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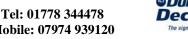
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Bush roses include the types known as hybrid teas (large flowered) and floribundas (cluster flowered). Hybrid tea roses usually have just one flower per stem, whilst floribundas have many flowers per stem. To maintain a healthy bush rose, and to promote flowering, regular pruning is important.

Bush roses are fairly shallow rooting, and to prevent wind rock, longer stems will already have been shortened a little during November.

The main time for pruning bush roses in our part of the country is considered to be the month of March, but exact timing will depend on the prevailing weather. The correct time to prune is when growth is just resuming. Pruning too early can result in buds breaking too early in a mild spell and then being hit if frost reappears. Conversely, pruning too late can result in the rose plant being weakened.

Hybrid teas and Floribundas are pruned slightly differently, but with both types you start by cutting our dead, diseased, rubbing and crossing stems. A main aim is to keep the centre of the rose bush open to allow good air circulation, and reduce the incidence of disease.

For hybrid teas, the strongest remaining shoots are shortened to 4-6 buds, approximately 10-15 cm from the base to the point where last year's growth began. Less vigorous shoots are shortened to 2-4 buds, about 5-10cm from the base.

For floribundas, the strongest remaining stems are shortened to within 25-30cm of soil level. As with hybrid teas, less vigorous shoots are pruned back more severely.

Take special care when you are pruning. Wear suitable gloves to protect your hands from thorns, and use eye protection. Also ensure that your secateurs are well sharpened.

Dear Friends

We have become familiar with shops and the media starting to talk about Christmas many weeks (or even months) before the event, but I was surprised at the beginning of February to hear on the radio about challenges to give up something during Lent – at the time, the best part of a month before the church starts the traditional observance of Lent.

Christians have long given up eating certain foods in Lent as they recalled the way in which Jesus fasted for forty days at the start of his earthly ministry; (milk, eggs and sugar were among the dietary casualties – and the consumption of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday was a way of clearing the larder of such things). The Easter eggs that children hunt for in some of our churches and churchyards on Easter Day are meant to be a reward for giving up chocolate in Lent (though perhaps sometimes they may not be always fully earned!). Whether or not you give up something for Lent, it is an especially good time to recall the immense love and holiness shown by Jesus during his life on earth and earnestly seek God's help to live up to those standards – feel free to join us at the service of Holy Communion with Ashing on Ash Wednesday or any of the services or the Lent Course sessions during Lent to help deepen that understanding of God's love and holiness.

Fasting was not strictly required on Sundays, and on the fourth Sunday of Lent the requirements were particularly relaxed and it became a day on which young people who had left their home villages returned to their *Mother Church* (the church of their youth or possibly their cathedral church) in mid-Lent. In the days when travelling was slow and laborious, those returning to the area of their childhood home would have taken the opportunity to visit their mother and family, and as the youngsters walked along the country lanes, they picked wild flowers (which were just appearing in the spring) to take to church or give to their mother as a small gift. For many the visit to the family would have been the highlight of the mid-Lent journey, rather than the visit to their Mother Church. Children walking home on Mothering Sunday is largely a thing of the past, but do join us at the Combined Service in Uffington Church on Sunday 26 March at 10:30am (British Summer Time as it will be by then!) – posies will be available for children (of all ages!) to give to mothers.

As you know, Carolyn has been signed off work until the end of February; should she be unable to resume her duties fully in March, we will continue to be able to draw on the help of the clergy of Stamford (particularly Mark Warrick, Nikki Mann and Aran Beesley), as well as Clive Hilton and our own hard working ministry team – hopefully augmented soon by John Batty's return to arms after his "hip revision" operation – so there is certainly no giving up of the work of the church during Lent!

Yours in Christ

READINGS FOR MARCH

	Psalm	ОТ	NT	Gospel
1 st March ASH WEDNESDAY		Joel 2:1-2 & 12-17		Matthew 6:1-6 & 16-21
5th March 1 st Sunday of Lent	32	Genesis 2:15-17 & 3:1-7	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
12th March 2 nd Sunday of Lent	121	Genesis 12:1-4a	Romans 4:1-5,13-17	John 3:1-17
19th March 3 rd Sunday of Lent	95	Exodus 17:1-7	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
26 th March MOTHERING SUNDAY 4 th Sunday of Lent	23	Exodus 2:1-10 1 Samuel 16:1-13	Colossians 3:12- 17 Ephesians 5:8-14	Luke 2:41-51 John 9
2nd April 5 th Sunday of Lent	130	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45

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). The liturgical colour throughout March is purple for Lent.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

