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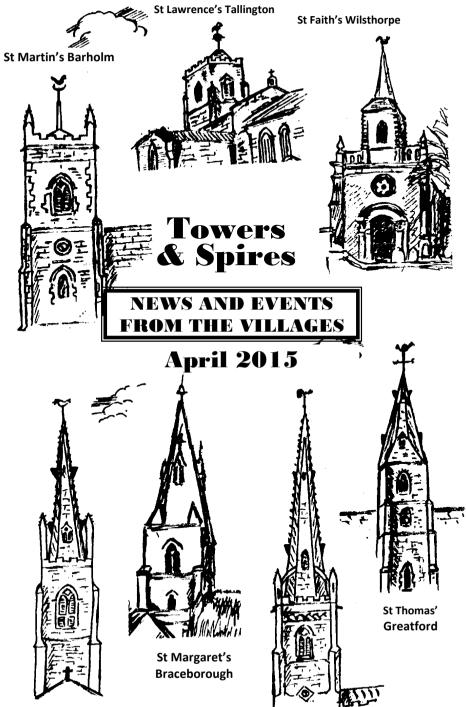
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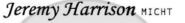
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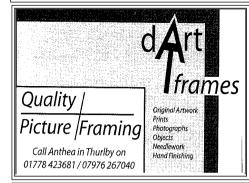


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Dear All

The sun is shining, the birds are singing, the daffodils are out – spring is here! (Well, it may be raining as you read this, but it's sunny as l'm writing – that's spring in England...)

This magazine should reach you during Holy Week, with all the special services described in last month's magazine, and there's still time to come along to a service or the Good Friday walk, and of course it's not too late to celebrate Easter properly, starting with our dawn service at 6am at Wilsthorpe – and don't forget to bring something to make a joyful noise.

This is a joyful time of year, as we welcome the Good News of the Resurrection, and also celebrate the glories of creation with the beauty of spring. This year we also welcome and celebrate new ministry in the Uffington Group. Allan Crowson of West Deeping has been authorised as a lay minister, joining the Uffington Group lay ministry team - Les Baillie and Geoff and Donna Radley – who have been working so hard since the team was established two years ago. And at the end of the month we will welcome an assistant priest to the group.

The Revd Mark Thomson is coming to join us from Market Deeping, where he's the assistant curate; he's also been working in Deeping St. James. We're going to give Mark some experience of working in a rural group – and he's going to help by doing things I've been struggling with because of my ill health. In particular, Mark will be taking responsibility for the parishes I'm unable to drive to: Barholm, Braceborough, Greatford, West Deeping and Wilsthorpe, while I concentrate on Uffington, Tallington, and getting better. We'll work together to care for the parish, along with the lay ministry team, our Reader Susanna Aldred and of course the Revd Martin Brebner, who has been magnificent during my illness and should now get a rest; I hope too we'll continue to be supported by the Revds John Batty and Clive Hilton, and by all the others who help to keep the service pattern going in this group.

Mark will be licensed at a special service of Evening Prayer in St Margaret's, Braceborough, on Sunday, 26^{th} April at 6pm, with the Archdeacon, the Ven Dr Justine Allain Chapman. There will be a 'bring and share' reception after the service at Braceborough Village Hall – Mark will be bringing friends from his current congregations, and I hope as many people as possible from this group will come along to welcome him – I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours,

Carolyn Kennedy

BRACEBOROUGH & WILSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

During the Public Forum a resident of Wilsthorpe was given an update on the First Time Sewerage Scheme – information has been placed on the noticeboard and website.

Councillors Kentish, Morriss, Trollope-Bellew and the Clerk took part in a highways walkabout of both villages, information was sent to LCC Highways department. During the Parish Council meeting concern was expressed about brambles which were obstructing the visibility at the Cocked Hat Junction and potholes/roadside breakup.

Cllr Kentish said that he was looking for pictures of Wilsthorpe to be included in the Parish Plan.

