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On New Year's Eve, my eye lighted on an article in the Sunday Times which reported that the law on registration of marriages is going to be changed so that the names of the mothers of the bride and groom will in future be included on marriage certificates and in the marriage registers (in addition to the fathers' names, which are currently included). The campaign for including mothers' names has been running for some time, and when I first heard of it I thought this would be good for future family history researchers, but there would be considerable cost replacing every marriage register in the country (every parish church has two of these sizeable books, not to mention registry offices). But while chatting to Carolyn about this a while ago, she commented that she had started offering couples the opportunity have mothers' names on wedding certificates and in the registers, by inviting their mothers to be the official witnesses, and in the past year I've told wedding couples of this possibility and most of them who were in a position to do so have leapt at the idea. And when on New Year's Eve I suggested in the Sunday Times on-line forum on the article that folk could anticipate the change in the law by adopting our practice my comment attracted the highest number of "recommended" hits out of all the comments on the article – so on this score it looks as though what we tend to do in the Uffington Group of Churches today is what the rest of the country wants to do tomorrow!

Looking at what our Group of Churches wants to do tomorrow, the Church of England Pensions Board has now secured a retirement bungalow for Carolyn (after two prospective purchases unfortunately fell through), and as soon as some refurbishment has been completed Carolyn will be able to move. The Diocese will then formally be able to announce the vacancy, publish the Benefice Profile (a fairly full summary of the nature of the seven parishes and what in a secular job advert would be called a person specification), and invite applications for the post of Rector. Applications will be sifted by a panel comprising a representative of each of our seven parishes, the Bishop, Archdeacon and Rural Dean and the shortlisted candidates will then be interviewed (by the same panel). Many clergy have to give three months' notice to leave their present appointments so it will still be a little while before we can look forward to welcoming our next Rector. But in the meanwhile we hope folk in the seven parishes will individually or with others in the Group continue to pray for our churches: for all who worship in our churches, who are baptised or married in them, or whose passing is marked by funerals in them; for the on-going work of the church in the Group, for visiting ministers, our ministry team, the churchwardens, and PCCs of the parishes, and all the people who do so much to look after our seven churches; for those responsible for the various steps of the vacancy process, and that the appropriate person will hear God's call to the Uffington Group of Parishes; and for Carolyn as she prepares to move and settle into her retirement bungalow and seek to discover God's plan for her retirement ministry, and giving thanks for the ministry here over the last seventeen years and for the impact that she has had within our villages.

Yours in Christ

Martin

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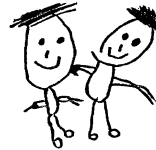
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Holy Communion Service on Sunday 4 February at 9am St. Margaret's Church. Please come along & join us. Everyone is very welcome.

Christmas Eve Carol Service. Thank you to everyone who helped make this yet another wonderful service. The church was beautifully decorated, the music fabulous, the readings just perfect and the congregation was the brilliant! Thank you for singing all those popular carols so well. St. Margaret would be proud! Thank you too for the nibbles and mulled wine in the village hall afterwards – another excellent tradition maintained.

Collection in lieu of sending 'local' Christmas Cards. £200 was raised for Thorpe Hall Hospice by Sue K & Jennifer G. Donations were made in lieu of sending 'local' Christmas Cards. A big 'thank you' to all who contributed.

Photographic Competition. Keep clicking! Competition closes on 22 June. For rules and entry forms please see James or Keith.

Sat 17th March St. Patrick's Night Supper. Celebrate or commiserate the final day of the 6 Nations Rugby. Or just enjoy a pot-luck supper with family and friends. 6:30pm for food at 7pm. Adults £8, Children £4, Family (2+2) £20. Tickets from James (560417), Keith (560258), or Linda (560044). Raffle and Licensed bar.