5th February Uffington 12th February Barholm Hugo Robert Andrew Nisbet Aurora Ember Richards

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Church Flowers

March 5th/12th/19th – Lent 26th – Mothering Sunday

Uffington WI. Giant condors, glaciers, freezing winds and perilous river crossings made speaker Ron Smith's walking expedition in Patagonia a memorable one, he told members of Uffington WI at their February meeting. Mr Smith and his party of fellow adventurers completed a 140km, 10-day circuit of the high peaks of the Torres del Paine area of Patagonia, camping out on some nights. The photographs he took vividly conveyed the ruggedness of the terrain and the intense blue of the area's lakes. He was thanked by Alison Dodsworth. Members were welcomed by the President, Gillian Johns. The business meeting included subscriptions due for the coming year, the monthly financial statement by the treasurer, and arrangements for the annual Birthday Dinner, to be held at the William Cecil Hotel, Stamford, next month. Applications were also invited for the 2017 Lincolnshire South Bursary. A competition for A Bunch of Snowdrops (real or illustrated) was won by 1 Marion Francis, 2 Alison Dodsworth and 3 Mary Johnston.

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

Date	Event	Sponsor(s)
22 nd Jan 30th Jan	Death of Les Troop (in his 100 th year) In memory of AVM Johnnie Johnson (died 30 th Jan 2001)	PCC 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 or Graham Creedy (481084).

Wanderlust Live & Local Play. Thursday March 2nd at Uffington Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. With a raffle but bring your own drinks. Last chance to buy a ticket (£10) from Nick Kimberley 01780 239463.

BRACEBOROUGH

Holy Communion service on Sunday 5 March at 9am St.Margaret's Church. Please come along and enjoy an hour with us at St. Margaret's. You will be made very welcome. Robert now plays the organ regularly for us which is making such a difference to the services. If you would like to take one of the readings from time to time please contact Malcolm on 561153.

PCC Annual Meeting – Thursday 16 March, 6.30pm Village Hall. This year's annual meeting to appoint the officers for this next year & to review 2016 will take place on Thursday 16 March at 6.30pm in the village hall. If you wish to attend please contact Sue Newton in order to ensure your name is registered on the electoral roll within the required time limits. Offers to stand as one of the elected officers are very welcome.

100th Anniversay 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 sole person from our parish to lose his life 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. In addition, if anyone has contact with Ian Gibb in Bourne, or any other known relative of the Holmes family, please get in touch with Malcolm on 561153, as we would love to invite as many relatives as possible to join us on 7 May.

Churchyard Issues. Please be aware that the vases, baskets & ornaments placed on and around memorial stones and graves in our churchyard remain the property of the families related to the deceased and should not be moved away from the memorial to which they are dedicated. Regrettably there have been reported incidents where family visits have been disrupted when these items were discovered some way from the intended memorial stone.

Saturday 1 April – April Fools Day Pot Luck Supper. Village Hall. 7pm for 7.30pm. 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).

Saturday 13 May 2017 – Race Night. More details to follow, but please note the date. We would like this to be a major fundraiser, so your help to sell jockeys or 'horses' to family and friends would be much appreciated. Volunteers to contact James on 560417 please.

Fly The Flag. It costs just £5 to fly the flag to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or any other memorable or special event. Please contact James or Hazel (560417).

Booking the Village Hall. We have a very well equipped village hall – available for hire from just £8 per hour. Please call James or Hazel (560417) to find out if the date you are interested in is free.

GREATFORD

Church Flowers: none during Lent Church Cleaning: D of E Volunteer (James Everitt, the younger)

Church Services this month are **12**th **March** Holy Communion at 9am; and **26**th **March** Morning Prayer at 9am. Please join us at these services, you will be very welcome. Our thanks to the volunteers who helped with the churchyard clear-up on Saturday 4th February. We have lost several volunteers from the Flower and Cleaning rotas: if you are able to help (for however short a time) please contact Bridget on 560473 regarding flowers and Cazz on 561032 regarding cleaning. If anyone would like to do altar flowers to mark a special day this can be arranged, please contact Bridget.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Wednesday 15th March in the Village Hall at 7:00pm.

Bellringing: Greatford Practice night – Wednesday 22nd March, 7:30 to 9pm.

Carlby & District WI: At the meeting on 14th February there was a talk by a volunteer from the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance. The next meeting is on Tuesday 14th March at 7:30p.m in Carlby Village Hall and the subject will be 'A Tea Tasting' with Designer Tea Lady Anna Stasinska. New members and visitors are always welcome. For further information please telephone 01778 392838.

