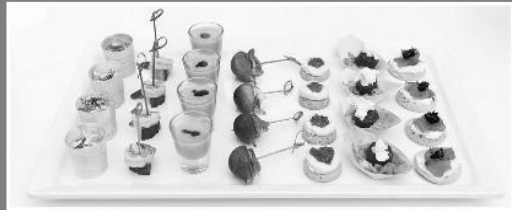


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Lance Corporal John Henry Allen of the 8th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment died on 20th April 1917. John had been born in 1878 in Barholm, where his father was an agricultural labourer. John married Emily Dawson in 1909 and they set up home at 17 Barholm, where they had a daughter Kathleen (born January 1914); John was an estate worker. He enlisted in the army in July 1916, and was posted to the 8th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment, joining the Battalion during the later stages of the Battle of the Somme. Then in spring 1917 the Battalion took part in the Battle of Arras – a major British offensive aimed at breaking the stalemate that had set in. Over 100 men of the 8th Lincolnshires died during the fighting between 20th & 28th April, many of them, like John, being commemorated on the Arras Memorial as they have no known grave – though he may have been one of the unidentified bodies buried in one of the many graves in the area with a headstone denoting A soldier of the Great War, known unto God. John was 39 years old when he died, and as a son of Barholm he is named on the war memorial in St Martin's Church, and will be remembered there during the 9am service there on 16th April.

Lance Corporal Bertie Genever also of the 8th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment died on 23rd April 1917. Bertie was born in 1895 in Uffington, the son of Joseph and Eliza Genever – he had ten siblings. Bertie enlisted in the Lincolnshire Regiment in Stamford in 1915 and served in the 8th Battalion, and was among those in the first wave of the Battalion to land in France (on 10th September 1915). The Battalion was almost immediately plunged into the Battle of Loos where it suffered huge losses (including Frank Wise of Uffington, Francis Tomblin of Barholm and Tom and Charles Lunn of West Deeping, who had all enlisted in Stamford at the same time as Bertie). After the Battalion was reinforced it moved further south, and in 1916 was engaged in various phases of the Battle of the Somme, in which the Battalion again took heavy casualties. Then in spring 1917 the Battalion took part in the Battle of Arras, during which Bertie was killed and like John Allen is commemorated on the Arras Memorial (having no known grave, though he too may be buried in a grave under a headstone denoting A soldier of the Great War, known unto God). Bertie was 21 years old when he died, and as a son of Uffington is named on the war memorial in Uffington Church, and will be remembered during the 10:30 service there on 23rd April.

Two further centenaries will be commemorated on 7th May: Bertie Holmes at Braceborough's 9am service and Francis Roffe at Uffington's 10:30 service; their life stories will appear in next month's Towers & Spires.

Dear Friends

In mid-April we celebrate the dramatic events at the heart of the Christian gospel – starting with the commemoration of Christ's dramatic entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, through the Last Supper that He shared with His disciples on Maundy Thursday, His crucifixion on Good Friday to His glorious resurrection on Easter Day.

All these events will be marked in our churches, starting on Palm Sunday (9th April), when the traditional palm crosses will be distributed during the services at Greatford, West Deeping, Uffington and Tallington. This year, we won't be arranging services in our churches at the beginning of Holy Week, but I would like to draw attention to The Chrism Eucharist which takes place in Lincoln Cathedral on the Tuesday 11th April at 11am. This is an annual service at which the clergy renew their ordination vows and the oil to be used by clergy for anointing within their parishes is blessed by the Bishop – there is a three line whip for clergy, and “clergy are reminded to invite members of their congregation to come to this service” – you are all therefore cordially invited! It is actually quite a stirring and moving service, and the sight of (nearly) all the clergy in the Diocese processing in the Cathedral is quite remarkable! I have three spare seats in my car for anyone wanting to attend. Then on Maundy Thursday we will have a special service of Holy Communion at 7pm in St Margaret's Church, Braceborough focussing on the Christ's commands to his disciples during the Last Supper.

