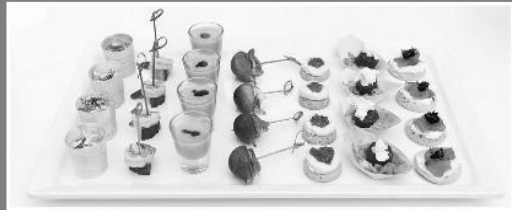


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READINGS FOR MAY

	Psalm	OT	NT	Gospel
7th May Easter 4	23		Acts 2:42- end	John 10:1-10
14th May Easter 5	31:1-5		Acts 7:55- end	John 14:1-14
21st May Easter 6	66:7-end		Acts 17:22- 31	John 14:15- 21
Thursday 25th May ASCENSION DAY			Acts 1:1-11	Luke 24:44- end
28th May Easter 7	68:1-10		Acts 1:6-14	John 17:1-11
4th June PENTECOST	104:26- end		Acts 2:1-21	John 20:19- 23

Then during the Easter season, the Acts' reading is always used at all services, so the readings are the New Testament lesson and the Gospel passage.

The liturgical colour throughout May is white, and changes to Red on 4th June.

Dear Friends.

The copy deadline for this magazine means that I am writing this on Easter Monday, having enjoyed a week of recalling the roller coaster of the events at the heart of the Christian gospel, from Christ's tumultuous welcome into Jerusalem by the palm waving crowd, through the Last Supper followed by Christ's arrest, trial and crucifixion, to the glorious resurrection on Easter Day, followed by a degree of relaxation on Bank Holiday Monday – I hope that you enjoyed the Easter weekend, in whatever way you spent it.

There are of course only a limited number of great festivals of the church – roughly the same number as bank holidays – and between them life goes on, though in every church (at especially at every Holy Communion service) we recall regularly the Last Supper and the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and what that means for us. And increasingly, especially under the Diocese's Discipleship Initiative, we are considering how we can enhance the work of the church, including what we can do to understand better the Christian faith and indeed deepen our belief; how we can improve our worship, and make our activities more helpful and enticing to all who come through our doors; and how to make our church buildings more fit for purpose in the 21st century: the installation of a loo being high on several parishes' agenda – a very desirable and practical facility, not least as folk attending services like baptisms, weddings and funerals seem to be arriving from ever greater distances.

Towards the end of May, the church nationally (and indeed internationally) is encouraging a special period of prayer for the work of the church, and that people will gain a closer understanding of God's love for every individual. This venture, entitled *Thy Kingdom Come*, is to take place in the nine days between two forthcoming great festivals of the church: Ascension Day (the celebration of Christ's return to heaven) and Pentecost (when the original disciples experienced the coming of the Holy Spirit): this year falling on 25th May and 4th June. We will be marking the opening of this period with a special service of Holy Communion in St Martin's Church, Barholm on Thursday 25th May at 7pm – it's not a bank holiday, but it's a special day for the church, and everyone would be very welcome – and feel free to tell me what we should do better in our seven parishes, and ask God to help us do it.

Carolyn continues to be signed off work (until the end of April) – we wish her well and hope that she will soon have better news; if necessary the help that we are currently receiving from the churches of Stamford will be rolled forward to ensure that the work of the church in our seven parishes continues.

Yours in Christ

Martin Brebner

BRACEBOROUGH

Holy Communion Service on Sunday 7 May at 9am St.Margaret's Church. This is the service which will include a very special dedication to the late Harold 'Bertie' Holmes, remembering the 100th anniversary of him giving his life for King and Country. Please come and join us and swell the numbers paying tribute to this young man.

Gift Day for St.Margaret's Church – Sunday 23 April. Thank you to all those who supported St.Margaret's with a Gift Day donation on 23 April. We shall shortly write to each individual donor and then publish the total raised.

Saturday 29 April – Churchyard Maintenance Morning @ 9.30am. Thank you to everyone who helped with last month's maintenance day at church. Lots of important tasks were completed – thanks for all your help -it was very much appreciated.

Saturday 13 May 2017 – Race Night -6.30 for 7pm. Please note the date. This event is planned to be a major fundraiser, so please help to sell runners and riders to family and friends, even if you are unable to be there on the night. Runners £3, Riders £2. Each race has 8 runners. Entry tickets on the night: Adults £3, Children £2. Volunteers to sell runners & riders please contact James on 560417 please.