The closure of Greatford/Banthorpe Level Crossing was discussed and concern was expressed that this route would be closed to all traffic. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had been contacted by the Chairman of Ryhall Parish Council. It was decided to contact Nick Boles MP.

Cllrs Kentish & Morriss attended the Local Plan forum which is the first phase in the production of a new planning policy for South Kesteven.

The Clerk had collected the nomination papers from the District Council.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 13th April 2015 at 7pm at St Faith's Church, Wilsthorpe. This will include the Annual Parish Meeting which is an occasion for electors to raise any concerns they may have. They may wish to discuss parish affairs, make resolutions & vote. This is your meeting, please come along and support the event.

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

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Church Services: The services, which everyone is most welcome to attend, are: **EASTER DAY, 5th April: Holy Communion at 9am; 12th April:** Holy Communion at 9am; **26th April:** All Age Service at 9am.

Carlby & District WI: On Tuesday 10th March Jill Collinge gave an intriguing talk entitled 'Simple Words, Hidden Meanings,' chronicling the meanings of words in Nursery Rhymes which were a means of disseminating information. The President Margaret Hawkins won the raffle to attend the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace marking the WI's Centenary. The next meeting will be the AGM with Cheese & Wine & Mystery Speaker. This will be held in Carlby Village Hall on Tuesday 14th April at the earlier time of 7pm. New Members and visitors are always welcome. For information please phone 01778 590180.

Bell ringing: Greatford practice night – Wednesday 15th April from 7:30pm. The Lincoln Diocesan Guild AGM is on Saturday 25 April, commencing with Holy Communion in Lincoln Cathedral – for details see http://www.ldgcb.org.uk/diary/2015.

Mobile Library: The van will call at Greatford opposite the phone box on **Mondays** 20^{th} April and 18^{th} May from 12:00 noon to 12:30 pm.

Flying the Flag: You can help to raise funds by having the Union Jack or the Flag of St George flown in honour of any special event. The Flags can be flown at the Village Hall in aid of Village Hall Funds or on the flagpole outside the Church in aid of Church Funds. Please contact Cyril Webb on 560437 in either case. The Union flag flown at the Village Hall is to celebrate FREDDIE becoming a teenager - sponsored by Granny and Grandpa Aylett.

Green Fingers? Make a mean Chilli Jam? Bake the best Victoria Sponge? Grow a magnificent marrow? This year's Greatford Fete in September will host the Inaugural Annual Greatford Produce Show, with a variety of competitive and fun categories and some great prizes. So start your planning and planting now, and prepare to prove your claim to the title of Best in Show. There will be a small charge to enter which will go towards the Fete fundraising and entry forms will be available nearer the time.

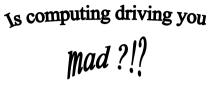
World Book Night: Cazz Anders writes: I'm delighted that I have again been chosen as a giver for WBN, an international charity initiative encouraging more people to discover the joy of reading. Steve and Alex at The Hare and Hounds have again kindly offered their support and I will be giving out FREE copies of The Moaning of Life by Karl Pilkington in the pub, from 6pm on Friday 24th April. Even if you don't read much come along and collect a copy and find out why books are so wonderful! For more information please contact Cazz Anders on 561032 or visithttp://www.worldbooknight.org.

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THE NOTEABLES PRESENT 'SPIRIT OF SPRING' ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, WEST DEEPING SATURDAY, 18TH APRIL, 7.30 PM

Market Deeping choir the Noteables will present their concert 'Spirit of Spring' at St Andrew's Church, West Deeping on Saturday 18^{th} April. The concert will include a performance of John Rutter's cycle of spirituals *Feel the Spirit* for which the soloist will be Glenys Page. In addition the choir will sing items to celebrate both the Easter season the return of spring, by a wide range of composers as diverse as Bob Chilcott, John Taverner, Mozart and George Shearing. The Noteables was formed in 2014 and in November presented a concert of music and poetry as part of the World War I commemorations in the Deepings. The choir's Musical Director is Sara Woolhouse, who has wide experience both as a musician and conductor of choral groups. Tickets for the concert are £8.00 for adults and £1 for children to the age of 16. They are available from the church, from choir members or on the door.