20th May Whisky Fireside Concert. Our next, exciting, concert from the Rural Touring Scheme. Kate Bramley and the Mile Roses perform Whisky Foreside. Contemporary original British folk songs with a nod to Nashville from three piece touring collaboration of three respected solo songwriters: Kate Bramley, Simon Haworth and Edwina Hayes. Kate Bramley is a fine singer and instrumentalist, best known as fiddler and vocalist for the North-east's Jez Lowe & the Bad Pennies and the American band, Sweetgrass. Edwina Hayes has been described as 'The sweetest voice in England', and Simon Haworth plays subtle guitar accompaniments of quiet complexity. Licenced Bar. Adults £10, Children £7.50, Family (2+2) £30. Tickets from James (560417) or Keith (560258). Tickets are already being sold, so please don't miss out – this promises to be a very special evening - you are strongly recommended to book early.

Early Warning – details to follow - 28 Apr Quiz night: 7/8 Jul Braceborough Festival Weekend

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4 th February 2 nd before Lent	Psalm 104-24- end	Proverbs 8:1,22-31	Colossians 1:15-20	John 1:1-14
11 th February Sunday next before Lent	Psalm 50:1-6	2 Kings 2:1- 12	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9
14 th February Ash Wednesday		Joel 2: 1-2,12-17		Matthew 6 1-6,16-21
18 th February 1 st Sunday of Lent	Psalm 25:1-9	Genesis 9:8- 17	1 Peter 3:18- end	Mark 1:9-15
25 th February 2 nd Sunday of Lent	Psalm 22:23-end	Genesis 17: 1-7,15-16	Romans 4:13-end	Mark 8:31-end
4 th March 3 rd Sunday of Lent	Psalm 19	Exodus 20:1-17	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22

The readings at Holy Communion are normally the NT and Gospel, and at Morning and Evening Prayer are usually Psalm, OT and NT (but do check with the preacher). The liturgical colour at the start of the month is green for *Ordinary Time* prior to Lent, changing to purple (or blue) on Ash Wednesday and the Sundays of Lent.

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Social Events in February: Thanks to all who attended our Christmas social, it was a fun evening. Pictures were posted on our Facebook page if you haven't seen them yet.

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2nd Book Club meeting Friday 9th February 7.30 pm. £2 per person (to include tea, coffee and biscuits).

Retro board game evening Friday 23rd February 6.30 pm – 9.30 pm. Our usual social is starting a little earlier this month to allow for younger villagers to join in the fun! We're going to set up a number of games tables throughout the hall so everyone can have a go at playing something they'd like. There will be games for all ages – so please come along and tell friends and family! We will be running our newly extended bar on the night too.

Please remember to like and follow us on Facebook for all the latest updates and events!

Mobile Library Service: The Mobile Library Service will be in Church Lane on Monday 19th February 2018 between 11.15 and 11.45 am. Please try to use it if you possibly can as the time is fast approaching when the decision will be taken whether to continue this valuable service.

The Parish Council: Please remember all residents are welcome at the Parish Council meetings. The next one will be held on Tuesday 13th March 2018 at 7.30pm.

St Lawrence Tallington February Church Services: There will be a service of Evening Prayer at 6pm on 11th February and Holy Communion at 10.30am on 25th February. All are welcome.

Church Cleaning. Regular members of the congregation will have noticed (I hope) that the church has been sparkling in the last few weeks. Two young ladies, Holly Kline and Sophie Golland, have been cleaning the church and polishing the pews and brasses for a few weeks as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award. In all they will be taking on this task for six months. We are tremendously grateful for their work and we will have to keep up the good work when the six months is up! Thank you Holly and Sophie and good luck with progress towards the Silver Award.

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WEST DEEPING

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all those who sang in the choir at the Uffington group of churches carol service on Sunday 17 December. There were thirty in the choir this year, and it was very rewarding to work with such a large and enthusiastic ensemble. As we have come to expect, rehearsals were hard work but good fun, and once again the choir really excelled themselves. Their singing of John Rutter's 'Star Carol' was most commendable, and "Up! Good Christen folk" was particularly memorable. (The serving of mulled wine in the Casewick Chapel before the final rehearsal was clearly extremely beneficial to the choristers' vocal chords!)