Mobile Library: The next visits at Greatford opposite the phone box will be on Mondays 20th March and 17th April from 12:00noon to 12:30pm. This service is under threat from Council cuts, so please support this if you can.

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 Village Hall Funds) or outside the Church (in aid of Church Funds). Please contact Cyril Webb on 560437 in either case.

Parish Council: 30mph bin stickers are still available (free of charge), please contact Lois Webb at lois.m.webb1@gmail.com or 01778 560437 or just knock at 1 Bridge Cottages Village Street (opposite the Hare and Hounds). We need to put more out please! A reactive speed sign has been purchased and should be installed soon. The Parish Council hopes it has eliminated the rabbits and moles from the playing field and the churchyard, thanks to Fen Tiger. The Council thanks the South Lincs Fenland Partnership for their interesting presentation on 11th February at Waterside, which included discussion of the future land use of the Manor Farm mineral extraction site.

We will remember them

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

Private Arthur Pickering of the 4^{th} Battalion Worcestershire Regiment died on 4^{th} March 1917.

Arthur Pickering was born in Greatford in 1889, the fourth child of Isaac and Mary Pickering. Isaac had been born in Barholm in 1845, and in 1869 he married Mary Baldwin of Glinton and they set up home in Greatford. Isaac was an agricultural labourer. In 1901 the family lived in Stowe Road (the next door to the Garner family – whose second son, Fred, three years Arthur's junior, died during the Battle of the Somme on 2 July 1916). In 1901 one of Arthur's older brothers was a *groom,* and another a *horseman on farm*; Arthur was a *schoolboy* in 1901. Isaac died in early 1904, and in 1911 Arthur was resident in Greatford with his (widowed) mother and was working as a *domestic gardener*.

Military records show that Arthur enlisted in Stamford, and that he served initially in the 10th Battalion of the South Staffordshire Regiment. This acted as a reserve battalion and did not see action overseas. Arthur transferred to the 4th Battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment – probably in the autumn of 1916, after that Battalion had suffered huge losses at Gallipoli in 1915 and then after moving to France during the Battle of the Somme in 1916. Arthur may have seen action in autumn 1916 when the Germans were pushed back on some parts of the Somme. He was then involved when the actions resumed in spring 1917, and Arthur was among the 70 men of the Worcestershire Regiments who died on 4th March 1917 – many of them, like Arthur being commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial. Although Arthur has no known grave, he may have been one of the many unidentified bodies buried in one of the graves in the area with the headstone denoting *A soldier of the Great War, known unto God.*

Arthur was 27 years old when he died; as a son of Greatford he is commemorated on the War Memorial in St Thomas Becket Church, Greatford. Arthur will therefore be remembered during the 9am service in Greatford on 12th March.

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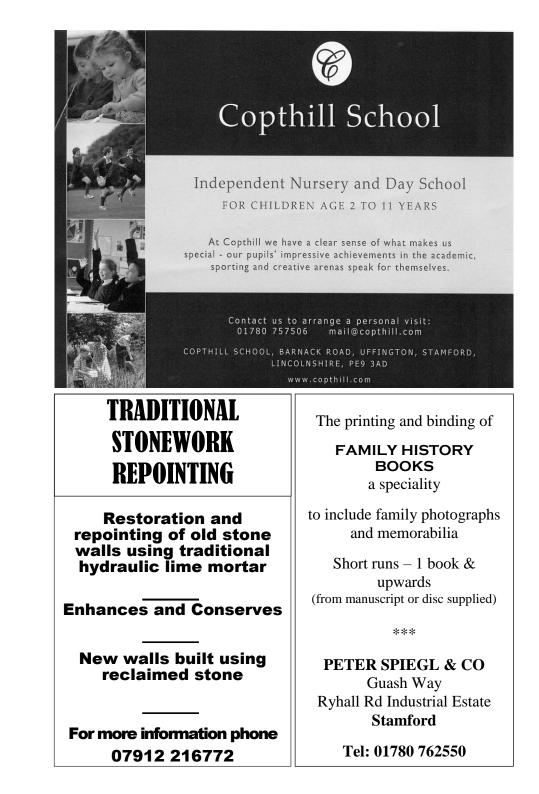
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BRACEBOROUGH & WILSTHORPE

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

Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Parish Council held its meeting on 6th February 2017. Concern was expressed in the Public Forum about the way LCC Highways contractors were dealing with potholes and roadside breakup. Cllr Morriss reported that he had contacted Ashton Estates on a number of occasions to deal with the debris at the base of the hedge between Walnut Cottage & the Village Hall. The Environment Agency had cleaned along the river glen. The clerk reported that SKDC had responded to British Telecom informing them that the Parish Council does not wish for either Kiosk's to be removed. It was agreed that the Council would purchase equipment to mount a reactive speed sign.