UFFINGTON

Church Flowers Apr 5th/12th – Easter Apr 19th/26th – Free

Flying the Flag. Either the Union Jack or St George's Flag has been flown as follows:

Date	Event	Sponsor(s)
5 th March	Tom & Brenda Francis's Diamond	Tom & Brenda
	Wedding Anniversary	Francis
9 th Mar	AVM Johnnie Johnson's birthday (Born 9 th March 1915)	John Edwards
31 st Mar	Silver Wedding Anniversary of Nick and Vanessa Kimberley	Nick & Vanessa Kimberley

Mark your special date by sponsoring either the Union Jack or St George's flag, and make a ± 5 donation to Church funds. Contact David & Gail Genever or Graham Creedy (481084).

Uffington Walk and Talk - all welcome. The walk planned for April 10th is "Cuckoo Spinney" - a walk from Empingham, along the shore of Rutland Water to Whitwell. On to Exton, then back to Empingham via Horn Mill. (approx. 7.5 miles). Meet at 9.55am in Empingham. Park opposite the church away from the shops. For further information email uffingtonwalkers@yahoo.co.uk.

Broadband in Uffington Village Hall. South Kesteven District Council have a scheme to encourage local access to broadband in community venues. Tallington and Castle Bytham village halls have taken advantage of the financial support provided. They are now live and offering wireless access to users of their halls. Uffington Village Hall committee are unsure whether sufficient use of such a facility will be made to make this financially viable in the longer term. Initial investigation has shown that the projected download speed will be around 25 Mbps. Suggestions for the potential uses include: Internet café: Internet and email help/ classes: Online gaming: Large downloads: Standby system if your home connection goes down. It is expected that organised sessions would be available to suit a variety of audiences from the IT literate to villagers just wanting to get to grips with internet and email use on their mobile phone or tablet. To gauge support for this idea users and potential users of the hall are invited to use the feedback facility of the Uffington Parish Website:

http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Uffington/feedback.asp?catld=23156

to express their views for and against. Alternatively phone Robert Irvine on 01780 754802. Other suggested uses would also be welcomed.

Uffington Cricket Club. Uffington Cricket Club is holding a fund raising General Knowledge Quiz in the Village Hall on Saturday April 11^{th} at 7.30pm. £20 per team of four, please confirm entry to Dean Cornish on 0772 596 2466. Food and drink available to buy.

Scarecrow Weekend. Please Note that Books, White Elephants!, Records, Raffle Prizes, Cakes and help are all needed for the Scarecrow Weekend $3^{rd}/4^{th}$ May.

Note of Thanks. Tom and Brenda would like to thank everyone who sent their good wishes and cards for their Diamond Wedding Anniversary and also for the get well cards and best wishes to Tom on his stay in hospital due to falling and breaking his knee cap. This meant a lot to both of us.

WEST DEEPING

St Andrew's Church. This month's all-age service is on 19th April at 11.30am followed by a shared lunch. The Church and Conservation Group are still looking for more volunteers. Allen 01778 344208, Ian 01778 380014.

West Deeping Walkers. Sundays – 29th March is led by Emma and Keith 01778 345506, 12th April by Gill 01778 345589, and 26th April by Kevin and Shirley 01778 347517. Meet outside the Village Hall at 2pm. (please note the BST starts on 29 March) Contact: Annie Newbigging 01778 346805: snewbigging@talktalk.net

Bible Studies. Tuesdays -7^{th} and 21st April. 2.45 for 3.00pm at Cromwell House followed by tea with our hosts Susanna and Ian. Contact: Allen Calvert 01778 344208.

