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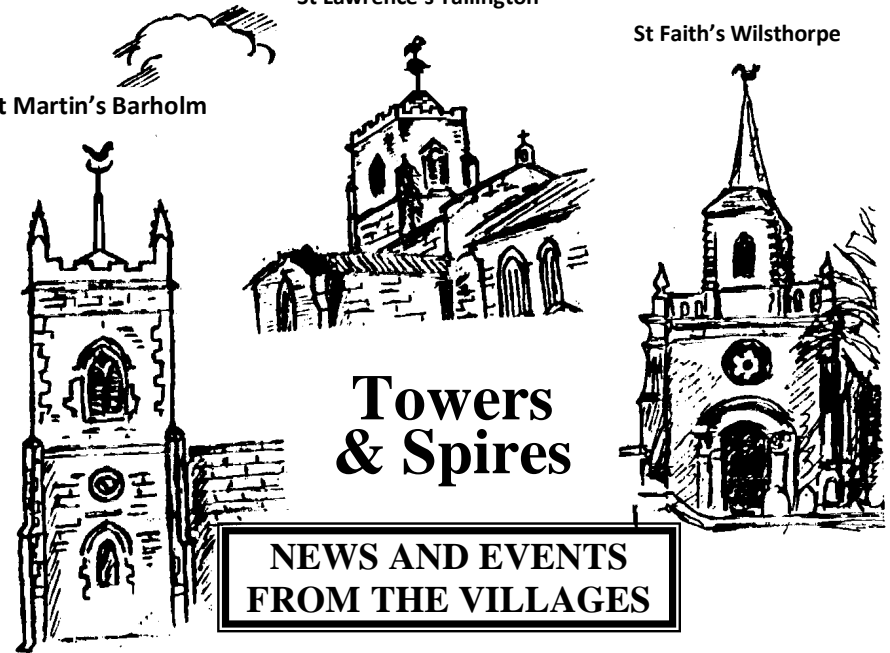
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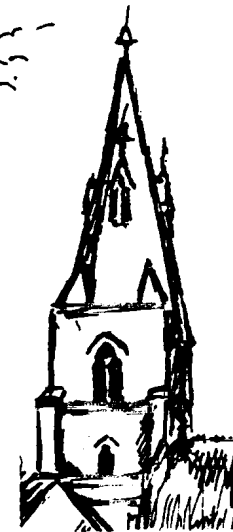
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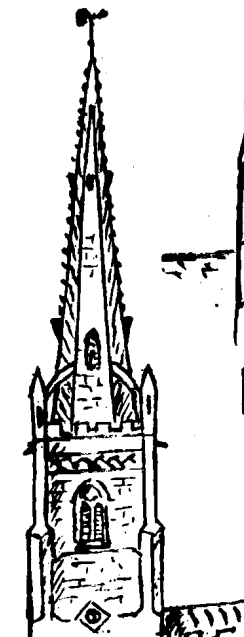
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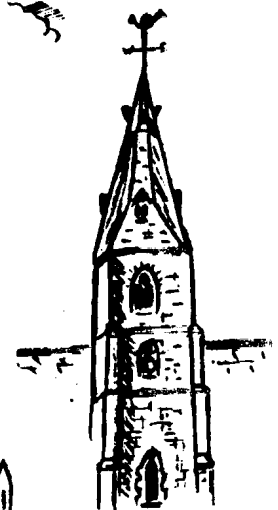
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Encourage butterflies, moths and other beneficial insects into your garden this summer by growing more nectar and pollen rich plants. Nectar is valuable because it provides insects with an energy-rich food, and pollen gives them protein and oils. One study has shown that having more than 20 nectar-rich plants in a garden can substantially increase the chances of attracting different species of butterfly.

The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) has put together lists of suitable plants for pollinating insects, including garden and wild flowers, which you can find at www.rhs.org.uk/Gardening/Sustainable-gardening/Plants-for-pollinators. The lists are quite extensive, so there should be something to suit all tastes in plants. They are also usefully split according to the flowering time as well, so you can plan accordingly. Remember that insects will be seeking out flowers on warm days in spring and in late autumn as well.