LCC Highways would be reducing their verge cutting both amenity and safety. It was agreed to monitor the situation and encourage residents within the villages to care for the grass outside their own properties.

C.Cllr Martin Trollope-Bellew reported on the re-organisation of the Highways department at Thurlby, the proposed Council Tax increase, The Lincolnshire United Health Trust Sustainability & Transformation Plan and the proposed Unitary Authority referendum.

D.Cllr Barry Dobson reported on the possible Unitary Authority, District street lights, proposed increase in Council Tax and the Government's announcement to encourage more rented accommodation.

Next meeting Monday 6th March 2017 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm, all welcome.

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

Rosemary Woolley, Clerk to the Council

CASEWICK & DOLE WOOD WARDS

Dear Residents

You may have heard in the news that Lincolnshire County Council would like to combine the two tiers of local government, the County & District to become one Unitary Authority. The referendum would take place at the same time as the county elections in May. I understand that this will be debated at the next County Council meeting.

It is that time of year again when councillors are looking at setting the council tax for 2017/18. Central Government has given the District the opportunity to increase the tax by £5 for a Band D as this council is one of the lowest in the country.

In 2016 many communities held successful 'Clean for the Queen' campaigns. On 3rd to 5th March SKDC is asking residents to take part in the nationwide campaign called 'The Great British Spring Clean'. If you would like to arrange your own community litter pick please email pr@southkesteven.gov.uk for further information.

The Deeping Literary Festival takes place between 27th to 30th April. They have acclaimed novelist & historian Alison Weir, former MP and regular on 'Just a Minute' Gyles Brandreth plus local writer Ellie Sandall. For more information please go onto www.deeepingsliteraryfestival.co.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



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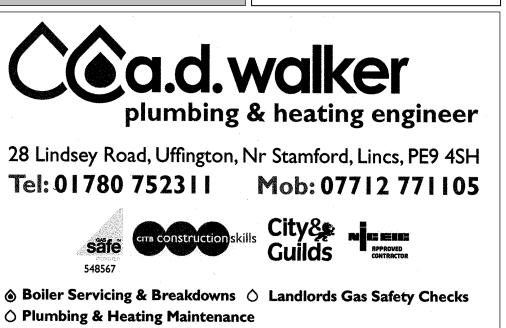
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TALLINGTON

Church Flowers 5th/12th - Lent 19th/26th - Lent

200 Club Winners in January: No 79 Mr Adrian Fry £20; No 159 Mr Robert Fry £10.

Social Evening: The next social evening will be held on Friday 31 March 2017 from 7pm. Please come along and enjoy a chat with your friends and fellow villagers.

The Post Office: This is just a reminder as it appears that some people have turned up on Thursdays and have been disappointed to find that it is closed. The Post Office now opens only on **Tuesday** afternoons from 2 to 4pm but please use it if you possibly can so that we do not lose this one afternoon. It is a very valuable service for us in more ways than one.

Mobile Library Service: The Mobile Library will be in Church Lane between 11.15 and 11.45am on Monday 20 March 2017. Again please try to use it if you can as over the years it has been cut from fortnightly visits in two locations to Church Lane once a month.

Flying the Flag: The Union Jack flag was flown on Thursday 9th February. You too can arrange with John or Liz Allen (740076) to fly either St George's flag or the Union Jack to celebrate your special occasion at only a cost of £5 which is always very welcome in helping to maintain the Village Hall.

Village Hall Hire: This, too, is just a reminder on how very lucky we are to have a very pleasant, well equipped Hall in the Village available for hire at reasonable charges which all go towards its maintenance. If you are thinking of having a celebration why not 'phone or email Nicole on 07919 347948 nrobo98@yahoo.com who will be pleased to tell you more or book a date and time for you.

Parish Council: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14th March 2017 at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

WEST DEEPING

St Andrews Church. The next All Age Service will be on Sunday 19th Mar at 10.30am. Details from Susanna Aldred on 01778 380014.

Bible Studies. The group will meet weekly on Tuesdays at Cromwell House during Lent, at the earlier time of 1.00pm. We will enjoy a soup and cheese lunch and take the Lincoln Lent course on authentic living in five parts, starting on 7th March. Anyone wanting to join in warmly welcomed. Contact: Susanna Aldred on 01778 380014.