On Good Friday there is a morning service at West Deeping at 10:30am, this is slightly earlier than in past years, to allow those who wish to do so to join the walk of witness in Stamford at 12noon (there won't be an organised walk from West Deeping to Uffington this year in view of the dwindling support in recent years). Later there is an opportunity to mark Christ's last hour on the cross at a service at Uffington at 2pm, and we close Good Friday with reflections on the Passion at Barholm at 7pm.

On Easter Day there will be the usual dawn service (at 5:45am) at Wilsthorpe when we will celebrate the light of Christ with the sunrise. With the help of our friends in Stamford and Market Deeping, our Easter Day Communion Services will be at their normal times: Barholm, Braceborough & Greatford 9am, and Tallington, Uffington, West Deeping & Wilsthorpe at 10:30am.

Carolyn has now been signed off work until the end of April, and we are grateful to the clergy of Stamford and Market Deeping for continuing to work alongside our own hard working ministry team of John Batty, Susanna Aldred, Les Baillie and Allan Crowson to maintain the work of the church; do come and join us during this great season of the Christian year so that we can celebrate anew with you the love of God demonstrated in the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and the new life He gives us.

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READINGS FOR APRIL

	Psalm	OT	NT	Gospel
2nd April 5 th Sunday of Lent	130	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45
9th April Palm Sunday	31:9-16	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Philippians 2:5-11	Liturgy of Palms Matthew 21:1-11 Passion Liturgy Matthew 26:14-27:66
16th April EASTER DAY			Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 28:1-10
23rd April Easter 2	16		Acts 2:14a, 22-32	John 20:19-end
30th April Easter 3	116		Acts 2:42-end	John 10:1-10
7th May Easter 4	116		Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Luke 24:13-35

In the early part of the month the readings for Communion services are normally the NT and Gospel. For Morning and Evening Prayer they are usually the Psalm, OT and NT (though please check with the preacher). 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 at the beginning of April is purple for Lent, then on Palm Sunday it is Red, white on Maundy Thursday, all hangings are removed for Good Friday, and then liturgical for the Easter season is white.

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Holy Communion service on Sunday 2 April – 9am at St. Margaret’s Church. Please come along and enjoy an hour with us at St. Margaret’s. You will be made very welcome. If you would like to take one of the readings from time to time please contact Malcolm on 561153.

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Service – 7pm on 13 April at St. Margaret’s, Braceborough. This year our Maundy Thursday service will be a Holy Communion service in St. Margaret’s Church at 7pm. The service will end with the stripping bare of the church ornaments, in traditional fashion ready for Good Friday. Please note there will be no Agape – No foot washing etc. as in recent years.

Easter Day Holy Communion – 9am Sunday 16 April at St. Margaret’s, Braceborough. One of the major festival days in our church year. Why not come along and celebrate with us?

Gift Day for St. Margaret’s Church – Sunday 23 April. There will be a Gift Day this year on St. George’s Day, 23 April. Unfortunately we are struggling to reach this year’s required level of income to keep our church running efficiently and to making our usual annual contribution towards other Ministry costs. A letter inviting each household to consider gifting a sum to St. Margaret’s Church will be hand-delivered to you within the coming weeks. Please consider how you might help keep our village church in good fettle by making a gift.

Saturday 29 April – Churchyard Maintenance Morning @ 9.30am. Please make a note and come along to help with the annual maintenance checks and tasks if you can. The (usual) jobs to be covered include checking gutters and downpipes, clearing drainage channels, strimming & tidying various areas within the churchyard, weeding near walls etc. Your help will be very much appreciated.

