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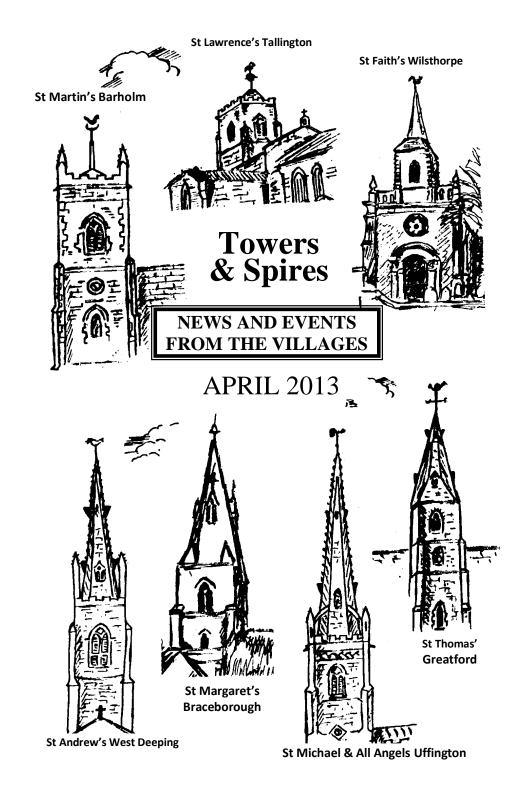
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Climbing honeysuckle is a great wildlife choice for planting up a wall or fence and it looks good left to scramble through a hedge or shrubs, or even up a tree. Its scented nectar-rich summer flowers draw in bumblebees, butterflies and moths to the garden and the berries that follow in late summer and autumn are eaten by birds. The mass of thickened stems which can develop on older specimens provide useful bird nesting sites as well.

Honeysuckle isn't too fussy about whether you plant it in shade or sun, or the type of soil you have, so long as its roots are cool. To climb well it needs some help, so on a fence or wall, put in some vine eyes and taut wires at intervals, or fix up a trellis to help it climb.

You will be familiar with our native wild honeysuckle, also known as woodbine that scents our country lanes in July and August. This is a lovely plant with its pale yellow/purple-red flushed flowers and is available from some of the native plant suppliers you can find on the internet.

Generally though, it is the varieties of wild honeysuckle that are more widely grown, because they have earlier and later flowering and more pronounced flower colouring. 'Belgica' is the early Dutch honeysuckle; it is bushier than its wild cousin, and produces its purple-red and yellow flowers in May & June. 'Serotina' is the late Dutch honeysuckle, flowering from July to October, with red-purple flowers on the outside and creamwhite inside. Plant all of these honeysuckles and you can have a good show through the summer months.

Prune when you first plant to give strong new shoots. When your honeysuckle is well established, flowered shoots can be cut back about by about a third of their length. On old honeysuckle, when lots of thickened bare woody stems have developed at the base with all the flowers at the top, you can renovate in late winter or early spring by cutting within 2 feet (60cm) of the base. Enjoy your honeysuckles!

Happy Easter!

With Easter falling on the last day of the month, you may get this just before or just after the day, but whenever the magazine arrives, I hope you're ready to celebrate new life – the new life of Christ, risen from the dead, and our new life in Christ, guided through this world and on into the next. It's all that new life that gives us so many of the Easter symbols – lambs, chicks, eggs – and I do hope you enjoy your Easter eggs, especially if you gave up chocolate for Lent.

In the early church, Easter was also the time to celebrate the new life of baptism, and although we now baptise at any time of year, we still think about baptism at Easter, and in the Easter morning services we get the chance to make our baptism promises again, renewing our vows — and there are two baptisms in the Easter morning service at Uffington.

Spring often does seem to be baptism season, with plenty of bookings coming in and baptism visits to be made. One of the things I talk about at baptism visits is which services are best for bringing children to church — parents can sometimes be quite nervous that a lively youngster might disrupt the whole proceedings. I've also had some conversations with people lately about Sunday Club and family services, so I thought a reminder of what's available might be a good idea.

The first thing to say is that children of any age are always welcome at any service in the group - traditional or modern, formal or informal, morning, afternoon or evening. Even tiny babies can come along - in fact, the sooner the better, that way they get used to the way the sound bounces round a church before they've really noticed it - when they discover it later, they like to experiment with the echo! Even if your child is lively, we can cope, and most of the churches have a children's corner, with toys and books and space to play - if yours doesn't, just bring some books/paper & crayons/puzzles with you. That said, there are some services which are planned with children more in mind than others. Obviously there are the special services through the year, like Mothering Sunday or Christingle, but there are also regular family services (not only for children, for the whole church family!): on the 3rd Sunday of the month there's a Sunday Club which meets in the Casewick Chapel during the first part of the communion service at 10.30, for worshiprelated activities and stories, and there's a crèche for babies and toddlers at that service, too. On the 4th Sunday, there's a family service (for the whole church family, that is, everyone!) at Uffington every month at 10.30, and at Greatford every other month at 9 – the next is on the 28th April. I hope there's a time and a place to suit you - but if not, let me know. The 4pm service didn't happen over the winter, but can easily be restarted, and if you can't do Sundays, another day is always possible – we just need to find a time that's convenient for a few families. But whenever you come to any sort of service, please don't worry about bringing children to church - even if they're not 100% still or 100% silent, they are 100% welcome.