You may already have seen suitable plants at garden centres and nurseries identified by the RHS 'perfect for pollinators' logo (a bumble bee). If you are looking to buy plants with insects in mind then a good general guide is to avoid those that have double or multi-petalled flowers. Insects have difficulty getting into these flowers and they may also lack nectar and pollen.

If you can, it is good to have at least two types of suitable plants in flower in your garden at any one time. Another tip is to plant flowers in a sunny sheltered spot which will attract insects and in groups as they are easier for them to locate.

Here are just a few suggestions for plants: **Early season** – lungwort, English bluebell, winter aconite, **Mid season** – buddleia, lavender, verbena. **Late season** – coneflower, meadow saffron, perennial sunflower.

Tim and Donna

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

31st March

Uffington

Catherine Louise Banham
Chloe Matilda Banham

Funeral

16th April

Tallington

Piers Antony James Hewitt (41)

The Rectory

Dear All

Have you ever noticed that some Christian festivals have taken on a life of their own, but others seem to pass the rest of the world by? You can't live in this country and not notice Christmas or Easter, with shops full of presents and Christmas cakes and Easter eggs and cards – but they're not the only times we celebrate in church.

We've got no less than three big festivals coming up over the next few weeks. First, the Ascension, which finishes off the Easter story. At Easter we hear about Jesus's wonderful Resurrection from the dead, but the story carries on, telling us how Jesus appeared to his disciples to reassure them and teach them the meaning of what had happened, before the Ascension, when he went entirely to be with God. Until then he was here on earth, in one place at a time; now he is Ascended, he is with us everywhere, just as God is – a cause for celebration.

That's closely followed by Pentecost, or Whitsun, when Jesus fulfilled his promise to send his Spirit to continue to guide, inspire and challenge his people – often called the birthday of the church, and most of us celebrate birthdays, too.

The week after that, we have the festival that most often seems to get forgotten – Trinity Sunday. It's right up there with the major festivals, though, because it's belief in the Holy Trinity that unites all the Christian churches, orthodox, catholic and protestant. We worship in different ways, but at the heart of each church is belief in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

It's in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, of course, that we baptise adults and children, when we make them official members of the family of God, the Church. I've had a few questions about baptisms, or christenings (they're the same thing) lately. One is: who qualifies to get baptised? Answer: anyone! It's usual to get christened in your parish church, but if you have a particular reason for wanting another church, it's not a problem – we ask for permission from the parish where you live, but there aren't any legal requirements, as there are for a wedding. There are no age limits – the younger the better for babies (they object less!), and it's never too late – I've baptised people pushing 80, and the oldest candidate I know of was 100. If you're bringing a child for baptism, you need godparents who have been baptised themselves, but the parents don't have to have been baptised – it's not uncommon that one parent has been christened, the other not – and it's not uncommon for parent and child to be baptised together, either. Celebrations can be any size - you can bring a few close friends, or fill the church, book the village hall or an hotel for a party, or go home for a cup of tea and a sandwich – it's up to you. And there is no fee for a baptism, it's free – there's just a collection at the service, as usual. So if you're interested in baptism, whether for yourself or your children, why not get in touch, and get ready to be welcomed officially into the church in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Yours in the Trinity,