I am much indebted to Kate Bidwell, who not only accompanied the choir so efficiently at rehearsals but also sang with the sopranos at the service. The biggest burden – as always – fell on Tim ('Young Mr') Grace, who played the organ for the final practice and also for the service itself. He spent many hours rehearsing the music, and my most grateful thanks go to him for his conscientious and unselfish contribution to our worship.

Finally, my warm thanks are extended to Anne and John Teesdale, who very kindly allowed us to rehearse at Copthill School once again. My thanks also go to Linda Flynn (the Head's PA) for organising and serving some delightful refreshments during the practices.

Next year, we are planning to change the choir practice night from Wednesday to Tuesday. We hope in this way to ensure that as many people as possible will be able to attend rehearsals. In an ideal world, it would be splendid if everyone who sang in the choir could attend all (or most!) of the rehearsals. One doesn't have to be able to read music, but simply have a willingness to sing and the availability to attend just four rehearsals. We are always very keen to welcome newcomers to the choir (particularly basses!) If anyone is interested in joining us, then please contact me on 07734 510815. You will be made most welcome.

Tim Hurst-Brown

St Andrews Church. The next All Age Service will be on Sunday 18th February at 10.30am followed by refreshments. Contact Colin, 01778 348709; colin.blagrove@ntlworld.com

WD Walkers. Sundays. 11th February is a local walk. 25th February is led by Roger and Joy 01778 343263. Meet at the Village Hall at 1.45pm. Main contact: Annie: 01778 346805, sneubigging@talktalk.net

Bible Studies. Tuesdays. 13th February and 27th February. 2.45 for 3pm at Cromwell House. Contact: Susanna Aldred, 01778 380014.

Coffee Morning. Saturday 17th February. 10.30am-12noon WDVH for St Andrew's Church. Raffle, cake/produce stall. All are welcome.

Beetle Drive Sunday 18th February. 3pm WDVH followed by a raffle and high tea. Proceeds for the village's Jubilee Fund. Tickets £5, please call Gill on 01778 345589, or Annie on 01778 346805 or sneubigging@talktalk.net

West Deeping Heritage Group. Tuesday 20th February WDVH 7.00pm for 7.30pm Robert Beasley on The Lower Welland Valley Villages. "*A topographical story of their development from Bronze Age to Enclosure*". We live in fortunate times. Aerial photography was perfected just in time to catch images of topographical features now lost under sprawling development, and Geographical Information Systems (GIS) allow us to interpret those images. This talk will show how the river Welland has changed course over millennia and how this has affected the positioning and development of the villages to the north of Peterborough. 16th C. maps transcribed to Ordnance Survey grids will show how farmers' flood defences can still be found on the ground today and will suggest how Richard De Rulos diverted the Welland and why the Romans were frightened of lumps.

Rambling Readers. Friday 23rd February - 7.45pm WDVH. If you are interested in reading a new book each month supplied by Lincolnshire Libraries please talk to Elizabeth at 01778 344674.

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

Parish Council. Ian Coles has replaced Julia as Parish Council Clerk. 07979 906284 wdparishclerk@gmail.com

WDeeping Continued Elsewhere:

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The Christmas Tree Festival. A big thank you to everyone who made the St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival such a great success. 30 trees were decorated over the first weekend in December and they were admired by more than 150 visitors during the display event on 16th December and by more than 50 people who enjoyed the Carol Service on the Sunday. The magnificent main tree was a centrepiece, donated again this year by Graham & Glenn at The Granary. Fittingly, more than 100 memory stars were hung on the tree to remember those special to us. We made just over £700 from the event, which will go towards the project to install a new toilet and servery in St Andrew's Church. Some photos are on the Parish Website under St Andrew's Church Christmas Tree Festival.

Classes in the Village Hall. Step Clog. Fortnightly on Mondays 8-9.30pm. Call Laura on 01733 267129, or email laura.clogteacher@gmail.com

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Church Services this month are: 11th February - Holy Communion at 9am: 18th February - Morning service at 9am. Please join us at these services, you will be very welcome.

The **Carol Concert on Christmas Eve** was very well attended and enjoyed by all. Our thanks to the Uffington Group Choir who attended.