100th Anniversary of Harold Bertie Holmes – Service on Sunday 7 May. Our church service on Sunday 7 May will include a very special dedication to mark the 100th anniversary of Bertie’s passing, killed in action, during the First World War. As many know, Bertie was the only person from our parish to lose his life whilst serving his country in either of the great wars. It would be a huge mark of respect to this very young man if we could generate a big attendance from the village at this service in order to remember him. Please make a note in your diary and if you know any members and/or friends of the Holmes family, please make them aware of this service and extend invitations to them.

Saturday 1 April – April Fools Day Pot Luck Supper. Village Hall. 6:30pm for 7pm. Note earlier start time. There really will be fruit fools for we April Fools to eat. Ha ha! Licensed Bar & Raffle. Adults £8, Children £4, Family (2+2) £20. Tickets from James (560417), Keith (560258), Malcolm (561153) and Linda (560044).

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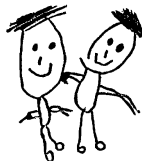
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Friday 7 April 2017 at 7.30pm

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ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS - Thursday 12th April, 7pm in the church. To elect the churchwardens and to receive reports. The annual accounts for 2016 may be viewed on the church noticeboard.

WELLAND MOTHERS' UNION

Next meeting Monday 24 April 2pm
At Elizabeth's home in West Deeping
Speaker tba.
Info from
Elizabeth 01778 344674 or Anne 01780 740151

GREATFORD

Church Flowers: Easter Day Lois Webb and shared
Church Cleaning: D of E Volunteer (James Everitt, the younger)

Church Services this month are: 9th April (Palm Sunday) Holy Communion at 9am; 16th April EASTER DAY Holy Communion at 9am; 23rd April All Age Worship at 9am. Please join us at these services, you will be very welcome.

Bellringing: Greatford Practice night – Wednesday April 26th 7:30 to 9pm.

Carlby & District WI: On 14th March several members shared a very stimulating visit with Lincs South Federation to Leicester. They visited the Cathedral in the morning and the Sikh Gurdwara in the afternoon, where they were entertained for a meal. At the evening meeting at Carlby the same day Anna Stasinka, the Designer Tea Lady organised a talk and tasting, and samples were available to buy. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th April at 7.00p.m in Carlby Village Hall and will be the AGM followed by Cheese & Wine. New members and visitors are always welcome. For further information please telephone 01778 392838.

Mobile Library. Information is not currently available

The Annual Meeting of the Parishoners – Vestry Meeting – held on 15th March in the village hall, was chaired by the Revd. Martin Brebner. Churchwardens Mr Rod Campbell and Mrs Bridget Everitt, were re- elected, and the accounts adopted. If you require more information please contact Mrs L Webb. 560437.

Defibrillator (AED) Automated External Defibrillator. The Greatford AED is located on the outside wall of the Village Hall. The Lead Contact is Dr David Trawford (14 Greatford Gardens Tel 01778 561 192). David's team comprises ten volunteer residents trained to operate the AED and who know the code for unlocking it from the holder. Action to take if a person is unconscious and not breathing (and is likely to have suffered a cardiac arrest). Dial 999 for an ambulance then call the Greatford Village Emergency Telephone System (VETS) number 01778 252 911 (the number on your heart-shaped fridge magnet) - the first AED-trained volunteer to answer the call will collect the AED and go to your location ASAP

UFFINGTON

Church Flowers

2nd April – Lent

9th April – Palm Sunday

16 April – Easter Sunday – All Help

23 April - Free

TALLINGTON

Church Flowers

2nd/9th April - Lent

16th/23rd April – Mr P Dodworth

30th April – Mrs R Berridge

Uffington PC - Report from meetings held on 8th February, 2017 and 22nd February 2017

Play Area – Cllr. Brown volunteered to obtain quotes for erecting a fence around toddler area.

Village sign – This sign is to be repaired and repainted a quote has already been received and work will be done when the sign is well dry.

Access to school – The School would check with their Insurers is anyone injured themselves whilst using the field out of school hours.

