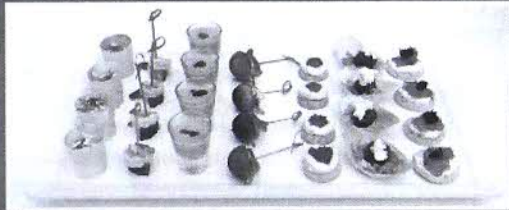


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*From the Revd Nikki Mann
(Curate of All Saints' Stamford)*

Hi and Goodbye!

It has been such a pleasure to spend time taking services in your wonderful village churches, each has its own beauty and character and all have been so welcoming. Although I am at All Saints in Stamford, I came from a rural group of churches in Romney Marsh, Kent. It was in one of these churches that I first heard God calling me to be a Priest. The small village church encouraged and supported me and gave me generous space to try out some rather interesting ideas!

The parish church has always been a valuable part of village life, where prayers of generations have been said, life's poignant journeys have been marked through baptisms, confirmations, weddings and funerals. They are a place of prayer, a place of hope, where God's presence can be sought and felt. There is a solidness, a security, a serenity about them and just in case that all sounds rather antiquated, they are places too where Gods living spirit flows and calls to His-Her people today!

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So with that lovely summer image I say goodbye and thank-you as I move on to become vicar to a rural group of parishes near Newmarket.

Love & Blessings,

Nikki

BARHOLM WITH STOWE

Barholm Gift Day will be held on Saturday 8th July in the Church Porch from 11am – 12 noon. Everyone welcome for Coffee, Cake and a chat.

WILSTHORPE

The next Service at St Faith's is Holy Communion at 10.30am on Sunday 2nd July 2017. Please do come along and join us, where you will be made most welcome.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 28th July – Pimms & Plants evening, a time to relax, enjoy a beautiful garden and buy plants with a glass of Pimms and canapes at Willowcroft, Wilsthorpe PE9 4PE 6.30 to 8.30pm. Entry £2.50. All proceeds including donations for Pimms and soft drinks will be shared between St Faith's Church Wilsthorpe and Age UK. Car parking signposted in the village. If further information required, please contact Di Holden on diholden4@hotmail.com or Susan Burgoin 01778560720

Saturday 6th August – Coffee Morning at Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Village Hall, which will include delicious homemade cakes, raffle, stalls and games for the children. All proceeds for St Faith's Church Fabric Fund.

Also any offers of help cleaning the church, arranging flowers [just an hour or two a month!] and churchyard maintenance would also be greatly appreciated. Please contact Peter, Church Warden at Wilsthorpe Cottage or Susan, Treasurer at Corner Cottage.

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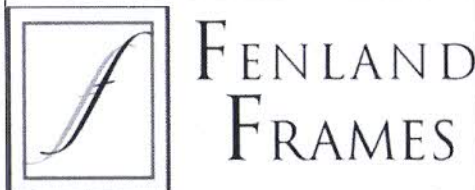
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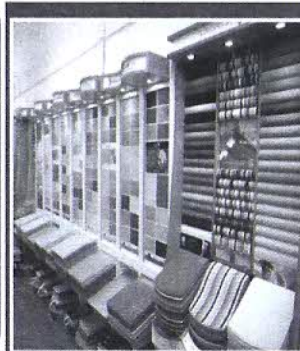
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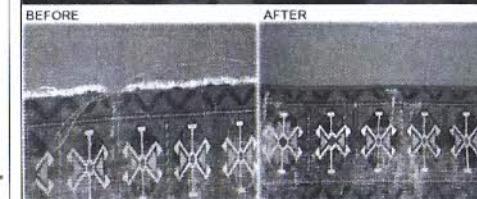
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We will remember them

In July, we will mark the centenary of the death on active service of another of the men honoured on the First World War memorials in our parishes:

Private Richard Roffe of the 1st Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment died on 10 July 1917.

