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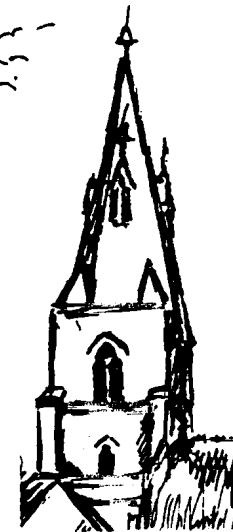
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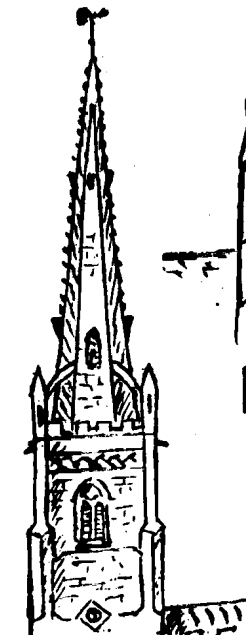
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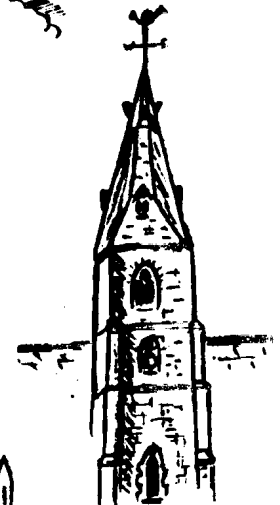
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BISHOPS LETTER – MAY 2012

Dear Friends,

The Feast of the Pentecost falls at the end of May.

The idea of the Holy Spirit coming upon us as it came upon and overwhelmed the apostles in the upper room at the first Pentecost, is a powerful image for a Christian. However, the Holy Spirit's impact might also be rather less dramatic. The Spirit of God, who brooded over the waters of creation, who inspired the prophets, who entered the womb of Mary and descended upon Jesus at his baptism – is active in God's world and can come to us in simpler and more mundane ways.

Having discerned the presence of the Spirit, we need to nurture that presence. God gives human beings a part in creation, redemption and sanctification of the world – not the primary part, that's for him; but we are called to co-operate in discerning and nurturing that which speaks of him to our world. We can do this in a variety of ways: for example by seeking to protect the integrity of creation, or by working to bring reconciliation and harmony between ethnic and religious groups and always by blowing on the embers of the spirit of God in our own life. These embers are there in every human being and are always ready gently to be fanned into a bigger flame.

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire!

+ **Christopher Lincoln**

Dear All

This month's letter is a bit different. The sermon I preached the week after Easter seemed to strike a chord with people; I had a strong response, and suggestions that it should be put into the magazine – so here it is. It's only lightly adapted, so just imagine it in the middle of a service, rather than written as a letter.

Have you ever noticed how much of the Resurrection story is about failure? Judas is the great betrayer, but all the characters in the gospel story fail in one way or another. Peter denies knowing Jesus; he and the others are unable to stay awake with Christ; the disciples run away in fear; they are unable to believe the story of the Resurrection; they don't recognise the risen Christ even when he is there with them. Again and again, even the people who were closest to the events at the heart of the gospel, the ones who were there, failed to trust God, failed to believe in Christ.

It's not only the original disciples who share that frailty. We all, if we're honest, have our doubts from time to time, all fail to believe that God really keeps his promises. We run away, too, or I know I do - there are times when I really don't want to pray, when I say the services and leave it at that, because I simply do not want to have a one-to-one conversation with God - he might say something I don't want to hear, and it's much safer to run away than to talk.

The problem then is that we begin to cut ourselves off from God. We're afraid of what we've done or haven't done, we start to feel uncomfortable or guilty - you should hear the number of times people I don't know start explaining to me just why they haven't been to church lately, because their conscience pricks them when they see the collar - and sometimes we even decide we have no right to come to God. These days there aren't too many people who say that they can't take communion because they're not good enough Christians - but there are quite a few who won't join a church or start confirmation classes because you already have to be a good person and a committed Christian for that, don't you - and if you think about it, that's not so very different from saying you're not good enough to take communion.

By most reckoning, the first disciples weren't terribly good Christians, either. But the stories we hear at this time of year, the stories about what happened after Easter morning, can encourage us, just as the disciples were encouraged. Between the resurrection and the ascension Jesus went to look for the disciples, to tell them that it was all right – on the road to Emmaus, by the lake at Galilee, in a locked room. He explained to them what had happened, he offered them comfort and reassurance, he let them know that failure can be forgiven, he helped them to believe.

