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Getting to know our Neighbours: On Friday 3rd May from 6 to 8 pm. Please come and join us, especially if you are new to the village. There was a good attendance last time. Nibbles will be provided but please bring your own liquid refreshment. It is a village event and ALL ages are welcome.

Carlby & District WI: The AGM was held on Tuesday 9th April at Carlby Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Sarah Cardew stood down as President and Rosie Nelson took over. Margaret Hawkins gave up the position of Secretary for the WI federation matters. The talk was a speaker from 'Mutts Nuts', a local rescue charity and was enjoyed by everyone. The next meeting is at Carlby Village Hall on Tuesday May 7th at 7.30pm. The speaker is Sue Barton and the subject 'Life on the Lincolnshire Salt Marshes'. For further information please telephone 01778 590542 or 01778 590348

Mobile Library. The mobile library will be at Greatford on Mondays on May 13th and June 10th and stops opposite the Phone Box in Main Street between 12.00 and 12.30.

Bellringing: Practice night Wednesday May 15th from 7.30 pm to 9 pm. Plus, in the afternoon of 15th, we also have visiting ringers for an hour or so. Come along to Uffington at 11 am on Sunday May 5th, and possibly on May 6th too to watch us ring. Contact Lois on: 01778 560437. Email lois.m.webb1@gmail.com if you want to find out more about ringing or just come along to a practice night.

Parish Council. As Greatford fulfilled the 5 vacancies there will be no election. Our Parish Councillors are : David Anderson, Jon Workman, Ibis Channel, Gemma Taylor and Philip Britton. The AGM will be held in the CHURCH from 7 pm on Tuesday 21st May. All welcome. If you have any issues, contact the clerk GreatfordPC@gmail.com.

Flying the Flag: Mark any special event by having the Union Flag or St George's Flag flown at the Village Hall (for a contribution to V.H Funds) or outside the Church (for Church Funds). Please contact Cyril Webb on 560437

Village Hall Update. Unfortunately, the yoga classes on Wednesdays were not supported enough to continue them, but there are plenty of opportunities to keep fit with Pilates (Mon 1:30-2:30) and HIIT Training with Max (Thursday 7-8pm). In addition there are music practice sessions and dog training also happening regularly. If you would like further information about these sessions, information about the hall or to check availability and to book the hall simply contact us via our new email address : greatfordvillagehall@outlook.com. **Cleaner required!** The Hall is also recruiting a cleaner (£10 per hour) required for one hour a week plus additional hours for ad hoc and seasonal deep cleans. All equipment is provided by the hall. If you are interested please use the email above to contact the Village Hall Committee.

WILSTHORPE

The Holy Communion service is at the new time of 11am on Sunday 5th May. Please do come along and join us, where you will be made most welcome. Refreshments will be served after the service.

The coffee morning held at Braceborough and Wilsthorpe Village Hall on the 6th April was the most successful to date. Thank you to everybody who supported this event by helping, supplying delicious homemade cakes, raffle prize, games for the children and the well-stocked bric-a-brac stall and of course thank you to all our visitors. Money raised will be put into the fabric fund. The Quinquennial Inspection has recently been carried out and we are now waiting for the report. The repairs to the windows will be high on the list of essential work and that is where our fund raising is aimed at this year.

Any ideas or offers of help would be greatly appreciated.

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council and the Parish Council Meeting will be held in St Faith's Church on **Tuesday 7th May at 7pm.**

For news, events and contacts for Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Village Hall, please see the Braceborough write up in the Towers & Spires.

Paperback books for sale! This is proving very popular with villagers and visitors alike. There are lots of books for sale in St Faith's Church, 50p each or 3 for a £1 – a bargain! The selection is frequently refreshed.

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The Services for May are: 5th Evensong at 6pm: 19th Holy Communion at 9am

If anyone would like to help with cleaning, flower arranging or reading we would welcome you.

At the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting in April, Elizabeth Noble was elected Church Warden and Colin Harrison as Deputy Church Warden. Trish Brockhouse – Safety Office, and D Brown, D Rae, M Harrison and C Baldwin were elected to the Church Council.



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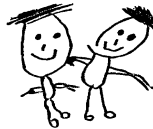
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The President, Gillian Johns, welcomed members and Janet Turner our WI Advisor to our Annual Meeting on Wednesday, 3rd April.