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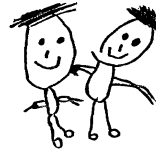
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Carlby & District WI: The AGM and Cheese and Wine was held on Tuesday 11th April. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th May at 7.00p.m in Carlby Village Hall and the talk will be 'Life from a different perspective' by Sharon Kirk.

Bellringing: Greatford Practice night – Wednesday May 24th 7:30 to 9pm.

Litter Pick: took place on 2nd April. Thanks to all those who turned out and collected another load of rubbish to be taken away by SKDC. Much appreciated. We will let you know again when the next one will be.

Tree planting 25th March. A good number of villagers joined Sunny Mason and her family when they planted a Japanese Rowan tree outside their bungalow in memory of Jack, such a well respected and popular man, who lived in Greatford all his life. Known to everyone, especially for his mole catching. We all miss seeing and chatting with him in the village.

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Mobile Library. Monday 15th May, and 12 June at 12 noon to 12.30 opposite the phone/post box.

Parish Council: The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7 pm. All welcome

Best Kept Village. We shall be entering the BKV competition this year, after a gap of several years. It is obvious we are proud of our village as it is already well maintained by everyone with keeping their bit outside their house clean and tidy. The judging takes place in June, July and August, so extra care then! They look for : clean and up to date notice boards, road signs, litter free verges, dykes, telephone kiosk, well maintained playing field, churchyard and business properties.

Getting to know your neighbour On Friday 5th May from 6 to 8 pm. Some of us have realised that we have little contact with each other. Please come and join us. Nibbles will be provided, but please bring your own liquid refreshment. All ages are welcome and it is Village event. The village Hall has also been booked for Friday June 2nd.

Flag Flying : 13th April 2017 the centenary of the death of Beresford White. killed in WW1 13.4.1917 (uncle of Chris G-White) April 21st for HM Queen Elizabeth II, (Union Jack) and 23rd April for St. George's day (cross of St George's Flag)

UFFINGTON

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May 7th/14th – Ann Teasdale
May 21st – FREE
May 28th – Jill Westcombe

Uffington WI held its annual meeting at the village hall on April 5, with a spring-themed sales table and a visit from the South Lincs Federation WI Adviser, Janet Turner. The President, Gillian Johns, was re-elected, as was the committee, with the exception of Carole Chapman, who stood down. Committee members are now Pauline Earley, Sally Baker, Alison Dodsworth, Sue Naden, Pam Norwood and June Taylor plus the new addition of former president Maggie Carter. Anita Hassall will be sick visitor. The annual reports of the secretary and treasurer were proposed and adopted. The branch has a healthy balance, 38 members, and an overall monthly attendance of 27. Competition Cup winner for 2016/17 is Pauline Earley. The President was thanked for her year in office and presented with a bouquet by Vanessa Kimberley. Janet Turner told the meeting that it was now 40 years since the South Lincs Federation of WIs had been formed from branches within the old Lincolnshire county boundaries of Holland, Lindsey and South Kesteven. She is busy collecting 40 reasons why members had joined, and Uffington was able to volunteer a fair number. The annual meeting was preceded by the April monthly meeting, at which arrangements were made for the WI's annual cake stall on the Sunday morning of the annual Uffington Scarecrow Festival, taking place over May Bank Holiday weekend. Volunteers were sought to make cakes, help on the stall, and help Sheila Croft to make the WI's own scarecrow entries. Reports were given by Pam Norwood on the Bourne Home Economics meeting, Sue Naden on the WI Spring Council meeting at Springfields, and Jennifer Wilson on the Federation's recent coach trip to the Leicester Sikh temple and the tomb of Richard III. Alison Dodsworth is organising a trip to Bourne Heritage Centre in June, where there are displays about two of the town's famous sons – Raymond Mays, the motor racing celebrity, and Charles Worth, the Victorian couturier whose elegant designs made him a top name in Paris. A competition for a yellow posy was won by 1 Pauline Earley, 2 Anita Hassall and 3 Sally Baker.

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

Date	Event	Sponsor(s)
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16 th April	EASTER DAY	PCC
23 rd April	St George's Day	PCC
26 th April	"Happy Birthday, Daddy"	Beatrix Cornish

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News from the Village Hall. Thanks to the family of Les and Ena Troop there is a now a picnic bench at UVH. It has extended ends to accommodate wheelchairs. In memory of Paul Chantrell, a bird table has been put up in the garden. We warmly invite you to come and enjoy both memorials and the quiet of the garden.