Carolyn Kennedy

UFFINGTON

Church Flowers

5th May – Scarecrow Weekend

12th May – Ann Teesdale

19th/26th May – Ann Hall

Uffington WI. “I strongly believe that we are the friendliest and most relaxed WI in the area,” Maggie Carter, President of Uffington WI, told the branch’s annual meeting last week. “And in our planned activities for the coming year, we plan to surpass even our 2012-13 programme.” The latter had included an Olympic/Jubilee-themed barbecue, an outing to the touring production of ‘Calendar Girls’, and a summer evening walk around Helpston, followed by a pub meal, said secretary Pauline Earley. A team from the branch (Sheila Croft, Alison Dodsworth, Lynda Glover and Jenny Peear) had won second prize for the best scarecrow at the annual Uffington Scarecrow Festival, at which members had once again sold home-made cakes. Talks had included the history of homeopathy, fairs and markets in Stamford, brewing in Southwold, and a life coach’s light-hearted take on coping at Christmas, though the outstanding speaker for many was Len Priestley with his hilarious memoirs of life as a furniture removal man. Maggie Carter agreed to serve a further year as President, and was thanked for her work over the past year by Gillian Johns, who presented her with flowers. Following one resignation, the rest of the committee (Pauline Earley, Pam Norwood, Sally Baker, Sheila Croft, Alison Dodsworth, Jenny Peear and Sue Naden) were re-elected to their current posts. Jenny Peear was named as winner of the Competitions Cup for 2012-13. A competition for an Easter Bonnet was won by Joan Hickman, with Sue Naden in second place. Members are going on an afternoon tour of Toletorpe Hall, home of Stamford Shakespeare Company, on April 16th. The speaker at the next monthly meeting, on May 1st, will be Mrs K Brammer from the Stamford Cheese Cellar.

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

Date	Event	Sponsor(s)
26 th March	My beloved Mum’s birthday (Betty Patterson of London, who passed away 20 th Jan 2012)	Maureen Jackson
31 st March	EASTER DAY	PCC
22 nd April	In memory of a wonderful Mum and Nanny Ann Margaret Walker	Paula, Jacob & Ollie
23 rd April	ST. GEORGE’S DAY	PCC
23 rd April	Steve and Allyson Carter’s Silver Wedding Anniversary	The family

Uffington Scarecrow Spring Fayre - Sunday 5th and Monday 6th May 2013.

There is still time for you to offer your help with set up, car parking, helping with refreshments or baking a cake for this event, please phone 765005 for further information. On Friday evening 3rd May there will be a pre-weekend get-together in the Corn Shed in Casewick Lane hosted by Uffington Cricket Club with drinks and a B-B-Q, everyone very welcome. Bookings for the Car Boot to be held on Sunday 5th can be taken on 751762.

Clerk’s notes of Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 8th April 2013 at Braceborough Village Hall

The Clerk informed the meeting that BT had won the contract to bring superfast broadband to majority of Lincolnshire. In PE9 4P postcode of the 719 premises in that area 48% will get basic and 52% superfast between July and December 2015. In PE9 4N it should already receive basic broadband of 2Mbps or higher but may improve as a result of work being carried out. For more information go to LCC website On Lincolnshire www.onlincolnshire.org and search by postcode.

Flooding has been a main issue at Braceborough. The clerk has sent a letter to both Ashton Estates and Charles Lane asking for a quick solution to the problem. Anglianwater may have broken the pipe during the First Time Sewerage Scheme and it is understood that discussions are taking place between them and Ashton Estate.

The clerk has received a reply from Anglianwater regarding the problem of raw sewerage. They state that they have no record of any flooding being reported to their 24 hour emergency helpline in the past 4 years. The Parish Council would be grateful if residents would contact Anglianwater in the future on 08457 145 145 when they experience such problems.

The following planning applications were approved – tree work at The Elms, Braceborough and two storey rear extension at Glenside, Wilsthorpe. The Councillors agreed that they were happy with the new definition relating to small wind turbines in the SKDC Draft Wind Energy Supplementary Policy Document.

The clerk informed the meeting that the usual problems had again been looked at during the LCC Highways walkabout. They included the damaged verges, potholes and standing water.

County Councillor Martin Trollope-Bellew reported that over 37,000 tonnes of salt has been used on Lincolnshire roads to date. There is a backlog of pothole repairs as the people who drive the salt lorries also repair the roads. EMAS have been trying to push forward their preferred plans therefore LCC Health Committee have referred them to the Secretary of State. Stamford Hospital is being advised that 40% of the building should be kept with 3.8million spent on it over the next 3 years, while the remaining 60% should be either sold or leased out. The NHS Trust has received an offer on the old Peterborough Hospital site but it will not be enough to pay off the debt.

