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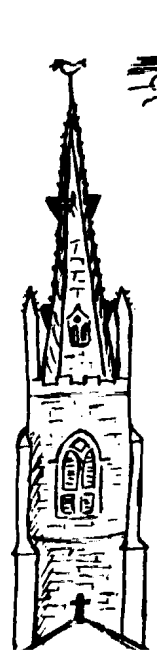
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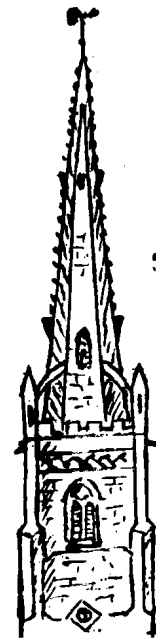
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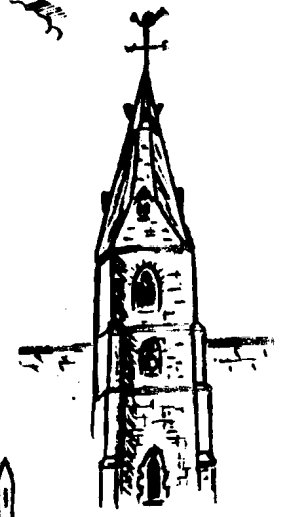
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The Rectory

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Fans, are as the name suggests fan shaped, whilst cordons comprise single stems with side-shoots. Espaliers have a vertical main stem with symmetrical lateral side-shoots. Grown against a protected south or west facing wall or fence, the trees here are in good sheltered conditions to help flower and fruit production and ripening. The sheltered conditions also attract and benefit pollinating insects. It is likely flowers will be produced earlier in the season than the same fruit trees in less protected locations, which helps insects seeking nectar earlier in the season.

These more restricted forms of fruit tree need to be pruned in summer to contain their growth and encourage buds to form that will provide fruit the following summer. In addition the removal of leaves can also help reveal the fruit to encourage ripening.

The exact timing for summer pruning will especially depend on the weather. However, the month of August is often given as a suitable time for summer pruning of apples and pears grown in the way. It is directed to shoots where at least the basal third has turned woody, and growth is slowing. Longer shoots are pruned and shorter ones may be left. An aim is to discourage further young growth that may be susceptible to frost damage.

There is quite a lot of information about pruning of the different fruit types grown in this way, and for details we would refer you to the RHS reference book – Pruning & Training: The Definitive Practical Guide to Pruning Trees, Shrubs and Climbers by Christopher Brickell and David Joyce. **Tim and Donna**

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

7th July Wilsthorpe Charlotte Anne Jackson
7th July Tallington Imogen Elizabeth Joyner

Burial of ashes

13th July Barholm Sandra Jane (Sandy) Pearson (50)

Dear Friends,

I was talking after church to someone just returned from holiday, who was, with some excitement, telling me that while they were away they'd actually found a church which still did traditional Prayer Book Mattins. 'But we have that here in the group every month!' said I – but of course, it wasn't in their village, and they just hadn't realised.

That made me think, and realise that while I often write about special services, or changes, or even about services particularly suitable for children, I don't think I've ever really described the full range of services available in the group – and we do have a very full range. Obviously, we can't have every type of service in every church, and I know many people are very committed to their village church – but if your village doesn't have a service every Sunday, you can explore around the group on the other Sundays, and if there's a particular type of service you're looking for, it's probably out there somewhere. All the churches are very friendly and welcoming, and anyone can come to any service – you don't have to be a particular age, you don't have to be a member, you don't have to be sure of what you believe or committed to regular churchgoing – there's plenty of room to explore faith, and you can always dip your toe in the water.

To start with the traditional services: the two most traditional services are on the same day, the 2nd Sunday in the month (tho not at the same time, so you could get to both if you wanted!). There is a communion service following the pattern of the Prayer Book at Greatford at 9am, and Prayer Book Mattins at Uffington at 10.30. Then there are services using traditional language: holy communion at Uffington on the 1st Sunday at 10.30am and at Barholm on the third Sunday at 9am, and Evensong at Barholm on the 1st Sunday and Tallington on the 2nd Sunday, both at 6pm. There are morning prayer services in more modern language at West Deeping on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 10.15 and at Greatford at 9am on the 4th Sunday of odd-numbered months, informal family services at Greatford at 9am on the 4th Sunday of even-numbered months and at Uffington at 10.30 on the 4th Sunday every month, and modern language communion services on the 1st Sunday at Braceborough at 9 and Wilsthorpe at 10.30, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at West Deeping at 10.15, at Uffington at 10.30 on the 3rd Sunday (with Sunday Club and creche), and at Tallington at 10.30 on the 4th Sunday. Group services, of course, happen when there is a 5th Sunday, moving around the group, and generally follow the service style usually used at the church hosting it.