Inter village quiz 7 April. Thank you to the quiz teams from Greatford, Braceborough, Tallington, Casewick and the victorious Uffington, who together raised £111 for Towers and Spires. From those who run T&S, many thanks to Vanessa Kimberley for the admin & organisation involved in raising this significant sum of money.

TALLINGTON

Church Flowers

7th May – Mrs R Berridge
14th/21st May – Mrs R Brown
28th May – Mrs E Gray

Afternoon Tea at the Farm Shop: Have you remembered that Stuart and Karen have kindly invited OAPS of Tallington for a cup of tea and piece of cake on Wednesday 10th May at 3pm. Transport will be provided. Please contact Anne Knox (740268) as soon as possible to tell her whether you would like to go and whether you will need transport.

200 Club Winners in March: No 148 Mrs Julie Haslam £20; No 15 Mr Geoff Peck £10.

Social Evening: The next social evening will be held on Friday 26th May when the BBQs will be available. Let us hope for a lovely summer evening.

The June social will take place on Saturday 17th June and will be our Annual Village Summer Party with Pimms, Strawberries and Cream and Children's Games starting early afternoon. The BBQs will be available.

Mobile Library Service: The Mobile Library will be in Church Lane from 11.15 to 11.45 am on Monday 15th May.

Flying the Flag: St George's Flag was flown on Sunday 23rd April. The cost of this has not risen unlike many things and is a good way to celebrate a special occasion as the £5 donation helps to maintain the Village Hall and Playing Field.

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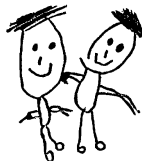
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Thursday 8 June 2016 at 7.30pm

The committee look forward to seeing you at the AGM of your village hall. 2018 is going to be another busy and exciting year. We are looking for people with a range of skills to become Friends of UVH to help us with projects such as:

Capital Projects	Planning a calendar of events
Financially Future Proofing the village hall	Maintenance
Policy Making	Growing the committee

Please come along and see how you can help us keep your village hall running for yourselves and for future generations. We would appreciate your input. Thank you. Under the terms of the "constitution" the following village organisations should be represented by 2 members:

Parish Council	Parochial Church Council,
Uffington Cricket Club	Women's Institute

and are therefore urged to appoint appropriate representatives.

Anita Hassall: Chair@uffingtonvillagehall.org.uk
01780 749373

Vanessa Kimberley: secretary@uffingtonvillagehall.org.uk
01780 239463

We will remember them

In May, we will mark the centenaries of the deaths on active service of four men honoured on the First World War memorials in our parishes:

Private G F Roffe of the 1st/4th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment died on 2nd May 1917.

George Francis (Frank) Roffe was born in 1892, the son of John Bryan Roffe and Mary Alice Roffe. John had been born in Wittering in 1856, but had sailed from Liverpool for New York on 6th May 1891 on the SS Majestic. George Francis and his younger brother (Edwin, b1894) were born in America. By 1898 the family had returned to Wittering where further children were born. Mary died in 1909 aged 36.

George Francis married Elizabeth A Chamberlain in 1912 in Stamford, and they lived in Castle Street, Stamford, where a son, Albert F Roffe, was born to them in 1914. Newspaper reports of the time suggest that George Francis was a farm worker who worked on farms in and around Uffington. He enlisted in the army early in the war, and served in the 1st/4th Battalion of the Lincolnshire Regiment (a territorial battalion). He went to the front around the beginning of 1916 at a time when the Battalion was moving from Egypt to France. The Battalion then took part in some actions on the Somme in the summer and autumn of 1916, and in the spring of 1917 was involved in pursuing the German army as it withdrew to the Hindenburg line. In the subsequent on-going skirmishes around the Hindenburg Line, George Francis was one of several men of the Battalion who were killed on 2nd May 1917. He was 27 years old when he died, and in view of his connection with Uffington he is named on the war memorial in St Michael and All Angels' Church. He will be commemorated at the 10:30am service there on 7th May.

Sapper Harold Bertie Holmes of the 83rd Field Company, Royal Engineers died on 4th May 1917. Harold Bertie Holmes was born in South Luffenham in 1895, the youngest of William and Elizabeth Holmes' three sons. By 1911, the family had moved to Braceborough where William was a coachman and Bertie was a farm labourer. Bertie also sang in the choir at St Margaret's Braceborough and was a bell-ringer. Bertie enlisted in Royal Artillery in May 1915, but was discharged on failing the test to be a *shoeing smith*. In the autumn he re-enlisted in Royal Engineers as a blacksmith, and went to France in January 1916, serving in the 83rd Field Company (attached to the 20th Division of the British Army). The Division saw action near Ypres in June 1916 and then took part in the later phases of the Battle of the Somme (from mid-July to November). In 1917 the Division helped pursue the German army as it withdrew to the Hindenburg line, and then sought to pin them down, but on 4th May Bertie was hit by a German shell. Bertie was 21 years old when he died, and as a son of Braceborough, is named on the memorial is St Margaret's Church, Braceborough where he will be commemorated during the 9am service on Sunday 7th May.