West Deeping Heritage Group. Wednesday 15th April 7 for 7.30 p.m. start. An illustrated talk by Ginny Cook about her family history research and getting "Great Uncle Norman's letters" into print, following a brief Annual General Meeting. If you would like to be added to our contact list phone 01778 344768 or email wdheritage@hotmail.co.uk. For further details about the group's activities visit wdheritage.wordpress.com

Coffee Morning. Saturday 18th April. 10.30am-12noon. West Deeping Village Hall. Call in for tea/coffee and a chat. Donations for St. Andrew's Church. Raffle, cake/produce stall; activities for children. All are welcome.

Concert. Spirit of Spring Saturday 18th April. 7.30pm St Andrews's Church. See separate The Notables entry. Tickets are available from Allan Crowson 01778 345393

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. Friday 24th April 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.

West Deeping Village Fund Raising. Please keep in touch with Sue at sue.latham1@02.co.uk or Lesley at lesleyjward@yahoo.com

Allan Crowson would like to express his heart-felt thanks to the people who came to support him at the Parish Lay Ministers' Authorization Service in Stamford on Sunday 8th March.

Poppy Appeal 2014/15. The current totals are as follows; West Deeping £235-40, Langtoft the Deepings & District Branch in excess of £13,888-70. Lincolnshire County total is 4% up on last year – so far standing in excess of £746,512-00. The response and generosity of the public of the County and the many villages that are covered by the LTD&D branch is overwhelming. It is, once again, very humbling to see the esteem our Armed Forces and Veterans are held in. Thank you all for your outstanding generosity, 1 wish you all a very Happy and Healthy 2015. B. Marsden (Poppy Appeal Liaison Officer –South)

A date for your diaries - June 14th 2015 St Andrew's Church Fete in West Deeping Manor House Gardens. More information to follow in future issues. Offers of help please contact Wendy 01778 344208: wendymunton@aol.com

TALLINGTON Church Flowers 5th/12th April – Mrs M Tilson 19th/26th April – Mrs K Dodworth

200 Club Winners in February: No 42 Ioan Neale £20: No 198 Stuart Parker £10.

Social Evenings: ~The Fish and Chip Supper with Quiz was much enjoyed and again the Committee was delighted to see new faces amongst the contestants. The April event will be a Potato Evening with various fillings – an event which always seems very popular. This time there will also be games available suitable for both adults and children. It will, of course, take place on the last Friday of the month 24^{th} April from 7.00 pm.

Mobile Library Service: 1 am pleased to be able to tell you that the Mobile Library will be in Church Lane on Monday 20th April in Church Lane from 11.15 am to 11.45 am.

Post Office: Please remember that the Post Office is open every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm in the Village Hall. A notice in the Village Hall shows the many services which are offered.

Tallington By Pass Now Group Update March 2015. Following the 2 presentations carried out alongside the Network Rail Exhibitions on the 21^{st} and 31^{st} January of a full by pass outline proposal we have during February canvassed all the residents and businesses in Tallington as to their view on the alternative scheme. This has been done by means of door-to-door interviews and the signing of a petition that read as follows:

As residents of Tallington we believe that there is only one sensible long-term solution for the closure of Tallington Level Crossing – A Full By-Pass. In order to protect our safety and quality of life from the increased volume and speed of traffic that will result from any in village route we support the proposals for limited housing/light industrial development as displayed by the Tallington By Pass Now Group to provide funds sufficient only to make up the shortfall in road costs to enable a complete By Pass to be built.

To date the response has been overwhelmingly in favour with 88.64% signing the petition support of the alternative proposal. This and the feedback from the interviews clearly shows that whilst most accept that the bridge is now in the correct position the strength of opinion against the road coming through the Village is overwhelming. We also gained (to date) over 200 signatures from residents of neighbouring Villages in support of the proposal. This gives us and the Thurlby family the confidence that we have the support required to get approval for a departure from the local plan from SKDC. In the meantime we have heard from Network Rail that they anticipate their funding negotiations may be prolonged by the forthcoming general election and a review of funding priorities. So they cannot keep to their planned schedule. They have also extended the public consultation period until the 2^{nd} June. Consequently they believe there is a window of opportunity for the Thurlby family to apply for planning for the proposed development. Network Rail funding should have been in place by the Autumn of last year; however 60 years of failed attempts do not provide the land owner with confidence to commit to the substantial costs now required and to proceed further until it is clear Network Rail have their funding confirmed. With the support now in place further meetings with SKDC, LCC officers and portfolio holders have taken place along with discussions on the estimated costs needed for the missing kilometre of road. There is now the political will to achieve what all accept is the best solution, a full by pass now that would negate the need for Network Rail to bring a new road back through the Village. Further meetings are scheduled with Network Rail and also with LCC and SKDC to see what can be done to facilitate an application for planning to go forward for the development required asap. We will keep residents updated as and when there is something more to report and in meantime thank all who have helped and responded to the petition. Philip Sagar