Yours in Christ,

Carolyn Kennedy

WEST DEEPING

The **Annual Vestry Meeting** AVM (open to all Parishioners) & **Annual Parish Church Meeting** APCM (open to those on the new church electoral roll) will be held in St Andrew's Church on Wednesday April 3rd at 7.30 pm.

Carpet Bowls Club. There are 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 7th April led by Iain and Jean 01778 36779. Friday 12th April 7pm. Walkers supper hosted by Margaret and Jim at 15 The Lane, 01778 344547. Sunday 21st April led by Maggie and Pete with Rolo. For walks meet outside village hall at 2pm. For further details call Annie, 01778 346805, or email snewbigging@talktalk.net

Boaty Craft Morning. Tuesday 9th April. 10-12am West Deeping Village Hall. An opportunity for children of all ages, and parents too, to get involved in West Deeping Heritage Group's project on the Stamford Canal. It's free of charge! Make things, paint things, find out things and listen to a story on a canal theme. If you have children or grandchildren who would like to come, or if you'd like to help, please contact Tracy Williams, 01778 347115 or Liz Noble 01778 344674.

Bible Studies. Tuesday 9th April and Tuesday 23rd April 2.45 for 3.pm Cromwell House. One hour's study and discussion is followed by tea. For more information contact Susanna Aldred on 01778 380014.

Coffee Morning. Saturday 20th April 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 26th April 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.

Don't forget – **Litter pick.** 30th March. Meet 2pm at 43 King Street. Please come and help.

Dates for your diary.

Rural Touring scheme 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.

'The Teddy Bears Picnic' will be held on July 20th 2013. This event should not be missed. Last year we and our Teddies had a wonderful day. All teddies and carers should be at 68 King Street West Deeping for this event. More details next month.

BRACEBOROUGH

Braceborough wins the Lottery! The Village Hall will soon be benefiting from the provision of new chairs, tables & 2 marquees as a result of being awarded £7500 from the Big Lottery Awards for All Grant Scheme, and a further £500 donated by the Parish Council. Chairs with soft, padded seats- village events are about to become even more popular! James, in particular, has put a huge amount of work into this project – well done sir!

Bingo and Fish & Chips Supper in the Village Hall – March 2nd. A very well attended event raising £188 for Village Hall funds. Thank you to everyone who helped.

Flying the Flag.

Date	Flag	Event	Sponsor
15 th Mar	Polish, of course!	Hugo's Birthday	Jennifer

Thursday 4th April 7.30pm Annual PCC Meeting. The annual meeting will be held on Thursday 4th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This is an important meeting where officers are elected for the new year of office. Everyone on the electoral roll is invited and very welcome.

Sunday 7th April Holy Communion at 9am. Please come along and join us for Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome.

Future Events -

Saturday 20 April St George's Night Party. Bar opens 7pm. Food 7.30pm. A sausage & mash extravaganza! — lots of premium sausages in a variety of flavours, with a mash & gravy accompaniment., followed by trifle or crumble with custard or cream. Red & White dress code encouraged (but not compulsory). Licensed Bar & Raffle. Adults £7, School age children £3-50. Tickets from James — 560417.

Saturday 18th May. Community Choir & other music in St Margaret's Church – followed by afternoon tea in the Village Hall. The community choir and several other local musicians will perform for your pleasure. Please come along & support them.

Saturday 20th July. Mini-Rock-Fest & Hog Roast. Village Hall. Live local bands, food & licensed bar. Details to follow.



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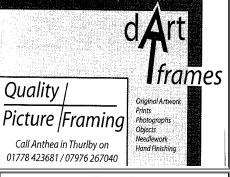
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Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on Monday 11th March in Church and it was decided to hold non–communion services on the fourth Sunday of each month for a trial period. This will start with a Family Service on Sunday 28th April at 9.00 am and alternating with a Morning service at 9.00am the following month. The second Sunday of the month will continue with the traditional Communion Service (Order 2). This will be re-assessed in September to see if the congregation prefer a less formal service.

Carlby & District WI: This WI has members attending from Carlby, Bourne, Thurlby, Wilsthorpe, Braceborough and Greatford. The next meeting will be in Carlby Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday April 9th; this will be the Annual General Meeting and Social. There will also be a display and 'Kay has got it all stitched up.' New members and visitors are always welcome. For further information please telephone 01778 590180.