The Financial Statement for 2018 was approved and adopted as was the appointment of an Independent examiner for the forthcoming year. The Committees Annual report was given by Pauline Earley who detailed meetings and outing which had taken place over the past year. We have 35 members and the average attendance at meetings during the year was 26. The President proposed the adoption of the Annual Report and then gave her address. She had again enjoyed her year as President and went on to list some of the highlights during her three years as President and 25 years as a member. She thanked the Treasurer, Secretary and the rest of the Committee for all their hard work over the past year.

Janet Turner then told us about her time with the WI since going to her first meeting not knowing anyone or anything about the WI to being Lincs South Federation Chairman for 10 years.

The competition cup winner for the year was Alison Dodsworth

A vote then took place to see whether or not Uffington WI should continue or be suspended. This was overseen by Janet Turner who said the result was 50-50 but as no one came forward to form a Committee Uffington WI has been suspended.

Gillian presented Janet with a bouquet of flowers and thanked her for all the help she had given us over the past years.

Pam Orme and Jane Fairham had organised a quiz – 50 questions and all the answers were plants. The expert gardeners were in their element and the rest of us learnt something new!

It is very sad to see Uffington WI close as it has been meeting in the village since 1945, members have some happy memories of their time here.

Uffington WI is formally suspended for 3 years. If anyone comes forward to re start a WI in the village within that time then any outstanding monies can be used by the new group. After 3 years the money reverts to Lincolnshire South Federation. The Federation can be contacted on 01529 302398

BRACEBOROUGH

Sunday 5 May, Holy Communion at 9am. Our next Holy Communion service will be at 9am on Sunday 7 April. You are very welcome to join us for this service. Everyone is invited, so please come along if you can.

Village Hall Spring Clean Weekend. This was a great success. A big ‘thank you’ to everyone who gave their time to help. We managed to get the container painted, fence posts replaced & lots of cleaning done.

Defibrillator Contact Numbers. For Braceborough dial 252020 and for Wilsthorpe 252553.

Braceborough & Wilsthorpe are now on Facebook. For all the latest news and events visit us online and drop us a follow.

Braceborough Beacon. You may have noticed the beacon has been removed. Having developed a substantial ‘lean’ it was deemed unsafe & has been taken away in order to repair before being refitted very soon.

Saturday 18 May – Quiz Night in the Village Hall. Thinking caps on backwards, sideways or upside down for Braceborough’s ‘Alternative Quiz Night’ on 18 May in the Village Hall. This will not be your normal pub quiz – all will be revealed on the evening. Tickets available from the usual suspects or via message on Facebook.

Village Photography Competition. The competition returns again this year. Time to start snapping away to find that winning shot. Rules available from ben.fennell181@gmail.com

Dates for the Diary. Saturday 13 July – Summer BBQ & other things! Details to follow. Saturday 20 July St.Margaret’s Gift Day. An opportunity for you to make a donation to help your village church. Sunday 21 July – 3pm Family Service, Patronal Festival & Baptism. This year’s special service will again be for everyone to enjoy. Come and share in the celebrations of our patron saint’s feast day & also a wonderful christening. Help fill church! September Beer Festival – in planning stage.

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WEST DEEPING

St Andrews Church. Thank you to everyone who came along to help give the church a **Spring Clean** on Saturday 6th April. It was a great team effort! The **Annual Church Meetings** were held on Monday 8th April: the draft minutes, accounts and PCC report are on the church noticeboard if you would like to read them. You will see that we would appreciate help! If you are able to support the church in any way, please talk to Colin on 07946004893. Rotas for church coffee mornings in WDVH or flowers in the church are on the church noticeboard. There is no **Coffee Morning** in May.

Bible Studies. Tuesdays, 7th and 21st May. 3pm at Cromwell House. Contact Susanna 01778 380014.

West Deeping Heritage Group Wednesday 29th May. 7 for 7.30pm WDVH. Following as brief as possible an Annual General Meeting - Jackie Searl will give a brief insight into her experiences as a mature student for an Open University History degree – entitled “I can do it!” No admission charge for this meeting. This year there will be an opportunity to replace the current organising committee! Please contact the current Chairperson, Maggie Ashcroft (01778 344768) if you would like to nominate yourself as a member of the committee. We meet just 3 or 4 times a year to discuss the future programme and on-going projects involving local heritage.

WD Walkers. Sundays. Meet at the Village Hall at 2.00pm. 5th and 19th May. All are welcome. For more details Contact: Annie: 01778 346805, annie.new@me.com The litter pick on 30th March organized by Walkers was well supported: more that 20 bags of rubbish were filled. Thank you for those who turned out.