Our most informal service, the 4 o'clock service, a very short service with activities suitable for young children, meeting in village halls, is taking a rest at the moment, but can be restarted as soon as anyone asks for it – just let me know.

So there's something for most tastes – but if there's a gap, something else you'd like, please let me know – the possibilities are endless. Even if something can't happen every week, there's usually room for occasional services – like the healing service we hold every few months. There's room for a quieter, more contemplative service, perhaps using Taizé music – or if anyone would like to gather a music group, space could be found for a livelier service using more modern songs.

But whatever the style of the service – and quite a few of us enjoy different styles in different moods – let us gather together to celebrate as the Body of Christ, worshipping God.

Yours in Christ,

Carolyn Kennedy

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Social Evening and Official Opening of the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field: You will have noticed all the work that has been going on in the Playing Field which is one of only a few to be granted the new name. This project is the result of a joint effort by the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee with very welcome funding by SITA. Our thanks must go to Tom Klimes and Andy Yates who have given a great deal of their time to this as well as John Allen, John Atter and John Smith who always take great care of the Playing Field. The official opening will take place on **Friday 30th August 2013 at 7.00pm** by Mr Alan Thurlby who gave the field to the Village originally. The Village Hall Committee hope to see many of you there and that you will bring your picnic or, if you prefer, your food to cook on the Village Hall BBQs.

The Harvest Supper will be held as usual in September on Friday the 27th.

Bingo: Just a note to remind you that there will be no Bingo in August.

Mobile Library Service: The Mobile Library will be in Church Lane on Thursday 1st and 29th August between 10.00 and 10.30am.

Post Office: Just a reminder that The Post Office, offering many services, is open every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon in the Village Hall between 2.00 and 4.00pm to everyone not just the residents of Tallington.

Parish Council: The Annual Tallington Barn Dance and Hog Roast was held on Saturday 13th July in Andy Thurlby's Barn in Mill Lane. The event was well attended by local residents and people from surrounding villages. The Fruit Cake Band kept dancers on the floor on a very hot and stormy evening. It was no surprise that the bar manned by members of the Village Hall Committee were kept busy serving drinks to the thirsty dancers. The raffle was well supported and thanks are extended to local companies who kindly gave contributions to the raffle. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the evening such an enjoyable and successful occasion. The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th September 2013. Village residents are always welcome.

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Usually, the readings for communion services are the NT and Gospel, and for Morning or Evening Prayer the Psalm, OT and NT.

	Psalm	OT	NT	Gospel
4th August Trinity 10 <i>Proper 13</i>	49:1-9	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14 + 2:18-23	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
11th August Trinity 11 <i>Proper 14</i>	33:12- end	Genesis 15:1-6	Hebrews 11:1-3, and 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
18th August Trinity 12 <i>Proper 15</i>	82	Jeremiah 23:23-29	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
25th August Trinity 13 <i>Proper 16</i>	103:1-8	Isaiah 58:9b-14	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
1st September Trinity 14 <i>Proper 17</i>	112	Proverbs 25:6-7	Hebrews 13:1-8 + 15-16	Luke 14:1 + 7- 14

The colour in church this month is green - ordinary time. The 'proper' number is for those picking hymns - some hymn books list suggestions by these numbers. You also need to know the proper if you are reading from a printed up Sunday lectionary.

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Coffee Morning. Saturday 17th August. 10.30am-12noon West Deeping Village Hall. As usual there'll be home-baked cakes and preserves for sale and organized activities for children.

Rambling Readers. Friday 30th August. 7.45pm West Deeping Village Hall. If you are interested in reading a new book each month, supplied by Lincolnshire Libraries, please ring Liz Noble 01778 344674.

Bible Studies. Tuesdays. At Cromwell House. One hour's study and discussion is followed by tea. After a break in August the next meeting will be on September 4th. For more information contact Susanna Aldred on 01778 380014.