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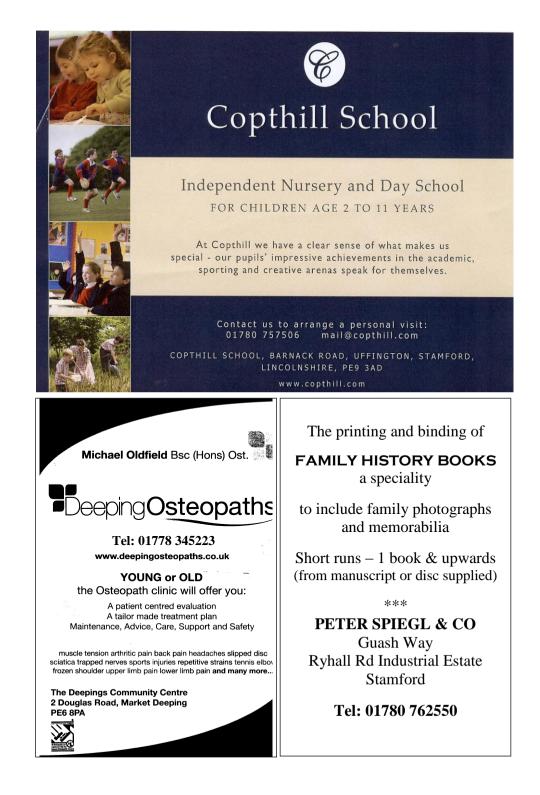
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TALLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council Meeting was held on Tuesday 10 March 2015. It was agreed that we would explore the possibility of installing 30mph passive speed awareness signs in Tallington similar to those installed in Uffington. It was also agreed that we would explore dog foul bins in Bainton Road near the River Welland. The following update received from Network Rail will be incorporated into the minutes of the meeting. You will note that following comments from the parish council and other stakeholders that the consultation periods have been flawed, the second stage consultation period has now been extended to June 2015. This will give the "Tallington Now Bypass Group" valuable time to consider and prepare their next move. We understand that the preliminary results of the recent petition indicate that very nearly 90% of households and business' in Tallington support the groups full bypass proposals. This is a significant step forward and an important statement for SKDC to consider when a planning application is submitted.

UFFINGTON IN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLNSHIRE BY NJ SHEEHAN

is a new account of the village and parish from the time of the Norman Conquest to the present day. Copies of the book are available to view in the parish church and to buy from 52 Casewick Lane, Uffington (Tel: 01780 757597; email njsheehan@doctors.org.uk). (Hardback £26.00; softback £18.50) The proceeds of all sales in 2015 will be donated to the St Michael and All Angels church fabric fund.

	Psalm	ОТ	NT Gospel	
5 th April			Acts John	
EASTER DAY			10:34-43	20:1-18
12 th April	133		Acts	John
Easter 2			4:32-35	20:19-31
19 th April	4		Acts	Luke
Easter 3			3:12-19	24:36b-48
26 th April	23		Acts	John
Easter 4			4:5-12	10:11-18
3 rd May	22:15-31		Acts	John
Easter 5			8:26-40	15:1-8

READINGS FOR APRIL

After the plainness of Lent, Easter is white and gold with flowers galore. Usually, the readings for communion services are the NT and Gospel, and for Morning or Evening Prayer the Psalm, OT and NT, but in Eastertide the reading from Acts is compulsory – and of course the Gospel tells the Resurrection stories. So, at all services from Easter onwards we will read Acts and the Gospel, plus the psalm at non-communion services.