The next meeting will take place on TUESDAY 7TH MAY 2013 at St Faith’s Church, Wilsthorpe. This meeting will include the Annual Parish Meeting. Please come along and raise any concerns you may have and meet your Parish. District and County Councillor. Rosemary Woolley, Clerk to the Council. Email-bwparishcouncil@msn.com or 560634 (answer machine), Website- parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/BraceboroughandWilsthorpe

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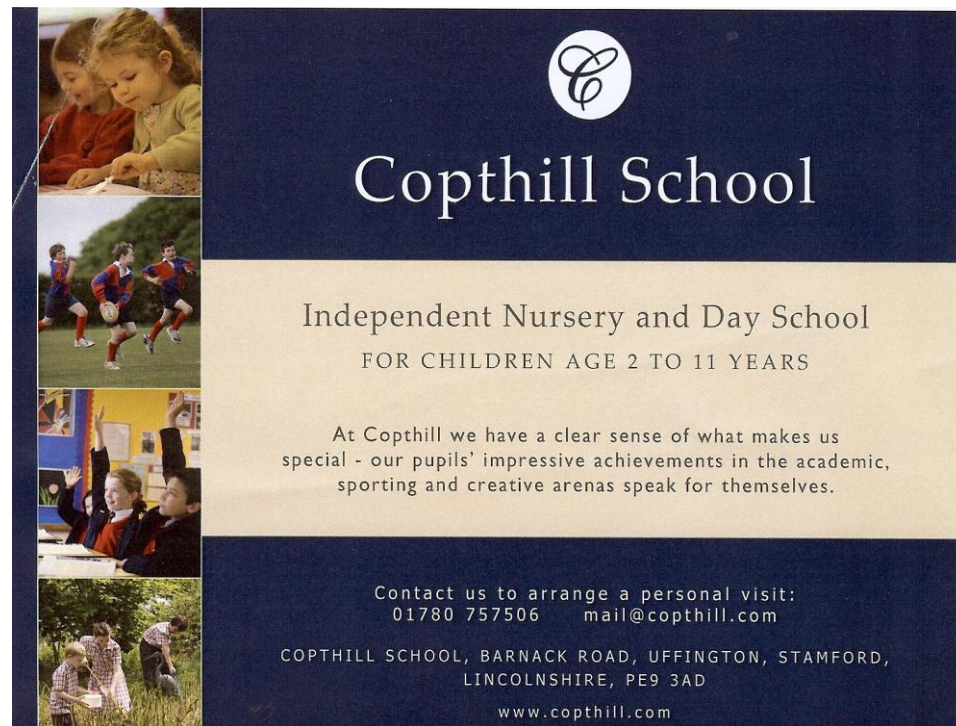
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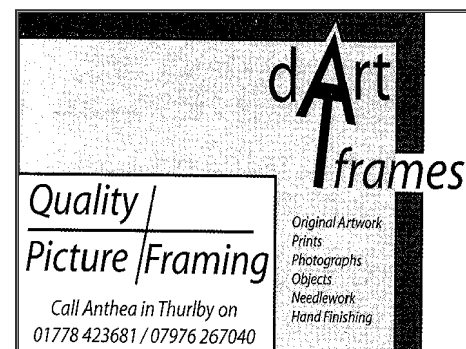
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Saturday 11th May - Churchyard Maintenance 9.30am. Please make a note in your diary to come along and help with the regular maintenance tasks in Church and the Churchyard.

Saturday 18th May Community Choir & other Local Musicians in St Margaret's Church at 2.30pm – followed by afternoon tea in the Village Hall. The community choir and several other local musicians will perform for your pleasure. There will be something for all tastes here – and a number of young members of our community will be displaying their musical talents for you. Afterwards you can relax and chat with homemade cake and tea in the Village Hall. Please come along & offer your support. More details from Keith (560258), if you need them!

Saturday 20th July Mini-Rock-Fest & Hog Roast - Village Hall - Live local bands, food & licensed bar. Adults £8, Children £4 (family (2A, 3Ch) £20). Tickets from Jason (561256) and James (560417). Hog roast 5pm, Open Mic 4:30 – 5:30pm, bands from 6pm. Featuring Denial, Halftime Radio, Chasing Kites, and headline band Amplified. A joint event for Village Hall and Church funds.