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In some of the Lent services in the group we used an alternative invitation to communion. Instead of 'draw near with faith', the priest said: 'Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.' The congregation replied: 'Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.'

'Lord, I am not worthy to receive you' - no, we none of us are, from the first disciples to now, because we have all failed in one way or another. 'But only say the word, and I shall be healed.' And it was to say that word, of forgiveness and acceptance, that Jesus went out to find the disciples, to help them to believe, to give them his peace. And it is to say that same word that he comes to meet us in our worship and in every Eucharist, not because we have earned it, not because we are worthy, but because he understands our human frailty, understands our failure, understands how difficult we can find it to truly turn to him and believe. May we accept Christ's forgiveness and healing, as we answer his call to his supper, and share in the bread and the wine and the blessing of God at his altar. Amen.

Carolyn Kennedy

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism		
15 th April	West Deeping	Tobias William Dawson
Wedding		
14 th April	Ufington	Matthew Joel Roberts and Amy Elizabeth Meadows

READINGS FOR MAY

The usual pattern of readings changes in Eastertide, as the reading from Acts is compulsory. So, to simplify matters, **all services this month will use Acts and the Gospel reading;** Morning and Evening prayer will also have a psalm, as usual.

	Psalm	Acts	Gospel
6th May Easter 5	22:25-31	8:26-40	John 15:1-8
13th May Easter 6	98	10:44-48	John 15:9-17
20th May Easter 7	1	Acts 1:15-17 + 21-26	John 17:6-19
27th May Pentecost	104:26-36	Acts 2:1-21	John 15:26-27 + 16:4b-15

We stay in our festival white or white and gold until the end of May, when we change to red for Whitsun. The beginning of June sees a return to white for Trinity Sunday, when the readings also return to normal: Psalm 29, OT Isaiah 6:1-8, NT Romans 8:12-17, Gospel John 3:1-17.

BARHOLM & STOWE

The Barholm & Stowe Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations will take place between 2nd to 5th June 2012. The event will commence with a dance at the Barn, Old Hall, Barholm, starting at 7.30pm on Saturday 3rd June. The Five Horse Shoes will be providing a pay bar and burgers, hotdogs etc will be available for purchase on the night. Entry will be free, but organisers would be grateful if you would let either Emma or Rosemary know of numbers for catering purposes by 31st May. Monday 4th June there will be a Village Fun Day, starting at 3pm at Old Hall. Please bring your own picnic and drink. Commemorative Medals will be presented to children 16 years and under who live in the parish on the day. If you wish your son or daughter to receive a medal please contact either David 560283 or Rosemary 560634 by 31st May. The event will conclude with a bonfire sometime around 10pm. Please come and help Barholm & Stowe celebrate such an historical event. *Rosemary*

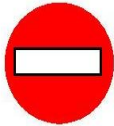


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Something different for our return – it's Rogationtide, when we bless the crops to help them grow – the other half of harvest, if you like. So we're going to have a Rogationtide walk around the village, and bless all sorts of things on the way. Don't forget to bring a jacket, just in case it's wet! We'll meet at the hall, then go back there for refreshments afterwards.



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WILDLIFE GARDENING IN MAY

BRACEBOROUGH

Clerk's notes of Parish Council Meeting at Braceborough Village Hall 2nd Apr 2012