BRACEBOROUGH

Holy Communion – Sunday 5th April at 9am, St Margaret's Church. Everyone welcome. Please come along.

Thursday 2nd April – **Agape** – in the village hall & at church afterwards. 7pm in Braceborough village hall. Come and share a simple meal and listen to the story of The Last Supper, before moving onto Communion, still seated at the table. Afterwards we move to the church where traditional psalms are read whilst the altar is stripped in preparation for the bleakness of Good Friday. Tickets £2, Family £5 to cover the costs of a light supper.

Sunday 12th April Sunday Lunch in Village Hall. Traditional homemade roast lunch and dessert. 12.30pm for 1pm. Adults £8, Children £4. Licensed Bar, Raffle. Tickets available from Sue King, Cheryl, Keith & Malcolm. Proceeds in aid of church funds.

Sunday 26th April 6pm Evensong at St Margaret's & in the Village Hall afterwards. Please come along to welcome Mark Thomson who will be licensed as Assistant Curate to the Uffington Group by Archdeacon Justine during the service. Mark will have special responsibility for Braceborough, Barholm, West Deeping, Greatford & Wilsthorpe. Afterwards there will be a short reception in the Village Hall with drinks and buffet food prepared and donated on a 'shared' basis.

Saturday 2nd May Gift Day for the Bell Tower & Bells of St Margaret's Church A Gift Day is being planned for 2nd May to launch a new fund to help carry out essential maintenance and repairs to the bell tower and bells. Several issues were identified in our most recent Quinquenniel Report, which comments on the fabric of the building and its state of repair and safety. Items include timber treatment, timber repairs, internal stonework and bell maintenance. Further advice is being sought before consideration is given to applying for grant assistance and extending our fundraising efforts. A letter explaining our initiative and inviting donations will be delivered to each home in the parish within the coming weeks. Please give consideration to this request. The letter includes a simple form to complete and return with your gift.

Saturday 2^{nd} May Churchyard Maintenance morning at St Margaret's. It is planned to arrange our annual spring maintenance for the church building and churchyard starting at 9.30am on Saturday May 2^{nd} . If you are able to help please call Malcolm on 561153. Tasks will include checking guttering, lighting, groundworks in churchyard, securing boiler house door etc.

Sunday 16th May Pot Luck Supper at Village Hall. 7pm for 7.30pm. Licensed Bar & Raffle. Tickets soon to be available from the usual suspects. Adults £8, Children £4, Family £20.

Fly The Flag. It costs just $\pounds 5$ to fly the flag to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or any other memorable or special event. Please contact James or Hazel.

UFFINGTON JUNIOR CRICKET

This year we will have three junior teams, Under 9s, Under 11s and Under 13s. The Team organisers responsible for the teams are as follows.

Under 9s. James Genever. 07813 199434.james.genever@btintenet.comUnder 11s. Steve Holloway07786 324804holloway.steve@btinternet.comUnder 13s. Karl Breeze.07973 324404karl.breeze@orangehouseav.co.uk

Indoor Training

Wednesday 1st April at Stamford Welland Academy Sports Hall. Cost £5Under 9s and under (Year 4, Year 3, Year 2).Under 11s and Under 13s (Year 8, Year 7, Year 6, Year 5).6.45pm - 8.00pm

Wednesday 8th April at Stamford Welland Academy Sports Hall. Cost £5Under 9s and under (Year 4, Year 3, Year 2).Under 11s and Under 13s (Year 8, Year 7, Year 6, Year 5).6.00pm - 8.00pm

Sunday 19th April and Sunday 26th April at Stamford Junior School Sports Hall. Cost £5 Under 11s only 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Outdoor Training. Training will be on Wednesdays starting from Wednesday 15th April.Under 9s and under (Year 4, Year 3, Year 2).5.00pm - 6.15pmUnder 11s and Under 13s (Year 8, Year 7, Year 6, Year 5).6.15pm - 7.30pm

Membership Subscriptions. Subscriptions are £20 per junior or £50 per family. Junior membership covers all outdoor training and games. Family membership covers the junior membership and also allows parents and older children to play in the friendly games that we have planned at the weekends. Please could you fill in the attached membership form and return it with your subscription as soon as possible. If you know anyone else who would like to join please pass this email onto them or bring them along to one of the training sessions.