Braceborough Wins The Lottery – update. Following-up from last month's news – the new chairs, tables and marquees have now arrived and are available for use. Contact James or Hazel on 560417 for village hall bookings.

Flying the Flag. The Union Flag was flown from 17th April in Memory of Nigel Duffin

WILSTHORPE

Holy Communion is at 10.30am on the 1st Sunday of every month. Please come along and join us, where you will be made most welcome.

Annual Parish Meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting (APM) takes place on Tuesday 7th May 2013 @ 19:30hrs (followed by the AGM & Parish Council Meeting). This year the meeting will take place at St Faith's Parish Church, Wilsthorpe. Please come and raise any concerns you may have & meet your Parish, District & County Councillors. Remember the APM is your meeting.

On Monday 15th April, the BT telephone box was vandalized at approximately 10.15. There was a loud explosion and the top 4 panes of glass were blown out with the handset, across the road, with glass spread over a very large area. The Police did attend to investigate and take statements. A silver Freelander type vehicle was seen to drive away seconds after the explosion. Fortunately nobody was hurt in the explosion but large pieces of glass were found in neighbouring gardens, which could have caused harm or damage to windows. If anybody saw anything suspicious around 10 to 10.30 on the 15th April, can you please report it to the Police on the non-emergency telephone number 101. The crime number is 456. We are sure what the next step will be and if BT will now decide to take the box away but we can always hope BT will consider repairing the phone box!

WEST DEEPING

Carpet Bowls Club. Sessions on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday evenings and the starting age is 11 years. We'd like others to try Carpet Bowls. Contact: Chairperson June Thomas 01778 343434.

West Deeping Walkers. Sunday 5th May & Sunday 19th May. Meet outside village hall at 2pm. For further details call Annie, 01778 346805, or email snewbigging@talktalk.net

Coffee morning. Saturday 4th May 10.30am to 12noon, in the Village Hall for VH funds. All are welcome.

Rural Touring Production. Sunday 12th May. 7.30pm West Deeping Village Hall. *Me, Myself & Miss Gibbs* presented by Francesca Millican-Slater. Part detective noir, part lecture, part personal biography, artist Francesca Millican-Slater investigates the message on a postcard sent 100 years ago and finds herself obsessed by the life of the woman who received it. Tickets £6 from David or Melanie James 01778 380197.

Bible Studies. Tuesdays 7th May and 28th May - 2.45 for 3pm Cromwell House. One hour's study and discussion is followed by tea. For more information contact Susanna Aldred on 01778 380014.

Coffee Morning. Saturday 18th May 10.30am-12noon West Deeping Village Hall. Members of St Andrew's Church will give you a friendly welcome. There'll be home-baked cakes and preserves for sale and organized activities for children as usual.

Rambling Readers. Friday 31st May 7.45pm West Deeping Village Hall. We meet on the last Friday of the month. If you are interested in reading a new book each month, supplied by Lincolnshire Libraries, please ring Liz Noble 01778 344674.

West Deeping Heritage Group. Come and support us at the Stamford Heritage Fair, organised by the Society for Lincolnshire History and Archaeology, at Stamford Arts Centre, **Sunday 19th May, 11am to 4pm.** We will be sharing a stand with Deepings Heritage, selling copies of their book on *The Stamford Canal* and showcasing our Heritage Lottery-funded project, The Boaty Story.

Craft Morning. About twenty children attended the craft morning on 9th April in the village hall to participate in the Stamford Canal project. Ages ranged from 2 to 11 years, there were also lots of Mums and grandmothers joining in. After a story about Boater the Boat horse told by Elizabeth, everyone enjoyed the various craft activities provided by Tracy. We used plenty of glue! Thank you all for coming.

Our AGM took place in March and Melanie James has taken over as Secretary – she can be contacted at melanie@thelane.me.uk or 01778 380197.

Tea and Cake afternoon. The Village Hall Committee would like to thank all those who contributed cakes and raffle prizes and attended the Springtime Tea and Cake afternoon on 23rd March in the Village Hall. It was good to see so many friends and neighbours from the village at the event.