Getting to know our Neighbours On Friday 2nd February from 6 to 8pm. This function continues to be popular so please come and join us. Nibbles will be provided, but please bring your own liquid refreshment. Children are welcome and it is a Village event.

Bellringing: Greatford Practice night – Wednesday 28th February 7:30 to 9pm. Contact Lois Webb if you want to find out more about ringing. 01778 560437. email lois.m.webb1@gmail.com

Carlby & District WI: There was no meeting in January and the next meeting will be on Tuesday February 13th at 7.30 pm in Carlby Village Hall and the talk will be 'Hellebores and Twelve Nunns Nursery'. New members and visitors are always welcome. For further information please telephone 01778 392838.

Mobile Library. Visits are on Mondays near the phone box from 12.00 to 12.30 on February 19th and 19th March. Please support this or the service will be lost.

Flying the Flag: To raise funds for Village Hall, or Church, fly the Flag for a special occasion with a donation of £5. For more information contact: Cyril Webb on 560437 in either case or email: lois.m.webb1@gmail.com

Parish Council. The next meeting will be in March, but no date yet as the deadline for information in February Towers and Spires is before the meeting on 23rd January! If you would consider letting me have your email address to receive future Parish Council, or village news and events, please email me on: lois.m.webb1@gmail.com. My emails to my contacts on Parish news are all done under bcc, so your email address would not be shown to others. If you don't have email facilities, please read the Towers and Spires and Notice Boards.

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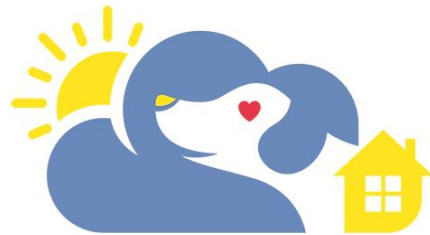
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Church Flowers

Feb 4th/11th – Jane Heap

Feb 18th/25th – LENT

Snowdrop Sunday – Sunday 11th February, 2 – 4pm. The snowdrops in the churchyard are already showing – Spring is on its way! You are invited to come and admire the snowdrops, perhaps take some photos, then enjoy a cup of tea and cake in Church, from 2 – 4pm on Sunday 11th February. There will be craft activities for children, a warm welcome for everyone, and this year the Uffington 175 Club (was the 150 Club!) draw will take place too – an afternoon not to be missed!

From Uffington Village Hall Committee. Thank you again for joining the 175 Club - the new name for the 100 Club. The winners in the January draw were: 14,75, 140 and 60. We added a 4th monthly prize thanks to your support. The next draw will be on Sunday 11 February 3pm – at church Snowdrops. Please complete our survey “What do you want from Uffington Village Hall” available as an insert and online – your opinions shape the future of UVH. We also need your support with maintenance, and hope the list below will help keep you actively involved in the hall. Thank you. There are 2 Saturday afternoon talks planned – one on Rutland Radio on 3rd February at 2.30pm, the other likely to be 10th March on Ketton Cement and Quarry. Transport available. Work on cladding the new storage containers started on 16 Jan, just the lighting to go now. Please contact Vanessa Kimberley 01780 239463 or Liz Genever 07790378349 for all matters UVH. See Village Hall Top 10 To Do List elsewhere in the magazine.

Uffington Walk and Talk. Friday 2nd Feb 9.55 - Torpel Manor - Torpel Way book(4.75 miles). A circular walk from Helpston to Ashton and back. Park on Woodgate, near the Bluebell Pub (avoid obstructing the farm exit opposite). For weather check and info contact Janet Warburton 01778 560620 or Sheila Archer 01780 763825 (sheilandkeith@hotmail.com).

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

Date	Event or Message	Sponsor(s)
9 th Jan	Return of Malcolm Towell from his cruise	Anonymous
26 th Jan	Australia Day	H & B Trollope
30 th Jan	Anniversary of the death of AVM Johnnie Johnson	John Edwards

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.

UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Report from Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 20th December, 2017 in the Village Hall.