Rambling Readers meet on the last Friday of the month in WDVH. A new book each month is supplied by Lincolnshire Libraries. Please talk to Elizabeth on 01778 344674

Carpet Bowls Club. The group meets on Thursday evenings in the Village Hall. See centre pages. Chairperson: June Thomas 01778 343434.

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UFFINGTON

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16 th April	In memory of our Jon boy	
17 th April	Cycling Hadrian’s Wall	C2C Group – Al, Barrie, John, Pete, Phil, Ric
21 st April	Easter Day	PCC
23 rd April	St George’s day	PCC
25 th April	ANZAC Day	Hugh & Barb Trollope
26 th April	Dean Cornish’s birthday	Sophie Cornish

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

News from Uffington Village Hall. The website Uffington.org is being resurrected which brings changes to “official” email addresses. From now on please use these for village hall and scarecrows: scarecrows@uffington.org; hallbookings@uffington.org and secretary@uffington.org. Ken Otter is kindly running the website and he can be contacted at editor@uffington.org. The FB Uffington Village Lincolnshire and the Twitter account Uffington Village Hall (@uffvillhall) continue to thrive- the website sits along them. The change is in response to the spike in demand for info on Scarecrows in particular. Please send any photos you take at the Scarecrow Festival to Ken. If there are any images of you that you want to be removed from our social media sites and any events please use the above contact addresses or ask Vanessa Kimberley 239463.

The village hall gardens have undergone a transformation in time for Scarecrows- this could not have been achieved without the hard graft of Sheila Croft, Phil Archer, Nick and Vanessa Kimberley, Pat Dodsworth, Liz Genever, Jo Coulter, Val and John Stacey & John and Kate Gorman. Thanks also to Iris Mason for keeping us fed and watered and to Shona Burns for her garden design solution. New turf has been laid; and the accessible bench plinth has been fixed in place- thanks to Tarquin Taylor for fitting in the job so promptly. The new gravel in the front garden is courtesy of James Genever, this is very much appreciated. There will be an “Official Opening” of the gardens, please see village notice boards. www.uffington.org website and Facebook Page: Uffington Village Lincolnshire and twitter Uffington @uffvillhall. Date tbc. **Uffington Continued elsewhere:**

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“Scarecrows” is Sunday 5 and Monday 6 May – please can you spare a few hours to spruce up the hall in time for this showcase weekend? Email: scarecrows@uffington.org or Vanessa 239463 THANK YOU. You will be surprised how many jobs need doing before Scarecrows weekend. Thank you to Alison Dodsworth, Sheila Croft and Chloe Graham for cleaning over 70 chairs – there’s another 70 still to be done- please volunteer now. Help from teenagers is very much needed to run the tombola stall. Vanessa 01780 239463. Help is also needed to fill the car parking rota. Nick: 07527 134303 Go for it! Anita Hassall still needs helpers/bakers for UVH catering 07901934374. THANK YOU.

The April winners of the 175 Club were: 105 Gary Waterfall £20, 47 Alison Dodsworth £10, 125 Chris Warburton £5 and 83 Anne Teesdale £5. Well done all of you. The May draw will be at Scarecrows on Sunday 5 May at the Welly Wanging near the Craft Barn/Corn Shed, about 1pm.

Other events in Uffington. Uffington Walk and Talk Friday 3 May Castor. A walk around the eastern edge of Castor, then a circular route to the south of the village and back via Splash Dyke - 4 miles. Park in Castor, near the green, behind the Prince of Wales Feathers. 9.55am for 10am. Contact and weather check: Janet Warburton 01778 560620. Sheila Archer 01780 763825)sheilandkeith@hotmail.com. The Bertie Arms charity pub quiz Wednesday 15 May 8pm. Book a team on 766400. UVH Polling Station will be open on Thursdays 2nd and 23rd May 7am – 10pm. Please leave the farm gate open on polling days so voters with blue badges can drive straight up- as required by SKDC. No classes can be held on voting days- please check the centre diary pages.

Thank you so much to Glynn and Sarah Woolf for presenting the village with a beautifully hand crafted new noticeboard at the village hall

DOG FOULING ON POUND FIELD, GREATFORD ROAD

There has been a recent, noticeable increase in dog fouling on Pound Field.

This is a potentially dangerous health hazard for those using the field for sporting and other events.