Advance notices – dates for your diaries:

West Deeping Midsummer Open Gardens. This increasingly popular biennial event will be held on Saturday & Sunday 22nd & 23rd June 2013. All the usual attractions, including teas at the Manor House and the Village Hall, and Art exhibition in St. Andrew's Church. Details at <http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/WestDeeping> or call 01778 344768.

The Teddy Bears Picnic. Latest update. Remember the date 'July 20th' at 68 King Street, West Deeping. There'll be prizes for the Biggest and Smallest Teddy and Guess the number of Teddy's attending? Full details will follow in future issues of T&S.

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Social Evening: Hopefully by the end of May the weather will be much warmer and the Cheese and Wine Evening planned for the 31st from 7 pm in the Village Hall will attract many of you. There will be a good selection of cheese and our wine is always delicious!

Flying the Flag: Please remember to support our Village Hall funds when you have a special event to celebrate by flying the flag. Just ring Wally on 740268 and he will be delighted to raise it for you on the day specified - just for £5.

Mobile Library Service: The Mobile Library will be in Church Lane on Thursday 9th May between 10.00 and 10.30am.

Parish Council: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 7th May at 7.30pm. The meeting will be preceded by the **Annual Parish Meeting** at 7pm

Annual Barn Dance and Hog Roast: Once again the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee will be holding a barn dance and hog roast on Saturday 13th July at 7pm. Andy Thurlby has kindly offered the use of his barn in Mill Lane. Tickets will be £10 for adults and £5 for children aged 16 or less. Tickets will be available at the monthly social evenings in the Village Hall, from Parish Councillors and representatives in the village.

Superfast Broadband: BT has been awarded the contract to provide superfast broadband to 90% of properties in Lincolnshire. Tallington is thought to be in the remaining 10% of properties where there will be no increase in the current speed of broadband. A company titled "Tallicom Ltd" is being formed by a group of village residents to seek funding from DEFRA, a government department, to obtain faster broadband. The Part 1 "Expression of Interest" has already been successfully submitted and the officers of the company are progressing part 2 of the submission. To progress part 2 please complete and sign the enclosed flyer and return it to "The School House" (next to the Village Hall). We need to show prospective "Internet Service Providers" that there is a proven significant need for faster broadband in Tallington. More news on this venture later.

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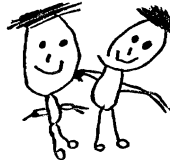
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UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Report from meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 3rd April, 2013.

Play Area – The questionnaire is now being circulated around the village, if you have not received one yet either contact Cllr. Mulvaney on 01780766823 or find it on the Uffington Web Site. It would be appreciated if everyone fills this in so that a decision can be made on the need for a play area. Complaints were again made regarding branches laying by the hedge and briars on the footpath, the Clerk stated that she would go around and pick these up, this has now been done.

County Cllr. Trollope-Bellew reported that the road from Stamford to Barnack corner was going to be resurfaced and this would include School Lane. A request was to be made to Highways to include the School Lane footpath in the plan.

One Way System – This is still causing concern to some residents, C.Cllr. Trollope-Bellew would speak to Highways and the Clerk would write outlining the potential problems.

Pot Holes – Some of these have been filled in but still some outstanding but as many pot holes were weather related these would be attended to when the weather improves.

Dog Fouling – There has been reports of dog fouling on the “play area”. Dist. Cllr. Cooke had spoken to Environmental Health regarding more signs. It was pointed out that if this ever becomes a play area. “No Dog Fouling” signs will be mandatory.

Development of a Football Stadium and associated infrastructure on Ryhall Road Stamford has been passed by SKDC Planning but there was no mention of a roundabout as suggested by the Parish Council to try to increase safety on this busy road.

C.Cllr. Trollope-Bellew reported that during this winter 40,000 tons of salt had been used on the county’s roads, the most used in previous years was 30,000 tons. The Parish Council Chairman, Paul Genever, requested the Clerk to write to Highways and pass on our thanks for the good job the salting team had done this very bad winter.