West Deeping Midsummer Open Gardens and Art Exhibition. A huge 'thank you' to Towers and Spires readers for supporting last month's event. We beat all previous records and raised £5,300 for West Deeping church and village hall. 'Thank you' also to everyone who helped to make it such a success – gardeners, cake-makers, car-parking attendants and tea-servers as well as those behind the scenes who organised advertising and catering. Special thanks must go to Mrs Suzy Grigson, who hosted a Garden Party afterwards, at which the local ladies' choir 'A Handful of Harmonies' sang to raise yet another £1,000 for the Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall Hospice. There are pictures on the website: <http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/WestDeeping/>

West Deeping Parish Council. There are more complaints about dog excrement. This was also flagged up in the June issue of T&S. Dog owners are urged to clear up and take the rubbish home.

Dates for your diary:

West Deeping Heritage Group's first meeting after the summer break is on Wednesday 11th September. Frieda Gosling will talk about 'Unlocking Torpel'.

BRACEBOROUGH

Sunday 4th August Holy Communion at 9am. Please come along and join us for Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to read either the first reading or the Gospel or perhaps the prayers of intercession at any of our regular services please contact Malcolm. The readings are published a month in advance in Towers & Spires if you would like to see them and have a practice run. It would be really good to share this opportunity with anyone who might be interested.

Flying the Flag. Date: 23rd August Event: Malc's Birthday Sponsors: Lyn & Lindsey

Thank You Jennifer. As a result of entertaining members of U3A to a cream tea and giving a talk on the history of the village AND organising a 'walk with talk' for villagers Jennifer has raised c.£100 which she has very generously donated to St.Margaret's Church. Thank you very much for your kindness and generosity Jennifer.

PCC Meeting. Please note we shall need to organise a PCC meeting very soon – probably August or September. Your support will be very welcome as it is hoped to have the required information regarding Chancel Repair Liability by the end of July. When this is available we should be able to make definitive decisions on this very important subject.

VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR AT BRACEBOROUGH & WILSTHORPE

There is a vacancy on the above Council caused by a resignation. If you are interested in the wellbeing of your parish and have time to spare to attend meetings and take on other duties involved in being a Parish Councillor please contact the clerk for details. The Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-option at the Council meeting on MONDAY 2nd September, 2013 at Braceborough Village Hall at 8pm.

Applications close at 6pm on Friday 30th August 2013. All correspondence to be sent to the Clerk: – Rosemary Woolley. The Old Hall, Barholm, Stamford, Lincs., PE9 4RA. Tel - 01778 560634. Email-bwparishcouncil@msn.com. Further details on the parish website – [www. parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/BraceboroughandWilsthorpe](http://www.parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/BraceboroughandWilsthorpe)

GREATFORD

Church Flowers: Kate Sumner
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Church Services: At the APCM in March it was decided to hold non–communion services on the fourth Sunday of each month for a trial period. Therefore the services in August will be a Communion Service on the second Sunday and a Morning Service without communion on the Fourth Sunday. Please come and join us.

Carlby & District WI: This WI has members attending from Carlby, Bourne, Thurlby, Wilsthorpe, Braceborough and Greatford. A joint meeting was held on Tuesday 2nd July at Witham-on-the-Hill and this was greatly enjoyed by all with the entertainment being provided by a magician Paul Vickers. He captivated the audience with a variety of tricks and illusions. Splendid refreshments were provided by our hosts Witham WI. The next meeting will be held at Carlby Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th August and the Speaker will be Dan Schofield on 'My year teaching in rural China.' New members and visitors are always welcome. For further information please telephone 01778 590180.

Village Fete and Party. Greatford's ever popular Fete & Party will take place on Saturday 14th September, from 2.30pm to 8pm. This fun-packed, traditional event takes place on the playing field behind the Village Hall, where entertainment will include a film-themed fancy dress competition for children and a Neil Diamond tribute act, as well as stalls, games, tea and cakes, a bar, barbecue and car boot pitches. Any help in running a stall would be gratefully received – please contact Lisa and Trevor Cuthbert on 561946. For baked donations to the cake stall, please contact Nigel Ashby (White House opposite the village hall). For gifts to the tombola stall, please contact Susan and Jonathan Manning (560506). To reserve a car boot pitch, please call 561946.

The Mobile Library will call at Greatford opposite the phone box on Thursdays 1st August and 29th August and 26th September from 11:30am to 12:00 noon.

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.

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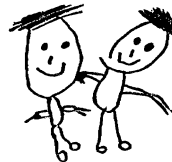
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Holy Communion is at 10.30am on the 1st Sunday of every month. Please come along and join us, where you will be made most welcome.

