}$ April – Mrs M Tilson $17^{\text{th}}/24^{\text{th}}$ April – Mrs A Knox

Mothering Sunday: Traditionally the Uffington'Tallington Mothering Sunday service is held in our Church every other year. The service, on 6th March, was led by the Rector. She came to the Church that day laden with several large bags which contained her props for the service. There was a decent congregation of parents and children, mainly from Uffington it must be said, who quickly settled down to the service eveing up the props they could see at the chancel steps. There were other items, concealed behind the front pew, which were produced as the story proceeded. The theme was, of course, on Mothers and was illustrated by the story of Moses in the Bull Rushes. The children sat in the nave and listened and watched intently as Carolyn unfolded the traditional story. Some of the children played an active part in the story and assisted by holding the 'baby' Moses and playing other parts as directed by Carolyn. An interesting item which fascinated the children was the opening of 'flowers' by the addition of water. Even the adults moved into the aisle to see what was so fascinating for the children. As part of the story the Rector produced a Simnel cake which she had baked - her first ever attempt. The cake was added to the other refreshments after the service and not a crumb was left. Well done Rector and Cook. The children were then invited up to collect posies to give to their mothers which was a very touching moment. The posies were made by Anne Knox, Julie Haslam, Val Sorrell and Helen Taylor to whom many thanks are due. Thanks also to those who prepared and served the refreshments and drinks and to Sally lyett who dusted and polished the pews. It was lovely to hear our organ accompanying the service - many thanks to Tim Grace for playing it for us. All in all it was a very successful service which caught the attention of children and adults alike.

200 Club Winners in February: No 16 Tony Haslam £20; No 121 David and Helena Bowker £10.

Social Evenings: Our popular Potato Evening returns in April on Friday the 29th from 7.00 pm. Why not come along and enjoy a lovely jacket potato with whatever filling (or fillings) we have on offer. Whatever you choose is always delicious and the 'spuds' beautifully cooked.

Mobile Library Service: The Mobile Library will be in Church Lane between 11.15 am and 11.45 am on Monday 18^{th} April 2016.

Flying the Flag: The St George's flag was flown on Monday 14th March in celebration of Mr Peter Healey's 90th Birthday. This was sponsored by his two daughters and their husbands Rose and Steve Brown and Suzanne and Michael Waumsley. I am sure we all hope he had a very happy birthday. Remember it only costs £5 for you to celebrate your special occasion. Just ring John or Liz Allen on 740076,

Parish Council: The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on Tuesday 10th May 2016. All residents are welcome at these meetings.

GREATFORD

Church Flowers: Joan Aylett (from April 6th)
Church Cleaning: 10th April, Bridget and James Everitt; 24th April to be confirmed

Church Services: The services – which everyone is most welcome to attend – are: 10th April, Holy Communion at 9am; and 24th April, Family Service at 9am.

Bell Ringing: Greatford practice night Wednesday 20th April at 7.30pm. The Lincoln Diocesan Guild AGM is in Lincoln on Saturday 30th April; 9.30-10am ringing in Lincoln Cathedral; 10.m HC in the Ringers' Chapel; 10m AGM at Bailgate Methodist Church & bring & share lunch; 10m Agm at St Giles; 10m AGM at Lincoln Cathedral for Evensong at 10m Evensong at 10m Cathedral for Evensong at 10m Cathedr

Carlby & District WI: At the meeting is on Tuesday 8th March the talk was by Philippa Massey on 'Plaques, Facts and Misinformation-Stamford's Historic Plaques.' The next meeting will be at 7:30pm at Carlby Village Hall on Tuesday 12th April and will be the AGM followed by a talk entitled 'The Story of Chocolate' by Louise Cox. New Members and visitors are always welcome. For further information please telephone 01778 392838.

Flood Alert, 10 March 2016: Residents registered with the Environment Agency for Flood Alerts & Flood Warnings received an automated Flood Alert message by phone and/or text at 0715 on Thursday 10 March when the height of water in the River Glen at the Shillingthorpe Gauge Station (½mile upstream of Greatford) reached 1.18m. The Alert was cancelled in less than 2 hours because the automatic gates at the Greatford Sluice had already opened and the water level reduced rapidly as excess water was diverted away via the Greatford Cut. This was the first Flood Alert since the datum levels for Greatford for such alerts were changed to lower (more realistic) figures in February 2013, ie Flood Alert (1.18m): Flooding possible – be prepared; or Flood Warning (1.32m): Flooding is expected - immediate action required. If you are not already registered and wish to do so, call Floodline 0345 988 1188, or register online www.environmentagency.gov.uk/flood and click on the link for the free warning service. You need to specify whether you want to receive Flood Alerts (daylight only) as well as Flood Warnings (24 hrs). It is a personal decision whether to register, and whether for Flood Alert in addition to Flood Warning. For further local information or to receive periodic email updates contact the Greatford Flood Warden Chris G-White cgw41f@gmail.com (01778 561181)

Mobile Library: The van will call at Greatford opposite the phone box on Mondays 18th April and 16th May from 12:00noon to 12:30pm.