Bell-ringing: Greatford practice: Wednesday 10th April. Lincoln Cathedral - AGM of the Lincoln Guild on Saturday 27th April; (details on Guild Web Site).

Mobile Library: The mobile library visits Greatford every four weeks on a Thursday and the next visits will be on 11th April and 9th May from 11.30 to 12.00 at the Phone Box in Main Street.

World Book Night 2013: Cazz Anders writes: I am delighted to say that I have been chosen again as a 'giver' for World Night and will be giving away free copies of Casino Royale by Ian Fleming. Steve at the Hare and Hounds has kindly offered to host the event and I will be there from 6.pm on Friday April 26th. Copies are limited so please come early to get yours. Please contact me (on 561032) if you need more information.

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.

Greatford Race Night: Saturday 27th April 7:30pm at Greatford Village Hall. Get ready to place your bets for a night of horse racing in aid of Macmillan Nurses. Tickets £10 per person which includes cheese and biscuits. Tickets available from Heather on 07966 226408 or the Hare and Hounds.

UFFINGTON

Church Flowers

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

Date	Event	Sponsor(s)
4 th March	Birth of a granddaughter	Pete and Joan
	Kitty Angelica Jean	Hickman
20 th March	Edna Wilkins's birthday	The family
24 th March	Celebration of Claire Baillie's 21st Birthday.	Edna Wilkins

Scarecrows needed! It's that time of year again when we're thinking about the Scarecrow Spring Fair (this year on Sunday 5th and Monday 6th May) and needing as many scarecrows as we can possibly make, to put on a really good display round the village. The theme this year is Children's Characters, so lots to choose from, from books, films, comics, poems, nursery rhymes. Here's just a few ideas to get you started: Bob the Builder, The Gruffalo, Winnie the Pooh, Alice in Wonderland, Gandalf, Hansel and Gretel, Dora the Explorer, Aladdin, Nemo, Snow White, Dennis the Menace, The Simpsons, Noddy and Big Ears, Tom the Piper's son, Gollom....... It would be really helpful if you would let me know what scarecrow you are planning to make so that I can see that the scarecrows will be well spread round the village and so that some of the scarecrows can be used to base quiz questions on. As usual, the Scarecrow Cup will be awarded to the scarecrow judged to be the best and there will be cash prizes for the best three. I look forward to hearing from you! Thank you very much, Les Baillie 01780 765908. Any offers of help and support can also be made to David or Gail Genever on 01780 765005

Uffington Parish Council. Report from Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 6th March, 2013 held in the Village Hall. Pot holes at Newstead and some in Uffington have been filled in. School Lane road surface is to be surveyed to see why the sub surface is giving way. Hope fully this will be done in the 2013/14 financial year. The One Way System is causing some concerns due to the limited view from Greatford Road "Give Way" junction into the Charters as traffic from the Charters has priority and therefore has no obligation to slow down. Highways to be contacted with our concerns. There was no objection to the removal of a dead/dying Tulip Tree at Casewick. The development of a Football Stadium and associated infrastructure on land off Ryhall Road Stamford was discussed and it was agreed to notify SKDC Planning of our comments regarding the increase in traffic on this dangerous stretch of road. It was thought a roundabout at the entrance to the site off Ryhall Road should be paramount. The Allotment rent of £12 per allotment to remain the same as last year. Cllr. Babbs reported that the persons who burgled his property were now on custody. County Councillor M. Trollope-Bellew reported that the SKDC Council Tax will be increased by £5. He also stated that in the LCC's survey on Wind Turbines 89% were in favour of LCC's policy on wind turbines and 63% thought that wind turbines had no place in Lincolnshire's power generation. Complaints had been received regarding dog fouling on the "play area". Could the dog walkers who use this area please clean up, as hopefully summer is coming and children will be increasingly using this area plus the fact it is very unsightly and unhygienic. Dist Cllr. K. Cooke would request some "No Dog Fouling" signs to be erected by Environmental Health. Date of next meeting Wednesday, 3rd April, 2013.

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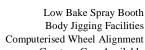


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READINGS FOR APRIL

	Psalm	Acts	Gospel
7 th April	150	Acts	John
Easter 2		5:27-32	20:19-31
14 th April Easter 3	30	Acts 9:1-20	John 21:1-19
21st April Easter 4	23	Acts 9:36-end	John 10:22-30
28th April Easter 5	148	Acts 11:1-18	John 13:31-35
5th May Easter 6	67	Acts 16:9-15	John 14:23-29

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!)