Continued Elsewhere:

BARHOLM

We Will Remember them continued:

Private James Herbert Jarvis of the 11th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment died on 12th May 1917. James Herbert Jarvis was born in Tallington in 1897, the eldest of James and Fanny Jarvis' seven children. James (senior) was a farm labourer, and had married Fanny Wilson (of Market Deeping) in 1895, setting up home in Church Lane, Tallington. James (senior) died in the summer of 1916. Fanny continued to live in Tallington, being resident in the Feoffee Cottages in 1939, and died in 1945. James Herbert enlisted in the army soon after the outbreak of war (at the age of 17) and served in the 11th Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment. The Battalion took part in the later stages of the Battle of Loos in October 1915, and continued to be engaged in on-going trench warfare in the Loos area in spring 1916 before moving to the Somme area to become involved in the second and subsequent phases of the Battle of the Somme. Towards the end of 1916 the Battalion moved north to Arras, spending a quiet winter there before taking part in the major offensives around Arras in April and May 1917. In the Battle of Bullecourt (3-17 May) the Battalion took huge casualties, and 72 officers and men died – 40 dying on 12th May, 34 of these, including James Herbert, having no known grave and being commemorated on the Arras Memorial. James Herbert Jarvis was 19 years old when he died; and as a son of Tallington, he is named on the war memorial in St Lawrence Church. He will be commemorated during Evening Prayer at St Lawrence on Sunday 14th May.

Private Robert French formerly of the 3rd Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment died on 17th May 1917. Robert French was born in Tallington in 1877, the son of Samuel and Jane French – Samuel was an agricultural labourer. Robert married Sarah Hanay Wilkinson in August 1905 in Gedney, but they set up home in Tallington. Robert was an estate worker and subsequently a domestic gardener, becoming head gardener at Casewick to the 2nd and 3rd Lord Kesteven, and the Hon. Nesta Trollope. Robert and Sarah had son, Sam, born in Tallington in April 1906. Robert enlisted in the army on 10th December 1915 (at the age of 38), and was mobilised on 25th August 1916, being posted to the 3rd Battalion of the Lincolnshire Regiment. This was a training unit, which remained at Grimsby throughout the war. On 12th January 1917 Robert was deemed unfit for military service, because of illness, and he was discharged 2nd February 1917 (his discharge papers recording that he was of good military character, and was "honest and clean"). Robert died of pneumonia on 17 May 1917 in Kesteven County Asylum, Quarrington, but his body was brought back to Tallington for his funeral. Robert was 39 years old when he died, and as a son of Tallington and former member of the armed forces, he is named on the war memorial in St Lawrence Church; he will be commemorated during Evening Prayer on Sunday 14th May.

On Saturday 18th March 18 stalwarts from Barholm took part in the annual litter pick from the village. We were shocked at the amount of litter which had been discarded from passing vehicles in the past year. There were many glass wine bottles, a carpet, folding teak chair, table lamp, cyclist crash helmet, internet router and parts of a car which had crashed into a fence including the number plate together with about 25 bags of beer and soft drink cans and fast food debris. Many thanks who all gave up 2 hours of their time to collect all the litter. How do we educate people to keep the country clean and tidy and to take their litter home?

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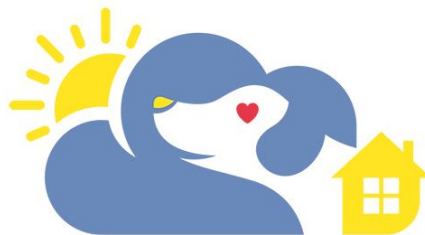
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The Steeple repairs are complete and the steeple is now waterproof and pigeon proof. Discreet wires have been put around the stone louvres to prevent the pigeons nesting. Though they are doing their best to cling to the wire!!

At the time of writing, no events are confirmed for 2017 but it is hoped to have a coffee morning and the Pimms and Plants evening in either July or August, which proved very popular last year but if anybody has any ideas for fund raising, a social get together, offers to arrange events etc. etc., would be most appreciated.

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.