The clerk reported that she had still not received a response from BT about painting the kiosk at Wilsthorpe but was informed that the post box had just been done. The water leak by the Cocked Hat at Braceborough had been dealt with. The Parish Council had registered with HMRC for PAYE and was awaiting further details but the annual VAT form had been completed with £60.31 to be reclaimed. Cllr. Susan Burgoin declared a personal interest in the planning application of Mrs Hawley, The Willows. It was agreed that there would be no representation for the change of use of part of the paddock area to a ménage. The meeting was also informed that the application for a grass airstrip at Manor Farm had been deferred. The application at Walnut Cottage, Braceborough had been approved. The clerk reported on the highways walkabout with Lincolnshire County Council. The main concern at Braceborough was the verge and roadside breakup opposite the church, resurfacing of Quincey's Lane and water along Church Lane. LCC have agreed to provide a disabled access to the Village Hall. At Wilsthorpe roadside breakup caused by the school bus would be dealt with in the spring. Other highways issues mentioned at the meeting were lack of numbers on lamp posts at Elliott's Way. Councillors were concerned about the reduced opening hours of the Household Waste Recycling centre at Bourne. It was agreed that the parish would not enter the Best Kept Village competition. The clerk informed the meeting that she had not received information regarding the sewerage scheme at Wilsthorpe apart from a map giving a proposed route from Barholm, Greatford to Wilsthorpe. **The Queen's 2012 Diamond Jubilee celebrations** will take place beginning of June. The Parish Council has purchased Medals for children, 11 years and under, and will be presenting them on Monday 4th June. If you wish your son or daughter to receive a commemorative medal please contact either Dave Kentish, The Elms, Braceborough, 01778 561841, Susan Burgoin, Corner Cottage, Wilsthorpe, 01778 560720 or email the clerk bwparishcouncil@msn.com with the youngsters full name and address by 21st May 2012. The next meeting to take place at Braceborough Village Hall on Monday 21st May 2012 at 7.30pm. This is the Annual Parish Meeting where residents can raise any concerns and meet the Parish Councillors, District Councillor and County Councillor. All Welcome. **Rosemary Woolley Clerk**

Last issue we talked about making a wildlife pond for the garden, and this month we promised some planting suggestions, so here goes. Pond plants provide habitat and food for wildlife (especially if the plants are native species), and add colour and variety to this part of the garden. They can roughly be divided into two groups: (i) aquatics comprising water plants that can be submerged or floating, and (ii) marginal plants adapted to growing in marshy areas at the water's edge or for example water covered planting shelves around the edge of the pond.

Lets have a look at aquatic pond plants. These are vital to a healthy pond, because they oxygenate the water necessary for aquatic animals and other plants. They're also hugely important in combating blanket weed. This weed (actually algae) is encouraged by conditions such as enriched water and excessive sunlight and its growth can quickly overwhelm all other plants in the pond. When it starts to die and decay, this leads to loss of oxygen in the water, so that most other pond inhabitants suffer.

A bucket of water and some oxygenating plants from a friends established garden pond (without blanket weed) is a good way to start off your new pond as beneficial aquatic fauna will be transferred as well. Saving that, a good garden centre should be able provide the plants you need. A word of caution though, should you come across plants such as Parrot's Feather, Water Primrose, Water Fern and New Zealand Pygmyweed, then avoid them entirely. They will over-run your pond and if they get out into the wild will harm wildlife and their habitats. Although people often introduce Canadian Waterweed (*Elodea canadensis*) as an oxygenator, avoid this as well as it spreads quickly and will soon clog up your pond. Bear in mind that a pond will naturally colonise in time with plants, but by introducing suitable species you are speeding up the process.

Good oxygenating plants on the must-have list could include Spiked Water-milfoil (with feathery green leaves), Curly Pondweed, Hornwort and Water Starwort - a delicate-looking plant forming light green rosettes on the water surface - which can cope with seasonal drought which may be an important consideration if we have a dry summer. It may be useful to try and 'anchor' some of these plants by tying a stone to a bundle of stems. Alternatively, just carefully pour them in and the plants will float until they become established.

For plants that have surface leaves and are bottom-rooted, try Broad-leaved Pondweed (oval dark green/brown leaves), Amphibious Bistort (floating leaves with lovely pink flowers standing proud of the water), Water Crowfoot (early season white flowers and small leaves) and Bogbean (blue/green, three-lobed leaves and large pink and white flowers). The latter also has thick stems that spread out over the top of the water. We think White and Yellow Water-lilies (*Nymphaea alba* and *N. lutea*) are best avoided for small ponds as they can grow very large and will need constant control and maintenance. A good alternative is Fringed Water-lily (*Nymphoides peltata*) that has yellow flowers and is smaller and much less aggressive. It is best to anchor these plants in baskets with hessian liners or in net pots using special pond-plant compost covered with a good layer of gravel. If you decide to use garden soil in place of pond-plant compost be sure it has not received herbicides or fertilisers that will encourage blanket weed. Baskets can be placed onto the bottom of the pond, using bricks or stones to ensure the correct depth, or on ledges at the sides.

Don't be in too much of a rush to plant up your pond. Give it some good thought first as to which plants you would like where, and the conditions that they require. Also consider that the optimum plant cover of the water surface is about two thirds. Finally for a wildlife pond, please don't put in fish as these will eat the wildlife and contribute to problems with blanket weed. Next month we will introduce you to the delights of marginal plants! **Donna & Tim**

(We would be pleased to receive your comments/thoughts on aspects of wildlife gardening – contact Donna on 01778 561950 or Tim on 01780 481550).