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

17th March Uffington Harry Richard Lambert Ryan Gerard Lambert

Funerals

20th February Greatford Alan Lionel Rose (82) 11th March Tallington Dorothy May Camp (88)

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Clerk's notes of Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 4th March 2013 at Braceborough Village Hall

The clerk reported that Lincolnshire County Council Highways had dug various holes in the land owned by Ashton Estates at the bottom of Quincey's Lane and they are now responsible for rectifying the problem. The Clerk and Chairman have both been in contact with Anglianwater regarding the problems of sewerage at Braceborough and waiting for further information. It is understood that once fly tipping has been reported it should take three to five days for removal. The annual village highways walkabout has been arranged for the end of March. Cllr Shorrock will be removing the notice board at Braceborough for repairs.

A number of planning applications were discussed and it was agreed that the Councillors had no representation in regard to the removal of trees at The Elms, Braceborough or the two storey rear extension at Glenside, Wilsthorpe, but it was agreed that they Parish Council would include the concerns of a parishioner. The felling of a Silver Maple tree at The Leazers, Braceborough had been approved.

Cllr Kentish had reported that he had spoken with Karen Sinclair, SKDC, regarding the Parish Plan. He had been informed that it could not be adopted and therefore used as evidence by SKDC. It was agreed that SKDC Core Strategy should cover any planning issues relating to both villages. It was agreed to continue with the Plan and include the wishes of residents in relation to planning as it was felt it would be a useful document for the Parish Council to refer to.

Concerns were expressed about overhanging trees across the river at Wilsthorpe but the councillors were uncertain as to the site of the problem.

County Councillor Trollope-Bellew reported that the sewer from Greatford to Barholm would not be going across the fields but along Stowe Road and they would be using a 4" pipe. LCC Highways had met with Ashton Estates and it was their responsibility to provide a new pipe and then LCC would put a jetter through the village pipes. He reported that LCC had just completed a wind-farm consultation and 89% had agreed with its stance and 63% thought wind turbines had no place in Lincolnshire. Highways had used 25,000 tonnes of salt to date with 10,000 in store, with a further 9,000 on its way. The Council had received an extra £6.4million from the Government over the next 2 years to repair pot holes. It is estimated that it will cost £100million to repair all pot holes in Lincolnshire and £300million to bring the roads up to standard. Bourne Grammar School are to increase their intake in September. East Midlands Ambulance Service are looking at increasing the numbers in South Lincolnshire and a hub could be based at Grantham and Market Deeping. Their Chief Executive reported that he could not hit the Government targets with the finances he had. Finally he reported that Peterborough & Stamford Hospital NHS Trust has reviewed its nursing rosters to ensure that their staffing levels are adequate.

District Councillor Channell reported that planning application for the airstrip would be going to committee at the end of March.

The next meeting to take place on Monday 8th April 2013 at Braceborough Village Hall. All Welcome. Rosemary Woolley, Clerk to the Council. Email-bwparishcouncil@msn.com or 560634 (answer machine), Website-parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/BraceboroughandWilsthorpe

TALLINGTON

Church Flowers

7th/14th April - Mrs M Tilson 21st/28th April - Mrs K Dodworth

200 Club February Winners: No 59 Dorothy Healy £15: No 73 Pam O'Malley £10: No 15 Isobel Stanton £5.

Social Evening: The Fish and Chip Supper with Quiz was very successful as it always is. The Quiz was well received with high scores and what can one say about Linford's Fish and Chips except 'delicious'.

Please remember that flyers will no longer be delivered just prior to the event but posters will be put on the notice boards in the Village and information will always be offered here. Our April event on Friday the 26th will be a Beetle Drive which is usually great fun whatever your age and on 31st May a Cheese and Wine Evening is planned.

Mobile Library Service: The Mobile Library will be in Church Lane on Thursday 11th April between 10.00 and 10.30am.

Parish Council: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 14th May. This will be preceded by the **Annual Parish Meeting** at 7pm when all the Village events will be reported upon.

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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.

Carolyn.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
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7 th	8 th	9 th	
Easter 2			
9am Braceborough HC	1.45pm Tallington VH Whist	10-12am WD VH	
10.20am Uffington HC		Boaty Craft Morning	
10.15am WDeeping MP		2.45pm WD Cromwell House	
10.30am Wilsthorpe HC		Bible Study	
2pm WDeeping Walkers			
6pm Barholm ES	th	th	
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
2pm Tallington VH Bingo 2-4pm WD VH Bowls 7.30pm Uff VH – WI Annual Meeting Competition: Easter Bonnet	8-10pm WD VH Bowls		
10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th
2pm Tallington VH Welcome Club 2-4pm WD VH Bowls	8-10pm WD VH Bowls		
17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th
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24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th
2pm Tallington VH Welcome Club 2-4pm WD VH Bowls	8-10pm WD VH Bowls	7pm Tallington VH Social	
			30 th MARCH
			WD Litter-Pick