Bag Packing at Morrisons. Please can as many Juniors and Parents make themselves available on Saturday 11th April from 8.45am until 12.00pm for bag packing at Morrisons. This is a great way to raise money for our club. Please let James Genever know your availability, even if it's just an hour.

Sponsorship. Assembo Hair and Beauty will be sponsoring our junior teams again this year. May we take this opportunity to thank them for their support and ask you to support them in return.

Kit. An online shop has been set up where you can buy Uffington Cricket Club shirts, trousers, caps and training kit and have it delivered to your home. We will also have some cheaper tee-shirts for the faster growing children which will be on sale from the team organisers. All the junior players should wear whites during games. Please visit www.allroundercricket.com and follow the links to Uffington Cricket Club under the teamwear heading.

The Last Supper

7 pm, Thursday 2nd April,

in Braceborough Village Hall

Tickets £2, family ticket £5, to cover a light supper

This year we're going to share a meal and service following the pattern of the early Christian church, the first followers of Christ.

When Jesus met with his friends in the first Holy Week they shared a meal and fellowship, eating and chatting, before the meal became special and significant in a new way, as Jesus blessed the bread and the wine and gave it to his disciples. We will do the same thing, sitting at table together and sharing a simple meal of bread, cheese and fruit and a glass of wine before hearing the story of that Last Supper and moving on to a celebration of communion, still seated at table.

We will also re-enact some of the other events of that evening. Just as Jesus washed the feet of his disciples (shocking them, because they thought he was too important to do that for them), so the tradition is that the most senior clergy wash the feet of at least some of those present at the service – in a cathedral, it would be the bishop or the dean. Here it will be the Rector (NB having your feet washed is not compulsory – volunteers only!). And at the end of the evening, as Jesus and the disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray, we move on to the church, where traditional psalms will be read and the altar stripped, ready for the bleakness of Good Friday.

If you'd like to find out more about the Last Supper, and how communion as we know it started, why not come along and find out. This celebration is open to everyone, whether they've been confirmed or not, and is a family occasion where children are welcome (it will go on until at least 8.30pm, but families can opt out of the time in church). Tickets are available from the churchwardens or the Rector - please do book, so that we know how many we are catering for. Also, please note that this is a *light* supper – you'll need to eat beforehand.



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UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Report from Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 25th February, 2015 in the Village Hall.

There was no further news on the Tallington Bypass, there is to be another meeting in March at Tallington to discuss this further.

The Reactive Speed sign is now up and running it is hoped that everyone is now obeying the speed limit! Up to date £95 has been received in donations from villagers which the Parish Council thanked them. Any more donations would be gratefully received.

The Play Area is progressing, more grants are being applied for, it is hoped that this will be in position by the summer is everything goes to plan.

The pot holes on Newstead Lane, Greatford Road on the "One Way" stretch of road have been reported again. Also LCC have been asked again when the piece of footpath near the school gate on School Lane is to be resurfaced.

South Kesteven Local Plan 2036 – "Helping to shape the district". The consultation paper is being published and it was agreed that the Parish Council would have an input into this plan.

Planning permission had been received for

Installation of decking and log cabin – 7 Main Road.

Alterations to domestic garage and conversion of loft to personal office -1 Manners Close.

 \boldsymbol{I}^{st} floor and single storey extension and internal alterations – The Lodge, Casewick Park

The following application was discussed at the meeting - 1st floor extension, Sandon, Essendine Road -There was **no objection** to this.