Richard Roffe was born in West Deeping in 1891, the fourth child of William and Betsy Ann Roffe. William was the innkeeper of the Tennyson Arms and also a shoemaker. William had married **Betsy Ann Bland in 1883 in Yorkshire, where their first two children were born (George, b1885; Lucy Ann, b1888). They had moved to West Deeping by the time their third child (Edith) was born in 1890. George and his five younger siblings (Ellen 1893, Sarah 1894, Betsy 1897, William 1900 and Charles 1901) were all born in West Deeping. By 1911 Richard was working as a pigman on farm.**

Richard then appears to have moved to Lancashire where he enlisted in the Northamptonshire Regiment. His medal card does not show when he was posted to the 1st Battalion of the Northamptonshires (which was part of the 1st Division of the British Army) in France, but his service number suggests that it might have been late 1916 or early 1917. In spring 1917 the Division took over the front at Nieuport on the north coast of Belgium in order to prepare for an attack along the coast on the German U-boat bases at Ostend, Zeebrugge and Bruges – by this stage in the war the British Cabinet were highly concerned about the effect of U-boat activity on the supply of food to the UK, so an attack by sea and via the coast and overland from the Ypres area was planned. But the Germans suspected that British forces replacing the French at Nieuport heralded an attack, and launched a pre-emptive strike on 10th July, prefacing the attack with a new form of gas shell which resembled an ordinary high explosive shell **in flight and many soldiers succumbed to the gas before donning their gas masks.**

The 1st Northamptonshires were among those trapped on the east side of the River Yser, many were taken prisoner and 71 men died, of whom 63 (including Richard) have no known graves and are thus commemorated on the Nieuport Memorial.

Richard was 26 years old when he died. As a son of West Deeping he is commemorated on the War Memorial in St Andrew's Church, West Deeping, where he will be remembered during the 10:30 service on Sunday 9th July.

A further centenary will be commemorated on 6th August: **Lance Corporal Charles Cyril Staplee** of Barholm died on 31 July 1917 and will be remembered during Evening Prayer at Barholm on 6th August; his life story will appear in next month's *Towers & Spires*.

UFFINGTON

Church Flowers – July 2nd – Jackie Rawden
July 9th/16th John Hickman
July 23rd/30th Jane Heap

WI - In 1977, the Queen celebrated her Silver Jubilee, the prototype mobile phone was bigger than a brick, and the Ford Cortina was the car to own. Away from the popular headlines, however, mathematicians and scientists had quietly been working together to produce something magical – a space quest which would go further than anyone had previously imagined possible and open a window on worlds unknown.

The missions of Voyager 1 and 2, both launched in 1977, were the subject of a fascinating presentation to Uffington WI's June meeting by Keith Townsend, a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, who spoke of it 'setting a course which forever advanced human potential'. The primary mission discovered active volcanoes on Jupiter's moon Io and tracked the intricacies of Saturn's rings before going on to explore Uranus and Neptune. Now 11 billion miles from Earth, the current Voyager mission is exploring the outermost edge of the Sun's domain and has enough electrical power and fuel to operate until 2020. After that, the machinery is destined to wander the Milky Way until the end of time.

Entries for a competition for 'the one thing you would take into space with you' included items as diverse as a giant box of teabags and a make-up bag (in case you met an alien), and was won by 1 Barbara Smith, 2 Margaret Walker and 3 Vanessa Kimberley.

At the business meeting which followed, the President, Gillian Johns, outlined the Chairman's Challenge for 2017, under which Lincs South Federation of WI branches are given £15 to 'grow' through fund-raising ventures before the end of next January. Ideas from members were requested. The branch is also seeking an 'official photographer' from within its ranks, to take pictures of its events for permanent archive record.

A cheque for £50 is to be sent to the village's Scarecrow Festival committee from the proceeds of the WI cake stall at the 2017 May Bank Holiday event.

The branch is planning an outing to Peterborough greyhound stadium in August and members have the opportunity to visit the Royal Courts of Justice in October, with the Lincs South Federation.

The next meeting will be the annual July barbecue, with a dress theme of 'Mellow Yellow'.

UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Report from Annual Parish Meeting and AGM of the Parish Council held on Wednesday, 24th May, 2017 in the Village Hall.

Annual Parish Meeting – Mr. B. Brown was elected Chairman the Minutes of the previous APM were approved and signed.

The Chairman gave his annual report stating many different topics had been discussed with some success and some still awaiting decision.

A copy of his full report is on the Uffington Web site.

Vanessa and Nick Kimberley were thanked for all their hard work for the Village Hall and making the front and rear gardens looking nice and inviting for visitors.

As there was no further business the meeting moved on the AGM of the Parish Council.