!Please pick-up after your dog!

TALLINGTON

Church Flowers

5th May – J Knox
12th and 19th May – Mrs V Sorrell
26th May – Mrs E Gray

St Lawrence Church Tallington: At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 11th April Mr Barry and Mrs Jane Hodgson were elected as Churchwardens, PCC members are Mr Peter Dodsworth (Treasurer), Mrs Anne Knox (Electoral Roll Officer), Mrs Margaret Fuller (Deanery Synod) and Mrs Val Sorrell (Communion Steward). Non PCC member, Mrs Joan Brocklebank (Secretary). The PCC give heartfelt thanks to the Sagar family and all who attended Jane’s funeral for the generous monetary gifts towards the repair of the Church roof. Repairs are ongoing.

200 Club Winners in March: 1st prize – Mr and Mrs Fuller; 2nd prize – Mrs Parker.

Regular Events at the Village Hall: Post Office: Every Tuesday 2 – 4pm. **Yoga:** Every Thursday 7.00 – 8.00 pm. Please contact Helen on 07706511925 or at hhyogaandfitness@gmail.com. **‘Move it or Lose it’:** Senior fitness group every Wednesday 1.00 pm -1.45 pm. All exercises can be done seated or standing. £5 per class (first class free), booking not necessary but please contact Amanda for details 07535 788756, amanda@smart-FITT.fitness. **28th – 31st May:** Finding Fitness will again be running a sports camp for Tallington children during the holidays. This is funded by the National Lottery and is completely free! Please contact us for a form. Places are limited for 5-12 year olds.

Hiring the Hall: We offer very competitive rates to hire the Hall whether commercially, for classes to benefit the community or just for one-off parties, with parking, great facilities, a fully equipped kitchen (with dishwasher). We also have a selection of games/sports equipment to hire. Contact tallingtonvillagehall@gmail.com or 07939986817

Flying the Flag: The flag was flown at half-mast between 19th March and 05th April in loving memory of Jane Sagar of Avoca House who passed away at home on Sunday 17th March aged 67. RIP.

Village Hall Contact Details: tallingtonvillagehall@gmail.com Tel 07939986817 or via Facebook Messenger (Tallington Village Hall) – we try to return emails and calls within 24 hours – but we are not a business, please be patient. We are a small group of volunteers managing the Hall and Park around our busy full-time jobs and families.

Mobile Library Service: The Mobile Library service will be in Church Lane on Monday 13th May between 11.15 and 11.45 am in its usual place in Church Lane.

The Post Office is open in the Village Hall every Tuesday afternoon between 2.00 and 4.00 pm offering many services. Please use this Post Office so that we don’t lose it.

The Parish Council: Please remember that all residents are welcome at the meetings. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 14th May at 7.00 pm starting with the Annual Parish Meeting and followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council.

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READINGS FOR MAY

Happy Easter!

The traditional words we say in Church at Easter are, “Alleluia, Christ is risen”, and the response is, “He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!” It sounds bizarre taken out of context. Most things seem odd when taken out of context, or when you catch a phrase from someone else when you overhear a conversation. Alleluia is from the Hebrew language that means praise the Lord. In Church, we try not to say Alleluia during lent and avoid singing it in our songs. When you’ve gone without something for forty days, then it has an extra special meaning when you say/eat or do something again. I hope no one has been ill from overindulgence.

One of the hazards of driving around between the seven churches on Sunday mornings is sharing the road safely with the cars and the various pelotons. I wonder what they thought when they saw us standing in the street with Palm crosses as we started Holy Week with our walks to church. I wonder what the drivers and passengers thought when they passed us on Good Friday as we walked from Cophill carrying a cross to Uffington? In a small way, I hope it helps to remind the community that your Church is there for all of us when we need it.

As we continue to serve the community, we will need others to help. Nearly all of the Churches have had their annual meetings, and we’ve elected some new Church Wardens. New people have offered to help by being on our Church Councils (they’re called PCCs if you overhear people talking!). Not all volunteers need to be on committees. We currently need help with:

- Magazine Production
- Magazine Advertising Sales
- Design of Banners and Signs

If you can help as a one-off, or regularly, then please let me know. To help out, you don’t need to be committed to coming to Church; wanting to help your community is enough.