Concern again was raised regarding the safety of school children crossing the main road to catch their bus and parents parking in the bus lay by. The schools concerned have written to the parents asking them to stop this practice and park in the Bertie Car Park and also asked the children to be vigilant when crossing the road. Our PCSO has also been asked to monitor the situation

Nomination papers are now available for Parish and District Council elections on 7^{th} May, 2015.

Dist. Cllr. Cooke report that the Council Tax would be frozen again for the next financial year.

County Cllr. Trollope-Bellew reported that Council Councillors allowances were to be raised. He also reported that the NHS were hoping to spend 8.2/9.5 million on Stamford Hospital and make it available for more cases and that they were envisaging charging for parking. It was pointed out that as free parking was available at Morrisons next door this would be a pointless exercise.

Date of next meeting Wednesday, 15th April, 2015 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

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WILDLIFE & GARDENING IN APRIL

The Green Woodpecker is our largest woodpecker and its name provides a good description of the bird. It is mostly bright green, with some grey/brown tail feathers and black and white tips to its wings. The bird has striking red feathers on its head like a cap, and a fearsome-looking beak!

It is commonly known as the Yaffle as a result of its loud ringing call, often heard in spring, and which can sound almost like laughter. Its other name is the rain bird, possibly because its call can be heard more clearly in the atmospheric conditions before rain arrives.

The Green Woodpecker is widespread throughout England, Wales and southern Scotland, and is found in or around broadleaved and mixed woodland, heaths, commons, farmland, parks and large gardens.

Despite being members of the *wood* pecker family, they spend much of their time on the ground, feeding on large lawns and other open grassy places. The Green Woodpecker feeds far less on insect larvae in timber or under bark than most of our other woodpeckers, and prefers to seek out its food in grassland. It eats ants, ant eggs and larvae, and other insects, using its long, sticky tongue to probe nests in the grass.

One of us lives in Greatford, and the garden here has a small area of wildflower meadow. Over the last couple of years a number of large anthills have developed. These are regularly raided by a very handsome Green Woodpecker, who also helpfully explores other parts of the garden!

Green Woodpeckers occasionally take fruit such as apples, cherries and other fruit, and grain, and have been known to damage beehives in trying to get at the grubs. They also eat acorns, and are known to bury them too - a snack for later perhaps? However, some of these get forgotten and, in the right place, these acorns can germinate and grow into oak saplings.

On the whole a handsome – and useful – bird to visit the garden! Donna and Tim

CHURCH SERVICES AND DIARY DATES FOR APRIL 2015 VOLUME 30 NUMBER 1

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
			10am WDeeping HC	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	
			2-4pm WDVH Bowls	7pm Braceborough	Services:	
			2pm TallVH Bingo	VH - Agape	llam WDeeping	
			7.30pm Uff WI - The Annual	8-10pm WDVH Bowls		
			General Meeting		2pm Uffington	
			History of Uffington – A short		7pm Barholm	
			talk by Dr J Sheehan		3pm Uffington –	
			Competition: An Easter Chick			
					making Easter	
5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	Gardens 10 th	11 th
Easter Day			8	9	10	
8am Barholm HC		2.45pm WD Bible Study @				
9am Braceborough HC		Cromwell House	2-4pm WDVH Bowls	8-10pm WDVH Bowls		
9am Greatford HC			2pm TallVH Welcome Club			
10.15am WDeeping HC						
10.30am Tallington HC						
10.30am Uffington HC						
10.30am Wilsthorpe HC						
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10.15am WDeeping HC			2pm TallVH Welcome Club			Andrew's Church
10.30am Uffington MP			7 for 7.30pm WDVH			Coffee Morning
1.45pm WDVH Walkers			Heritage Group			7.30pm St Andrew's
6pm Tallington ES						Church Spring Concer
19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th
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11.30am WDeeping All Age Worship					7.45pm WDVH	
26 th	27 th	28 th			Rambling Readers	
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6pm Braceborough – Licensing of the						
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