UFFINGTON

Church Flowers

6th May – Scarecrow Weekend

13th – Ann Teesdale

20th/27th – Ann Hall

Uffington WI - Uffington WI's President Maggie Carter agreed to take on a fourth year in office when the branch held its annual meeting on April 4th. Committee members for 2012-13 will be Alison Dodsworth, Pam Norwood, Pauline Earley, Sally Baker, Sue Naden, Barbara Drinkall, Sheila Croft and Jenny Peear. Retiring member Angie Morgan was thanked for her contribution, and bouquets were presented to last year's committee members. Secretary Pauline Earley revealed that the most popular talk of the past year had been the speaker from Hambleton Bakery on the subject of Artisan Bread. The March meeting took the form of a very successful annual Birthday Night at the Garden House Hotel, Stamford. The WI is involved in plans for making scarecrows and baking cakes for the annual Uffington Scarecrow Festival over the May Bank Holiday Weekend, and a tea-party for the over-sixties to coincide with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee holiday. An outing has been planned to the Cook gourmet ready meals shop in Stamford on April 18th. The business meeting was followed by a glass of wine and a chocolate bingo session. The monthly competition for 'What I found in my garden today' was won by Marion Francis with a bottle of rainwater, with Barbara Smith's cheerful garden troll in second place. Carole Breslin won the Competition Trophy for the best competition results over the year. The next meeting is on May 2, when the annual resolutions agenda will be followed by a quiz.

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

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14 th /15 th Apr	Wedding of Amy Meadows and Matthew Roberts	The Meadows family
23 rd Apr	St George's Day	PCC

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Rosemary Woolley Clerk

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Wilsthorpe Diamond Jubilee Celebrations - Please come and join in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations with a picnic on the green, outside St Faiths Church, Sunday 3rd June 2012, from 12:30pm onwards. Bring your own tables and chairs and anything you fancy for a picnic. Friends and family welcome, the more the merrier! We also thought it would be nice to decorate the church for such a special occasion. If you would like to help with flower arranging or could provide flowers or plants for the church it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Anna at the Willows, 560985. If you have any further thoughts or ideas for the day, or would like to compile a village quiz or would like further information please contact Susan at Corner Cottage, 560720.

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Social Evening: The Village Hall Committee agreed not to hold a Social Evening in May in view of the Celebrations planned by the Parish Council for the Queen's Jubilee being so close.

Tallington Parish Council - Have you got this date in your Diary?

TUESDAY 5th JUNE 2012

TALLINGTON'S EVENT TO MARK THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

- 1 Parish Picnic** - 12.30 pm at the Village Hall - Food and soft drinks for sale or bring your own picnic. Dedication of the tree to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.
- 2 Children's Races** - 2 pm on the Playing Field behind the Village Hall. Novelty races; Tug of War; Certificates for Winners
- 3 Barn Dance and Hog Roast** - 7 pm at the Barn off Mill Lane. Dance to the "Fruit Cake Band". Tickets for barn dance and hog roast - Adults £10, Child £3. Tickets for barn dance only - Adults £5, Child £3

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Annual Parish Meeting, AGM and Parish Council Meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday 8th May 2012.

Mobile Library Service: The Mobile Library will be in Church Lane between 10.00 and 10.30am on Thursday 10th May.

The Post Office: Please remember that we are still lucky in having a Post Office in the Village Hall twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 2 and 4 pm.

WEST DEEPING

Bible Studies. Tuesdays 8th May and 22nd May. 2.45 for 3.00pm at Cromwell House. One hour's study and discussion is followed by tea. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Susanna Aldred on 01778 380014.

West Deeping Walkers. Sunday 6th May led by Annie. 20th May is a village walk. Meet outside Village Hall at 2.00pm. For further details call Annie on 01778 346805, or email snewbigging@talktalk.net

Parish Council. Monday 14th May 7.30pm Village Hall. This is the PC Annual Meeting, which will be followed by the regular PC meeting. All residents are invited to attend the Annual Meeting, and stay on to observe the PC meeting if they wish.

Coffee Morning. Saturday 19th May 10.30am-12.00am. West Deeping Village Hall. Members of St Andrew's Church give you a friendly welcome, coffee and biscuits are free. There'll be home baked cakes and preserves for sale and organized activities for children.