Afternoon Tea in Wilsthorpe. On Saturday 13th July, Wilsthorpe village held an Afternoon Tea Party in the gardens of Corner Cottage. It was an outstanding success. The villagers decided to host a tea party instead of their usual coffee morning and everyone was delighted with the steady stream of visitors throughout the afternoon. The many visitors were profuse in their comments about the lovely scones and cakes as well as the spectacular roses in the garden. It was the perfect day for a fundraiser as the weather was glorious and at times it was so busy there wasn't a spare seat in the garden. Everyone agreed it was a lovely afternoon for people to meet up and renew old friendships as well as enjoying cream teas and ice lollies! There was also a variety of stalls selling home-made cakes, a wide range of books, bric-a-brac, some beautiful plants and a raffle with excellent prizes. Over £400 was raised towards St Faith's church and the organisers would like to thank everyone who helped with their time and donations.

Wilsthorpe are planning another event in the autumn with The Wednesday Singers in concert.

Clerk's notes of Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th July 2013 at St Faith's Church, Wilsthorpe

In the Open Forum concern was expressed about the proposed site of the track for the pumping station at Wilsthorpe and lack of free public transport for children attending Baston CofE School from Wilsthorpe.

The clerk was still waiting for information requested from Anglianwater regarding the maintenance of the treatment works at Braceborough. She reported that she had spoken with SKDC regarding the maintenance of the sewer dyke at Wilsthorpe, reported pot holes and poor standard of verge mowing. It is understood that the first time sewerage scheme will commence at Wilsthorpe late September early October.

It was agreed that there would be no representation for the following planning applications:-3 Elliotts Way-erection of two storey side extension and front porch and removal of willow tree at Westwood, both at Braceborough. The following had been approved- extension of equine building, Spa House, SKDC Wind Energy Supplementary Planning Document and a requirement for an Environmental Impact Assessment on land at Greatford.

It was reported that pot holes were still a problem, along with poor visibility at the Cocked Hat junction & the dyke along Carlby Road to Greatford. Cllr Kentish reported that he could understand residents' frustration in regard to the flooding issue and lack of movement by either Ashton Estate or Anglianwater. It was agreed that all authorities needed to work together and that included enforcement by LCC. Councillors thanked C.Cllr Trollope-Bellew for keeping the Parish Council updated at all times on this matter.

Cllr Kentish reported that the draft Parish Plan/Development Statement questionnaire had recently been circulated to all councillors and he would welcome suggestions before it was sent to the Steering Group and finally to parishioners.

LCC were consulting on discontinuing the mobile library service for Braceborough from 5th May 2015. The clerk reported that SKDC had completed the boundary review and would be submitted in the near future to the Boundary Commission. The suggestion for Braceborough & Wilsthorpe was that it be joined with Thurlby, Obthorpe and Norththorpe and be called Dole Wood Ward and take place at the 2015 elections if agreed.

C.Cllr Martin Trollope-Bellew reported that Price Waterhouse Accountants, Monitor and Stamford Operations Manager met with LCC at Stamford Town Hall to discuss Peterborough and Stamford NHS Trust. The impression was that they all wished Stamford Hospital to remain open. He also reported that local government was again being hit hard with another 10% cut from its budget.

Next meeting – Monday 2nd September 2013 at Braceborough Village Hall at 8pm. All Welcome.

Rosemary Woolley, Clerk to the Council. Email-bwparishcouncil@msn.com or 560634 (answer machine), Website-parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/BraceboroughandWilsthorpe

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25th Aug – Vanessa Creedy
1st Sep – Vanessa Creedy

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Date	Event	Sponsor(s)
6 th July	Laurence Kimberley's graduation	Mick and Vanessa Kimberley
7 th July	"Go, Murray!"	Graham Creedy
8 th July	"Congratulations, Andy!!"	Graham Creedy
15 th July	Hazel Yates's birthday	Rodney Yates
16 th July	Safe arrival of a baby boy (James Isaac) to Ben & Nicky Naylor	Robert & Jane Naylor
17 th July	Significant birthday of my Daughter, Justine	Margaret Nicholls

Why not mark your special day by sponsoring a flag, for a donation of £5 to Church funds? Contact Graham Creedy (481084) or David Genever (765005).

Uffington Village Hall – Roof Appeal. The Committee would like to say thank you to all the villagers who have contacted us since our appeal last month. Some people have offered money and others are willing to help organize events. I was asked why I had not given details about how to donate on the flyer and the reason is that come the end of August/September we are intending to make an envelope drop around the village. This will allow you to make a cheque/cash donation directly to our roof fund if you wish to help in this way. The money will not be used for any other purpose. Please keep an eye on the notice boards and in Towers and Spires for notice of events and further information or contact a member of the committee. Once again, thank you. Carol Smith (764583) Karen Cozens (754656) Pat Dodsworth (Treasurer – 751069).