Anglian Water mains replacement. Representatives from Anglian Water presented the planned water mains scheme and answered questions. The work will be done between January and March 2018. ID will be shown by all Anglian Water employees if they knock at your door.

Play area. Hedge planting completed by Cllr K Genever with help from Elizabeth Genever. Additional play equipment - Somes Trust would like to donate some equipment. One manufacturer has provided costings, another has been approached.

Defibrillator. Grant application and fundraising are ongoing.

Street lights. Councillor Cooke confirmed no lights which are managed by the District Council will be switched, off despite local media coverage stating this.

Pot-holes. Cllr R Trollope-Bellew will raise this with district.

Full Reports from Rosemary Trollope-Bellew C.Cllr Deepings West & Rural and Councillor Kelham Cooke ward member for Casewick Ward are on the website.

Uffington School. A new notice for people using the playing field has been proposed. Current noticeboard has been taken down and will be repaired or replaced as appropriate.

Litter. Bottles have been found in the bus shelter. Council to monitor this. Increased number of McDonalds wrappers – clean-up team reminded to drive the lanes.

Full minutes on the Uffington Parish Council website.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 31st January at 8pm.

Top 10 to - Do List at Uffington Village Hall Please volunteer your skills, time or materials

1. Repair and lower the exterior notice board.
2. Repair front and fire escape doors where they are buckled to exclude draughts.
3. Repair the rear, side and front iron gates.
4. Landscape the front and back gardens/containers by mid-April, ready for Scarecrows.
5. Assess and repair glass panels in windows as they are draughty.
6. Resurface wooden floor.
7. Refurbish curtains/ poles and fix new curtain on high window.
8. Paint the exterior walls of extension.
9. Archive the village records.
10. Fix coat hooks in foyer & loo.

**CHURCH SERVICES AND DIARY DATES
FOR FEBRUARY 2018 VOLUME 32 NUMBER 11**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
4th	5th	6th
2nd Sunday before Lent 9am Braceborough HC 10.30am WDeeping MP 10.30am Wilsthorpe HC 10.30am Uffington HC 6pm Barholm EP	9.45am UffVH Yoga 10am Barholm Church Group Prayer Meeting	10am UffVH Movement to Music 5pm UffVH Childrens Dance Classes
11th	12th	13th
Sunday before Lent 9am Greatford HC 10.30am WDeeping HC 10.30am Uffington MP 1.45pm WD Walkers 3pm Uffington Snowdrops and 175 Club Draw 6pm Tallington EP		10am UffVH Movement to Music 2.45pm WD Bible Study 5pm UffVH Childrens Dance Classes
18th	19th	20th
1st Sunday of Lent 9am Barholm HC 10.30am Uffington HC 10.30am WDeeping AAW 3pm WDVH Beetle Drive for Jubilee Fund	9.45am UffVH Yoga 11.15am Tall Mobile Library 7.30pm Greatford Church Prayer Meeting	10am UffVH Movement to Music 5pm UffVH Childrens Dance Classes 7pm WDVH Heritage Group
25th	26th	27th
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1st Feb	2nd	3rd
	7.30pm WDVH Bowls	9.55am Uff Walk & Talk – Torpel Manor	
7th	8th	9th	10th
9.30am UffVH Pilates 7pm WDVH Dance Class 7.30pm UffVH WI	5pm UffVH Childrens Dance Classes 7.30pm WDVH Bowls	7.30pm TallVH Book Club	
14th	15th	16th	17th
Ash Wednesday 7pm Uffington Church HC With imposition of Ashes 7pm WDVH Dance Class	5pm UffVH Childrens Dance Classes 7.30pm WDVH Bowls		10.30am WDVH Coffee Morning for St Andrew's Church
21st	22nd	23rd	24th
9.30am UffVH Pilates 7pm WDVH Dance Class	5pm UffVH Childrens Dance Classes 7.30pm WDVH Bowls	6.30pm TallVH Social 7.45pm WDVH Rambling Readers	
28th	1st March		
9.30am UffVH Pilates 7pm WDVH Dance Class	7.30pm WDVH Bowls		

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