A range of paperback books are still available at the church, 50p each or 3 for a £1 (a bargain!). The collection is regular refreshed.

WELLAND MOTHERS' UNION

Next meeting Monday 15th May 2pm

Venue tba

A Discussion on Discipleship

Info from

Elizabeth 01778 344674 or Anne 01780 740151

WEST DEEEPING

St Andrews Church. The next All Age Service will be on Sunday 21st May at 10.30am. Details from Susanna Aldred on 01778 380014. We are looking for volunteers to help with flowering arranging in the church. If you feel you could give a little of your time and creative skills please contact Colin, 01778 348709; colin.blagrove@ntworld.com

Bible Studies. Tuesdays 2nd and 16th May. 2.45 for 3pm at Cromwell House. Contact: Susanna Aldred on 01778 380014.

WD Walkers. Sunday 7th May. Local walk. Meet outside the Village Hall, at 2pm. Sunday 21 May tba. Contact: Annie: 01778 346805, snewbigging@talktalk.net

Walkers Supper Sat. 13th May 7pm. Hosted by Kevin and Shirley at 17 The Lane. 01778 347517, kevincfield@gmail.com. Everyone brings a dish and we plan walks for the next 6 months. All are welcome.

Parish Council. Monday 15th May 7pm WDVH Annual Meeting. All residents are invited. There is a vacancy that may be filled by co-option. Would any resident interested in serving please contact the Clerk, Julia Mason 01778 344213; wdparishclerk@gmail.com

Coffee Morning. Saturday 20th May. 10.30am-12noon. This will be supported by some of the children of the village who will make cakes to sell for the charity Water Aid. Please make the special effort to come along for tea/coffee/biscuits, cake stall and a chat.

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

Rambling Readers. Fri. May 29th 7.45pm. West Deeping Village Hall. If you are interested in reading a new book each month supplied by Lincolnshire Libraries please talk to Elizabeth at 01778 344674. Or just come along for a taster session.

Classes in the Village Hall: Step Clog. Fortnightly on Mondays 8.00-9.30pm. Call Laura 01733 267129, leaving a contact number or email laura.clogteacher@gmail.com

Save the Date:

Midsummer Magic. Don't forget to keep free the two weekends and midweek from 17 - 25 June for the great 'Open Village: Midsummer Magic' Event. During the first weekend, the activities will be open to visitors outside the village. Tickets for the weekend will cost £5 per person. Midweek events and the second weekend will be for those in the village community. You will have received a flyer at the end of last month, outlining the activities planned. Thank you to all those who have offered support so far. The organizing committee will be in touch soon to give further details to those who have offered to open their gardens. Look out for further details in the coming month. Momentum is building rapidly: if you would like further details or would like to offer help please contact Graham Magee: 07775900251, graham.magee@me.com.

**CHURCH SERVICES AND DIARY DATES
FOR MAY 2017 VOLUME 32 NUMBER 2**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	1 st	2 nd
		2.45pm WD Bible Study Cromwell House
7 th	8 th	9 th
4th Sunday of Easter 9am Braceborough HC 10.30am Uffington HC 10.30am WDeeping MP 10.30am Wilsthorpe HC 2pm WD Walkers 6pm Barholm EP	9.30am UffVH Yoga	
14 th	15 th	16 th
5th Sunday of Easter 9am Greatford HC 10.30am Uffington MP 10.30am WDeeping HC 6pm Tallington EP	9.30am UffVH Yoga 2pm Welland MU 7pm WDVH Annual Parish Meeting	2.45pm WD Bible Study Cromwell House
21 st	22 nd	23 rd
6th Sunday of Easter 9am Barholm HC 10.30am Uffington HC 10.30am WDeeping AAW 2pm WD Walkers	9.30am UffVH Yoga	
28 th	29 th	30 th
7th Sunday of Easter 9am Greatford MP 10.30am WDeeping HC 10.30am Uffington AAW 10.30am Tallington HC		

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
7.30pm UffVH WI Resolutions & Social Time Competition: A pink flower	7am-10pm UffVH Polling Station for local Election		
10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th
2pm UffVH Wednesday Club	8pm WDVH Bowls		7pm WD Walkers Supper
17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th
	8pm WDVH Bowls		10.30am WDVH Coffee Morning
24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th
2pm UffVH Wednesday Club 7.30pm UFFVH Parish Council AGM - tbc	ASCENSION DAY 7pm Barholm HC 8pm WDVH Bowls	7pm TallVH Social Evening 7.45pm WDVH Rambling Readers	
31 st			