Concern was expressed by a villager regarding the proposal to build 100 houses next to Morrison's. The Parish Council stated that if they were forwarded any plans they would discuss the matter and comment accordingly.

A letter to be sent to MacDonalds requesting their rubbish collector driver to pick up various items of their rubbish mainly on Newstead Lane and Barnack Road. Complaints had been received regarding horse riders riding on Parish Council maintained land. The establishments concerned be contacted asking them refrain from this practice. County Cllr. M. Trollope-Bellew and Dist. Cllr. Cooke gave their reports and these have been put on the Uffington web site.

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

Date	Event	Sponsor(s)
9 th March	AVM Johnnie Johnson's birthday	John Edwards
13 th March	In memory of Brenda Francis	Tom & family
20 th March	Edna Wilkins's birthday	All the family

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)

Afternoon Tea at the Farm Shop: Stuart and Karen invite 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).

200 Club Winners in February: No 182 Mr John Allen £20; No 94 Mrs Jane Sagar £10.

Social Evening: The next social evening will be held on Friday 28th April from 7.00 pm. This time something different is being tried as it is understood such an event is quite popular. It will be a Bring and Share Plate of Finger Food. There will be a very good prize on offer for the tastiest looking dish. Come along and have a go.

Mobile Library Service: Unfortunately I cannot say when the Mobile Library will next be in Tallington despite two phone calls to Lincoln. The day it would normally be coming is Easter Monday and therefore a bank holiday. If I get a list of new dates when it comes on 20th March I will place them in the notice boards.

Parish Council: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9th May 2017 at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

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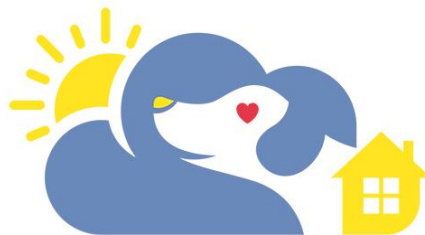
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BRACEBOROUGH & WILSTHORPE

It has been brought to the Parish Council's attention that there is an increase in people exercising their dogs in the villages, particularly along Braceborough Spa. Many dog owners bag their pets waste and take it home for disposal, however there have been many occasions when that waste has been bagged but left on the side of the road or on hedges. THIS IS BAD, if not worse than not clearing up at all, many of these bags are not biodegradable, so PLEASE take them home for disposal. Dog fouling is a criminal offence and the crime can be reported to South Kesteven District Council via their website www.southkesteven.gov.uk. Thank you.

BRACEBOROUGH & WILSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Concern was expressed during the Public Forum about Lincolnshire County Council switching off street lights and the effect it could have on emergency services.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact SKDC Street Scene about cleaning up of footpath between Walnut Cottage & the Village Hall. The Chairman thanked Cllr Morriss for delivering notices around the village asking people to clean up after their dogs. LCC Highways reported that the pothole crew were briefed to use their own judgement when disposing of excess at the end of their shift. It was proposed that the Parish Council would look at taking over the amenity grass cutting if funding was available from the County Council. Residents are still asked to continue to look after their verges. It was proposed that the Parish Council would apply for a grant from SK Community Fund to purchase their own Reactive Speed Sign.

The Council had no objections to the following planning applications:-OHL Ltd, Manor Farmhouse, Mr Morriss at Walnut Cottage. Mr Gracey, Holland House & Mr Collins at Ivy Farm Cottage both had their applications approved. Concern was expressed about the Cart Hovel, Church Lane as it was felt it was in a dangerous condition.

C.Cllr Martin Trollope-Bellew reported that the budget had been set at 3.95%, the council will be taking 13million from its reserves. The proposed referendum on Unitary Authorities in May would not be going forward. The draft Minerals & Waste Plan had been sent to the Inspector.

D.Cllr Barry Dobson reported that the district had increased its proportion by £4 per year on a Band D property. There had been a debate about the problems of hare coursing. SKDC are looking at increasing its stock of rentable accommodation, and that the district has no intention of switching off street lights at this present time.