Rambling Readers. Friday 25th May 7.45pm. Village Hall. We are now back on our 'last Friday in the month' routine. If you are interested in reading a new book each month, supplied by Lincolnshire libraries, please ring Liz Noble 01778 344674.

Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Celebrations. Planning continues. **The Big Lunch** will be held at the Tinsley Playing Field on Sunday 3rd June, 12am-4pm. Contact Melanie if you want an update: 01778 380197 or melanie@thelane.me.uk

One initiative already organized is an oak tree for the field; with a tree guard similar to the one we already have marking the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2003. In addition a Dutch elm disease-resistant sapling has been promised to the village, free from The Conservation Foundation
1950s memorabilia. We need help for a display at the Jubilee celebrations on Sunday 3rd June. Maggie Ashcroft, 32 King Street, West Deeping 01778 344768 maggieashcroft@hotmail.co.uk

Litter Pick. Saturday 26th May. 2pm. This has been arranged by West Deeping Walkers. Help would also be appreciated from village residents, members of the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee. Meet outside 43 King Street. The aim is to tidy up the village before the Jubilee Weekend 2-5th June.

Heritage Group. We take a break for the summer and the next talk in September will be about the current archaeological dig at Rectory Farm. Please contact Anne if you would like to be added to the contact list, and boost our numbers to around 75! 01778 343355: apdavison@live.co.uk

TO ALL MEMBERS OF COPHILL COMMUNITY CHOIR

A very big thank you must go to all members of the choir, who enthusiastically entered into the "Lion King" project during the first three months of the year. It filled me with endless admiration as you attended weekly rehearsals with humour, energy and the joy of singing, even on the gloomiest January Thursday at 8.15. I was so proud that we achieved a real sense of community, shared the love of music and built up to a memorable and outstanding standard at the concert that, combined with the Upper School pupils, was full of colour, energy and has become a magnificent musical memory. My flowers and wonderfully carved giraffe have pride of place and the kind messages that you wrote in the cards are reflected back to you all with the same feelings of warmth and love. For those of you who would like to sing the music again, although not with quite the same power and preparation, we have been asked to do so at Cophill School to open the summer fare on Sunday 24th June at 12.00. If you arrive at the school by 11.45, we can congregate in an appropriate place and I am sure that your participation will be rewarded with a cuppa afterwards. As to the future of the choir, many are keen to continue singing and I have already put my mind to a similar venture at the same time of year in 2013. In the meantime, I know that Christmas singing is always a joyful venture and rehearsals will be taking place before we know it on the preceding Wednesdays before the Uffington Church carol service! In the meantime, thank you again for your warmth and joy in sharing in the love of singing. I am, as always, truly grateful.

Judith Graham

WELLAND MOTHERS' UNION

Members of Welland Mothers' Union will be going for a local afternoon out as their May Meeting, on Monday 21st May.

DIAMOND JUBILEE 'THE BIG LUNCH'

Uffington Cricket Club would like to host 'The Big Lunch' by holding a picnic at their ground on the junction of Essendine Road and Greatford Road. There will be entertainment in the afternoon followed by a Bar B Q. Everybody welcome. More details next month.

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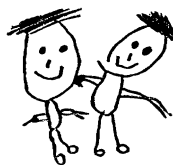
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Carlby & District WI held their AGM in April: Jennifer Gralka stood down as president – a position she had held successfully for fifteen of the branch's 40 year history. She was profoundly thanked. Judie Pope was elected as President and Margaret Anderson as Vice President. The serving committee were thanked, and Liz Kentish was elected to the committee. Andy Deighton from the Lincolnshire St Barnabus Hospice (at Grantham) gave a presentation – referring to his task of raising £6 million annually for the running costs. He brought items for sale and literature and we were encouraged to visit the charity shop in North Street, Bourne. He was thanked by Anne Woolley and presented with a cheque. The Committee provided excellent refreshments and were thanked. The next meeting is at Carlby Village Hall on May 8th at 7.30pm when the speaker will be Ann Clare, a physiotherapist, on *Keeping Strong & Active*. New members and visitors (from Carlby, Greatford and neighbouring villages) are always welcome: for further information please telephone 01778 590180.

Bellringing: practice night – Wednesday 9th May; visiting ringers (for 60th birthdays) 19th May; attempted full peal for Queen's diamond jubilee 26th May.

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.