Report from Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 10th July, 2013 at 8pm in the Village Hall. The Play Area was discussed and Cllr. Mulvaney had spoken to the Clerk and stated that grants were being applied for. Mr. D. Woodman questioned the validity of the questionnaire result and asked if he could look at the returned questionnaires to calculate the result for himself. It was thought that under the data protection act this request was unlawful as there were addresses on the returns. The Clerk to contact LALC for advice. Cllr. Brown and Cllr. Kent both stated that Mr. Woodman's comments suggested that the Councillors were dishonest and he was asked to retract his comments which he refused to do. The play area will be discussed again at the next meeting.

The Parish Council thought that the resurfacing of the A1175 was satisfactory but thought that the state of School Lane left a lot to be desired and also required white lining. LCC Highways to be contacted.

The one way system is still causing some concerns Highways to be asked if a "stop" sign can be erected at the Greatford Road/Charters junction.

The encroachment on to the allotments by a resident of Somes Close is still being investigated and legal action to be taken if necessary.

There was some confusion regarding whether the mobile Library Van is still going to visit Uffington. The Clerk to clarify the position.

Dist. Cllr. Woolley reported that SKDC and Stamford Town Council are going to host a Georgian Festival, Dan Cruckshank will be the key speaker also there will be a Georgian Street Fayre, Horrible Histories and a "Bull Run".

Boundary Review – There would be a reduction of seats at SKDC from 58 – 55. The now Truesdale Ward will have two seats and will include Greatford and will be renamed Casewick County Cllr. Trollope-Bellew reported on the Health Scrutiny Committee stating that the Trust was doing well as far as clinical matters and Management were concerned but the finances are a concern due to the PFI costing £38/39 M p.a. Stamford Hospital is a key part of their rescue plan so they did not see any reason to close it.

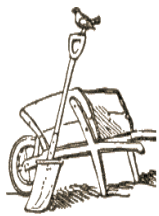
He also reported that there would be a Government reduction to LCC of 10% but hopefully it would not affect health, Social Services and Education.

Also that Stamford Library hours will be reduced by five hours per week and that LCC Highways had been allocated £2M from the Council's underspend last year to mend the worst bits of the County's roads

The Parish Council agreed to ask Mr. B. Payne to make a new notice board for School Lane corner the Chairman volunteered oak felled from the family's spinneys in Casewick Park. (Mr. Payne had made the other notice boards when he lived in the village).

Date of next meeting Wednesday, 21st August, 2013 at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The Village Hall Committee had circulated a flyer around the village asking for help in raising funds and ultimately saving the Village Hall. Most of the Parish Council has served on the VH Committee in the past and found it a very social experience perhaps some of the young couples in the village could now take over the mantle of the "older" residents. Many of the functions that you organise can be a cheap night out and can involve the children, so come on the younger residents as you will have new ideas to get the VH thriving again. Village Hall contact details are on the flyer and on the Uffington Web site.



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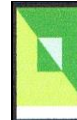
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11th	12th	13th
Trinity 11 9am Greatford HC 10.15am WDeeping HC 10.30am Uffington MP 2pm 2pm WDVH Walkers 6pm Tallington ES	1.45pm Tallington VH Whist	
18th	19th	20th
Trinity 12 9am Barholm HC 10.15am WDeeping MP 10.30am Uffington HC 2pm WDVH Heritage Group – The Boaty Story	1.45pm Tallington VH Whist	
25th	26th	27th
Trinity 13 9am Greatford FS 10.15am WDeeping HC 10.30am Uffington FS 10.30am Tallington HC 2pm WDVH Walkers		

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1st	2nd	3rd
7th	8th	9th	10th
2-4pm WD VH Bowls 2pm Tallington VH Welcome Club 7.30pm Uffington WI 'Reminiscences of a Games Maker' – Mr Mike Drinkall Competition: Sports Medal	8-10pm WD VH Bowls		
14th	15th	16th	17th
2-4pm WD VH Bowls 2pm Tallington VH Welcome Club	8-10pm WD VH Bowls		10.30am WDVH St Andrew's Church Coffee Morning
21st	22nd	23rd	24th
2-4pm WD VH Bowls 2pm Tallington VH Welcome Club	8-10pm WD VH Bowls		
28th	29th	30th	31st
2-4pm WD VH Bowls 2pm Tallington VH Welcome Club	8-10pm WD VH Bowls	7pm Tallington QE II Playing Field 7.45pm WDVH Rambling Readers	