Uffington continued

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

| Date | Event | Sponsor(s) |
|------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 25 th May | In memory of the victims of the Manchester murders | PCC |
| 2 nd June | Michael Crowe's birthday | Caroline, Vanessa and families |
| 3 rd June | Thomas's and Richards's birthday | Helen and Abigail Sambrook |
| 4 th June | PENTECOST (Whit Sunday) | PCC |
| 5-6 th June | In memory of the victims of the London Bridge murders | PCC |

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READINGS FOR JULY

| | Psalm | OT | NT | Gospel |
|---|---|---|-----------------------------|--|
| 2 nd July Trinity 3 (Proper 8) <i>at Barholm:</i> <i>St Martin's Day</i> | Psalm 89:8-18 <i>Psalm 84</i> | Jeremiah 28:5-9 <i>Isaiah 61:1-3</i> | Romans 6:12-end - | Matthew 10:40-end <i>Matthew</i> <i>5:13-16</i> |
| 9 th July Trinity 4 (Proper 9) | Psalm 145:8-15 | Zechariah 9:9-12 | Romans 7:15-25a | Matthew 11:16-19 & 25-end |
| 16 th July Trinity 5 (Proper 10) | Psalm 65 | Isaiah 55:10-13 | Romans 8:1-11 | Matthew 13:1-9 & 18-23 |
| 23 rd July Trinity 6 (Proper 11) | Psalm 86:11-end | Isaiah 44:6-8 | Romans 8:12-25 | Matthew 13:24-30 & 36-43 |
| 30 th July Trinity 7 (Proper 12) | Psalm 119: 129-136 | 1 Kings 3: 5-12 | Romans 8:26-end | Matthew 13:31-33 & 44-52 |
| 6 th August Transfiguration of Our Lord | Psalm 97 | Daniel 7:9-10 & 13-14 | 2 Peter 1:16-19 | Luke 9:28-36 |

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 throughout July is green for the "ordinary time" of the Sundays after Trinity (but White for St Martin); on 6th August, the colour is white for the Feast of the Transfiguration.

There are some changes in the pattern of services during July:

On 23rd July, there will be just one service for the whole group – at Greatford at 10am (please note the time). The service will be taken by the Venerable Justine Allain Chapman, the Archdeacon of Boston. After the service the Archdeacon will meet members of all the Parochial Church Councils to outline the arrangements for filling the vacancy following Carolyn Kennedy's retirement

On 30th July, there will be the services at Greatford, Tallington, and West Deeping which would normally take place on the fourth Sunday of the month, and at 3pm at Uffington there will be a special service of Songs of Praise celebrating the 150th anniversary of the organ.

**CHURCH SERVICES AND DIARY DATES
FOR JULY 2017 VOLUME 32 NUMBER 4**

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
|---|------------------------|---|
| 30th | 31st | |
| Trinity 7 9.00am Greatford AWW 10.30am WestDeeping HC 10.30am Tallington HC 3.00pm Uffington Special Village Service 2pm WDVH Walkers | Yoga UVH 9.30am | |
| 2nd | 3rd | 4th |
| Trinity 3 9.00am Braceborough HC 10.30am West Deeping MP 10.30am Wilsthorpe HC 10.30am Uffington HC 2pm WDVH Walkers | Yoga UVH 9.30am | Dance Classes 5pm – 7pm Various ages UVH |
| 9th | 10th | 11th |
| Trinity 4 9.00am Greatford HC 10.30am Uffington MP 10.30am West Deeping HC 6.00pm Tallington EP | Yoga UVH 9.30am | Bible Study – Cromwell House WD 2.45pm |
| 16th | 17th | 18th |
| Trinity 5 9.00am Barholm HC 10.30am Uffington HC 10.30am WDeeping AAW 2pm WDVH Walkers | Yoga UVH 9.30am | |
| 23rd | 24th | 25th |
| Trinity 6 GROUP SERVICE 10.00am Greatford HC Service taken by Archdeacon of Boston Followed by Meeting of Group PCC's | | Bible Study – Cromwell House WD 2.45pm |

| Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------------------------|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | | 1st |
| 5th | 6th | 7th | 8th |
| P/ Council 8pm UVH | Dance Classes UVH Blue Lagoon Stretchers 5pm Mystic Mermaids 6pm Bowls WDVH 8pm | | |
| 12th | 13th | 14th | 15th |
| Wednesday Club 2-4pm UVH | Bowls WDVH 8pm | | Coffee Morning WDVH 10.30am |
| 19th | 20th | 21st | 22nd |
| | Bowls WDVH 8pm | | |
| 26th | 27th | 28th | 29th |
| Wednesday Club 2-4pm UVH | Bowls WDVH 8pm | Rambling Readers WDVH 7.45pm | |