Flying the Flag: Mark any special event by having the Union Flag or St George's Flag flown at the Village Hall (for a contribution to Village Hall Funds) or outside the Church (in aid of Church Funds). Please contact Cyril Webb on 560437 in either case.

PILGRIM A Course for the Christian Journey

A few weeks ago, as a forerunner to the forthcoming Discipleship initiative within our group. Revd. Mark offered to lead a 'Pilgrim' course to help explore into the truth and understanding of the Christian faith for those wishing to learn more of what it means to be disciples of lesus. The first 6 sessions concentrated on 'The Church and the Kingdom' and attracted 7 worshipers from across the benefice. This expanded into 2 groups and 14 participants for the 2nd course. 'The Creeds, which ran through Lent. We were just ordinary folk taking part in something new to most of us. What has been the reaction to Pilgrim? A key benefit has been to draw people together from different backgrounds and walks of life by developing friendship and a greater understanding amongst those taking part. By sharing special moments, often quite personal experiences, recollections and beliefs with people some of us hardly knew before proved increasingly rewarding. The learning process was considerable. By adopting a format for each session which involved a theme, opening prayers, a conversation-starter, a short reflection, some questions and then a 'journeying on' section before closing prayers, meant we could readily follow each topic and grow in confidence with each session. Unsurprisingly, some of the topics we covered proved a little challenging somewhat thought provoking and always generated considerable discussion and debate amongst us. We learned to pray more regularly, to be thankful rather than critical and to understand a little more of Our Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Why not consider trying a course yourself? We all survived and are still laughing and feel richer for the experience. Oh,....and the coffees, cakes and biscuits provided by our hosts were always well received! Bv Malcolm Ravilious





Uffington Village Hall 10am until 3pm - Tuesday 5th April Laptop and Tablet Clinic

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| 3 rd | 4 th | 5 th | |
| Easter 2 | | | |
| 10.30am Uffington HC | 2pm WD St Andrew's | 10am-3pm UffVH | |
| Group Service 'Discipleship' with the | Church – Welland MU | Upcycling Craft Day | |
| Rt Rev Dr Nicholas Chamerlain, Bishop of Grantham | | | |
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| 10 th | 11 th | 12 th | |
| Easter 3 | " | 12 | |
| 9am Greatford HC | 9.15am UffVH Yoga | 2.45pm WD Bible Studies | |
| 10.30am Uffington MP | | @ Cromwell House | |
| 10.30am WDeeping HC | | | |
| 2pm WDVH Walkers | | | |
| 6pm Tallington EP | | | |
| 17 th | 18 th | 19 th | |
| Easter 4 | | | |
| 9am Barholm HC | 9.15am UffVH Yoga | | |
| 10.30am Uffington HC & Sunday Club | 2pm WD Welland MU | | |
| 10.30am WDeeping All Age Worship | | | |
| 24 th | 25 th | 26 th | |
| Easter 5 | | | |
| 9am Greatford All Age Worship | 9.15am UffVH Yoga | 2.45pm WD Bible Studies | |
| 10.30am Tallington HC | | @ Cromwell House | |
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| 2pm WDVH Bowls 7.30 UffVH WI - The AGM Speaker - Maria Jackson - What shall I make? Competition: What is that? (any unusual object) | 8pm WDVH Bowls | | |
| 13 th | 14 th | 15 th | 16 th |
| 2pm WDVH Bowls 7pm UffVH Lace & Needlecraft Group | 10am UffVH Parent & Toddler Group 8pm WDVH Bowls | | 10.30am WDVH St Andrew's Church Coffee Morning |
| 20 th | 21 st | 22 nd | 23 rd |
| 2pm WDVH Bowls 7pm UffVH Lace & Needlecraft Group | 10am UffVH Parent & Toddler Group 8pm WDVH Bowls | 7.30pm WD Walkers Supper | |
| 27 th | 28 th | 29 th | 30 th |
| 2pm WDVH Bowls 7pm UffVH Lace & Needlecraft Group | 10am UffVH Parent & Toddler Group 8pm WDVH Bowls | 7pm TallVH Social Evening 7.45pm WDVH Rambling Readers | |