The grass on the “play area” was again a subject of much discussion and Mr C Jones asked what the programme was for keeping the grass cut this year and we needed a properly employed contractor using the grass cutting specification that SKDC used before this area was taken over by the Parish Council. It was decided to contact four contractors with the suggested specification for them to come up with a price. So please don’t complain if the grass gets long, as soon as a contractor is employed the work will be done hopefully everyone’s satisfaction.

The Parish Council had been notified on the County Council Election on 2nd May, 2013.
Date of next meeting Wednesday, 22nd May, 2013.

READINGS FOR MAY

	Psalm	Acts	Gospel
5 th May Easter 6	67	16:9-15	John 14:23-29
12 th May Sunday after Ascension	97	16:16-34	John 17:20-26
19 th May Pentecost	104:26- end	2:1-21	John 14:8-17 & 25-27

	Psalm	OT	NT	Gospel
26 th May Trinity Sunday	8	Proverbs 8:1-4 & 22-31	Romans 5: 1-5	John 16: 12-15
2 nd June Trinity 1 (Proper 4)	96:1-9	1 Kings 8:22-23 & 41-43	Galatians 1: 1-12	Luke 7: 1-10

In Eastertide the reading from Acts is compulsory, so at all our services until Pentecost we will read Acts and the Gospel. The 'proper' number is provided for people choosing hymns - some books list suggestions for a particular Sunday under that heading. The colour in church is white until the Sunday after Ascension, red for Pentecost, white again for Trinity Sunday, then green for many weeks to come, other than the occasional saint's day.

Promises, Promises...

Were you christened (baptised) when you were young, but think you might be ready to make the promises yourself that were made for you then? Have you never been christened, but would like to find out more about joining the church? Or perhaps you'd like to think about what you believe, either for the first time or as a refresher. This autumn, there will be a confirmation service in the deanery, and so we will have at least one Explore group starting, to think about what we believe, and prepare anyone interested for baptism and/or confirmation. At the moment, there's likely to be a daytime group for adults, but sessions at other times or for other age groups can easily be arranged – please contact me to ask for details or to let me know you're interested.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
5th	6th	7th
Easter 6 9am Braceborough HC 9am Uffington HC 10.15am WDeeping MP 10.30am Wilsthorpe HC 2pm WDeeping Walkers 6pm Barholm ES		2.45pm WD Bible Study at Cromwell House
12th	13th	14th
Sunday after Ascension 9am Greatford HC 10.15am WDeeping HC 10.30am Uffington MP 6pm Tallington ES 7.30pm WD VH Rural Touring Production	1.45pm Tallington VH Whist	
19th	20th	21st
Pentecost 9am Barholm HC 10.15am WDeeping MP 10.30am Uffington HC 2pm WDeeping Walkers	1.45pm Tallington VH Whist	
26th	27th	28th
Trinity Sunday 9am Greatford MP 10.15am WDeeping HC 10.30am Uffington FS 10.30am Tallington HC		2.45pm WD Bible Study at Cromwell House

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st	2nd	3rd	4th
2-4pm WDVH Bowls 2pm Tallington VH Bingo 7.30pm Uffington VH WI Mrs K Brammer from the Stamford Cheese Cellar	8-10pm WDVH Bowls		10.30am WDVH Coffee Morning
8th	9th	10th	11th
2-4pm WDVH Bowls 2pm Tallington VH Welcome Club	8-10pm WDVH Bowls		
15th	16th	17th	18th
2-4pm WDVH Bowls 2pm Tallington VH Welcome Club	7.30pm Uffington VH AGM 8-10pm WDVH Bowls		10.30am WD VH St Andrew's Church Coffee Morning
22nd	23rd	24th	25th
2-4pm WDVH Bowls 2pm Tallington VH Welcome Club	8-10pm WDVH Bowls		
29th	30th	31st	
2-4pm WDVH Bowls 2pm Tallington VH Welcome Club	8-10pm WDVH Bowls	7pm Tallington VH Social 7.45pm WDVH Rambling Readers	

**The Uffington service on the 5th is changed because of Scarecrows.
The Greatford service on the 26th is new – they're trying Morning Prayer**