Easter lasts for 50 days - it’s the Church’s longest season of celebration. During this season I’ll be meeting more of you and trying to understand what goes on in the villages. I’ll be able to serve you all the better if you share your thoughts, your hopes and your fears with me. I now know that you tend to prefer Leonard Cohen to Stormzy. But I wonder if more would come to Church if you knew that our services covered the spectrum of being very traditional, and sometimes too modern! I need to find ways to invite you more efficiently and to tell you what’s going on and to encourage you to invite others along. So if you can help, or want to share your ideas, then please get in touch (fraranbeesley@gmail.com)

Fr Aran

	Psalm	OT	NT	Gospel
Sunday 5 th May 3rd Sunday of Easter	30	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Acts 9:1-6[7-20] Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
Sunday 12 th May 4th Sunday of Easter	23	Genesis 7:1-5,11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13	Acts 9:36-43 Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
Sunday 19 th May 5th Sunday of Easter	148 (or 148:1-6)	Genesis 22:1-18	Acts 11:1-18 Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35
Sunday 26 th May 6th Sunday of Easter	67	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Acts 16:9-15 Revelation 21:10,22 – 22:5	John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9
Sunday 2 nd June Sunday after Ascension Day (7 th of Easter)	97	Ezekiel 36:24-28	Acts 16:16-34 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17,20-21	John 17:20-26

During the Easter season, the Acts reading is always used at all of the services.

The colour in church for this Easter season is white.

For information on which services are being held where and by whom, please see the details in the centre pages.

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Gardener to do grass and some weeding
in a small garden in Uffington

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CHURCH SERVICES AND DIARY DATES FOR MAY 2019 VOLUME 34 NUMBER 2

Abbreviations: Holy Communion (HC); Morning Prayer (MP); Evening Prayer (EP); All Age Worship (AAW)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
5th	6th	7th
UFF SCARECROWS 9am Braceborough HC: Fr Aran 9am Uffington HC Said: Canon David 11am WDeeping MP: Team 11am Wilsthorpe HC: Rev'd Bob MacKrell 2pm WDVH Walkers 6pm Barholm EP: Fr Aran	UFF SCARECROWS	10am UffVH Movement to music 2pm TallVH Post Office 2pm UffVH U3A Book binding & Repairs 3pm WD Bible Study @ Cromwell House
12th	13th	14th
9am Greatford HC: Fr Aran 11am Uffington HC : Fr Aran 11am WDeeping HC: Padre Shaw 6pm Tallington EP: Fr Aran	9.45am UFFVH Yoga	10am UffVH Movement to music 2pm TallVH Post Office 7pm TallVH Parish Council
19th	20th	21st
9am Barholm HC: Canon David 11am Uffington HC: Fr Aran 11am WDeeping AAW: Team & Padre Shaw 2pm WDVH Walkers	9.45am UFFVH Yoga	10am UffVH Movement to music 2pm TallVH Post Office 2pm UffVH U3A Book binding & Repairs 3pm WD Bible Study @ Cromwell House
26th	27th	28th
Rogation Sunday 9am Greatford HC: Fr Aran 11am Tallington HC: Fr Aran 11am Uffington AAW: Les & Liz 11am WDeeping HC: Canon David		10am UffVH Movement to music 2pm TallVH Post Office

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st May	2nd	3rd	4th
9.30am UffVH Pilates 1pm TallVH 'Move It' 6.30pm UffVH Tai Chi (tbc)	7pm TallVH Yoga		
8th	9th	10th	11th
9.30am UffVH Pilates 1pm TallVH 'Move It' 6.30pm UffVH Tai Chi	10.15,11.30&12.45 UffVH Hartbeeps 7pm TallVH Yoga 7.30pm WDVH Bowls		
15th	16th	17th	18th
9.30am UffVH Pilates 1pm TallVH 'Move It' 6.30pm UffVH Tai Chi 8pm UffVH Parish Council Meeting & AGM	10.15,11.30&12.45 UffVH Hartbeeps 7.30pm WDVH Bowls 7pm TallVH Yoga		
22nd	23rd	24th	25th
9.30am UffVH Pilates 1pm TallVH 'Move It' 6.30pm UffVH Tai Chi	7pm TallVH Yoga 7.30pm WDVH Bowls	7 for 7.30pm WDVH Rambling Readers	
29th	30th	31st	
9.30am UffVH Pilates 1pm TallVH 'Move It' 6.30pm UffVH Tai Chi	Ascension Day 10.15,11.30&12.45 UffVH Hartbeeps 7pm TallVH Yoga 7pm WDeeping HC: Fr Aran *INCENSE*		