Diamond Jubilee weekend: Queen's Diamond Jubilee – Sunday 3 June 2:30 to 5pm. A chance to mark this historic occasion and get together with family, friends and neighbours on the village hall playing fields for a Royal "Big Lunch"; please bring a picnic. There will be a limited number of tables and chairs available. There'll be plenty to entertain everyone on the day but the highlight has to be the Great Greatford Bake Off. It's your opportunity to wow the rest of the village and the judges with your baking skills. To enter just bring along your cakes and bakes before 3.30pm on the day. Sweet or savoury – as long as it can be eaten cold - it can be entered into the hotly-contested competition. Judging begins at 4pm and will culminate in true village style by eating of the entries – so hopefully there won't be much to carry home afterwards. For further information please call Heather Hooper on 01778 560768.

Annual Parish Meeting: The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday 22nd May at 7pm in the Village Hall. This is the opportunity for all villagers to discuss issues affecting the village, and all residents of the village are welcome to attend. There will be reports from our County Councillor and District Councillor, the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee, together with an open forum at which any issues may be raised.

BRACEBOROUGH

Sunday 6th May Holy Communion at 9am - Please come along and join us for Holy Communion.

Sunday 13th May – the 4 O'Clock Service - This will be held in the Village Hall at 4pm. A very informal service for everyone – children and families are especially welcome.

HM the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Here is a brief summary of events planned for Braceborough for the Jubilee weekend:

Sunday 3rd June

2.30pm Songs of Praise service at St Margaret's. Suggestions for favourite hymns, please! There will be a retiring collection at the end of this service. Please consider 'Gift-aiding' any donation you might make.

4.15pm Official Flag Raising

4.30pm Cream tea in the village hall. Royal themed quiz.

6.15pm Braceborough Community Choir.

Monday 4th June

Dress code for the day is Red, White & Blue.

2pm onwards;

Painting competition for 16's & under.

Childrens' & Adults' races

5pm Diamond Jubilee medal presentation to all children 11 and under.

5pm Hog Roast

7pm Braceborough's Got Talent

10pm Lighting of the Beacon.

Till late - Disco in Village Hall.

Saturday 28th April - Pot Luck Supper in village hall. Food served from 7.30pm. Bar & raffle. Adults £7. School age children £3-50. Tickets from James & committee members.

Future Events - July – Village BBQ. Details to follow.

October/November – Photographic Competition. Classes for all ages; prizes; photos to be taken in & around the village; exhibition in village hall.

GET CLICKING!

**CHURCH SERVICES AND DIARY DATES
FOR MAY 2012 VOLUME 27 NUMBER 2**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
3rd June		1st
12-4pm WD Tinsley Playing Field The Big Lunch		
6th	7th	8th
EASTER 5 9am Braceborough HC 9am Uffington HC 10.15am WDeeping MP 10.30am Tallington HC 10.30am Wilsthorpe HC UFFINGTON SCARECROWS 2pm WD Walkers 6pm Barholm ES	UFFINGTON SCARECROWS	2.45pm Bible Study at Cromwell House
13th	14th	15th
Easter 6 9am Greatford HC 10.15am WDeeping HC 10.30am Uffington MP 4pm Braceborough VH FS 6pm Tallington ES	1.45pm Tallington VH Whist 7.30pm WD VH Parish Council Annual Meeting	
20th	21st	22nd
Easter 7 UPPINGHAM to UFFINGTON WALK 10.30am Tallington Group Service – Confirmation – Bishop of Grantham 2pm WD Walkers	1.45pm Tallington VH Whist	2.45pm Bible Study at Cromwell House
27th	28th	29th
Pentecost 10.15am WDeeping HC 10.30am Tallington HC 10.30am Uffington FS 4pm Greatford FS 6pm Uffington Wholeness & Healing	1.45pm Tallington VH Whist	

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2nd	3rd	4th	5th
2pm Tallington VH Bingo 2-4pm WD VH Bowls 7.30pm Uffington WI Resolutions Night Competition: "What would your resolution be?"	2-4pm WD VH Bowls		
9th	10th	11th	12th
2pm Tallington VH Welcome Club 2-4pm WD VH Bowls	2-4pm WD VH Bowls		
16th	17th	18th	19th
2pm Tallington VH Welcome Club 2-4pm WD VH Bowls	2-4pm WD VH Bowls		WD VH Coffee Morning
23rd	24th	25th	26th
2pm Tallington VH Welcome Club 2-4pm WD VH Bowls	2-4pm WD VH Bowls	7.45pm WD VH Rambling Readers	2pm WD Litter Pick
30th	31st		
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