Next meeting Monday 3rd April 2017 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm which will include the Annual Parish Meeting. This is an occasion for electors to raise any concerns they may have.

For more information on the Parish Council please go to
<http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/BraceboroughandWilsthorpe>

Rosemary Woolley, Clerk to the Council

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Dear Residents

In March the District Council agreed to increase their portion of council tax by £4 per year on a Band D property instead of the £5 proposed which equates to 7.5p per week increase.

Cllr Rosemary Woolley held a meeting with the new Chief Constable at Deeping to discuss the growing menace of illegal hare-coursing which has seen an increase in the south of the county. If you come across an incident please try to get the vehicle registration number and report immediately to the police but keep your distance these are very dangerous people.

The District is proceeding with the new Local Plan which sets out the districts direction for development for the next 20 years. A consultation document will be available for residents to comment in the near future.

SKDC has no intention, at this present time, to alter the street lights which are looked after by that council, the ones which may be switched off at midnight belong to the County Council.

SKDC is still offering grants to communities who wish to improve their area. This could be repairing or altering public buildings or creating orchards for public use, the list is large. There is a minimum grant of £500 with maximum of £10,000. For more information please go to skcommunitygrants@lincolnshirecvs.org.uk

If you have any problems or concerns relating to the Casewick Ward please do not hesitate to contact either Rosemary Woolley 01778 560634 (answer machine) email rh.woolley@southkesteven.gov.uk or Kelham Cooke 07940 187 426 email k.cooke@southkesteven.gov.uk

If you have any concerns relating to the Dole Wood Ward (Braceborough & Wilsthorpe) please contact Barry Dobson, 01778 426649 or email b.dobson@southkesteven.gov.uk

**CHURCH SERVICES AND DIARY DATES
FOR APRIL 2017 VOLUME 32 NUMBER 13**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
2 nd	3 rd	4 th
5th Sunday of Lent 9am Braceborough HC 10.30am Uffington HC 10.30am WDeeping MP 10.30am Wilsthorpe HC 6pm Barholm EP		1pm 25 King St, WD Lent Lunch & Reflection
9 th	10 th	11 th
Palm Sunday 9am Greatford HC 10.30am Uffington MP 10.30am WDeeping HC 1.45pm WD Walkers 6pm Tallington EP	9.30am UffVH Yoga	2.45pm Cromell Ho, WD Lent Lunch & Reflection
16 th	17 th	18 th
EASTER DAY 5.45am Wilsthorpe Dawn Service 9am Barholm HC 9am Braceborough HC 9am Greatford HC 10.30am Tallington HC 10.30am Uffington HC 10.30am WDeeping HC 10.30am Wilsthorpe HC		
23 rd	24 th	25 th
2nd Sunday of Easter 9am Greatford AAW 10.30am Uffington AWW 10.30am WDeeping HC 10.30am Tallington HC 1.45pm WDVH Walkers	9.30am UffVH Yoga 2pm MU WD	
30 th	31 st	
3rd Sunday of Easter 10.30am WDeeping GROUP HC		

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
7.30pm UffVH WI AGM	8pm WDVH Bowls	7.30pm UffVH Inter Village Quiz	
12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th
2pm UffVH Wednesday Club Easter Decorations	Maunday Thursday 7pm Braceborough HC commemorating the Last Supper followed by the stripping of Altars 8pm WDVH Bowls	Good Friday 10.30am West Deeping 2pm Uffington 7pm Barholm	10.30am WDVH Coffee Morning for St Andrew's Church 2pm WD Litter Pick
19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd
	8pm WDVH Bowls		3pm UffVH Art & Archives by Kate Genever
26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th
2pm UffVH Wednesday Club Getting ready for Scarcrows	8pm WDVH Bowls	7pm TallVH Social Evening 7.45pm WDVH Rambling Readers	
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