West Deeping Heritage Group. Wednesday 1st Mar. 7 for 7.30 pm at Village Hall. Where the Welland flows: Barrows, boundaries, monasteries, myths and murder. A lighted-hearted presentation from Dr Avril Lumley Prior. Looking at the undrained Fens to the north and south of the river, and meeting some of its characters. Contact Maggie Ashcroft: 01778 344768, <u>maggieashcroft@hotmail.co.uk</u>>

Live & Local Theatre_Friday 3rd Mar. 7.30pm, West Deeping Village Hall. The Gramophones Theatre Company present Wanderlust. To book contact tickets@westdeeping.co.uk: 01778 380197: Also on Thursday 2nd March 7.30pm, at Uffington Village Hall 01780 239463. A story about three women setting off into rural Britain in pursuit of the most exciting tale. They found more than they expected. Original live music and playful storytelling.

WD Walkers. Sundays 12th Mar. 1.45pm led by lain and Jean 01778 346779 and 26th Mar 2.00 pm led by Allan 01778 345393. Meet outside the Village Hall, Contact: Annie: 01778 346805, snewbigging@talktalk.net

Coffee Morning. Saturday 18th Mar. 10.30am-12noon WDVH for St Andrew's Church. Raffle, cake/produce stall. All are welcome.

Carpet Bowls Club will meet in the VH on Thursday evenings in March (Wednesday afternoon sessions cancelled.) See centre pages. Chairperson: June Thomas 01778 343434.

Rambling Readers. Friday 24th Mar. 7.45pm in the Village Hall. A new book each month is supplied by Lincolnshire Libraries. Info from Liz. 01778 344674.

West Deeping Parish Council Monday 27th Mar. 7.30pm West Deeping Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to come to the open session at the beginning of the meeting and ask questions. Parish Clerk Julia Mason, wdparishclerk@gmail.com

Step Clog. A fortnightly class on Mondays 8.00-9.30pm, Call Laura 01733 267129, leaving a contact number or email lozwharton122@sky.com

Dates for the diary **Midsummer Magi**c. 17 - 25 June West Deeping. Info. from Graham Magee: 07775900251, graham.magee@me.com

Talk at Uffington Village Hall Saturday 18th March 2017

Sir Isaac Newton and Woolsthorpe Manor

His life history and an illustrated "trip" around his birthplace and home as it is today.



Talk by Janice Moulds, volunteer speaker for the National Trust and tour leader for Woolsthorpe Manor.

Talk starts at 2.30pm.

Admission includes homemade tea and cakes; apples and excellent company. Help with transport available. £10 on door, in aid of new shed and bench. Raffle.

Kindly organised by Michael Crowe 01780 762490 and Vanessa Kimberley 01780 239463

Uffington Village Hall, 55, Main Road, Uffington, PE9 4SN. Flat access & disabled loo, free parking at rear.

Inter-Village Quiz - Friday 7 April 2017 at 7.30pm

Host: Uffington Village Hall Committee Braceborough , Uffington and West Deeping have already signed up!

We would like one team per village to come forward from Barholm, Greatford, Tallington and Wilsthorpe. 6- 8 people per team.

Please arrange your village's team & contact Vanessa Kimberley 01780 239463 secretary@uffingtonvillagehall.org.uk

> £3 inc nibbles. Bring own drinks. In aid of Towers and Spires printing costs.

Mothering Sunday – 26th March 2017

Special Family Service In St Michael and All Angels' Church, Uffington At 10.30am

Everyone welcome Posies available for children (of all ages) to give to mothers and grandmothers

WELLAND MOTHERS' UNION

Next meeting Monday 20th March 2pm A quiet afternoon at Barholm Church led by Fr. Aran Beesley Details from Elizabeth 01778 344674 or Anne 01780 740151

General Knowledge Quiz to raise funds for Uffington Cricket Club Saturday March 25th – 7 for 7.30pm start Uffington Village Hall £10 per team (max 5 per team) Cash Bar / Food (Hotdogs) available to buy Cash prize for winners! Raffle also Please pre-book teams via Dean Cornish 07595 205016 or email deancornish@igloobooks.com

CHURCH SERVICES AND DIARY DATES FOR MARCH 2017 VOLUME 31 NUMBER 12

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
5 th	6 th	7 th
Sunday of Lent	9.15am UffVH Yoga	1
9am Braceborough HC	7.30pm WDVH PC Meeting	2.45pm WD Bible Study
10.30am Uffington HC	7.50pm WB WH C Meeting	2.45pm WD Disie Study
10.30am WDeeping MP		
10.30am Wilsthorpe HC		
6pm Barholm EP		
12 th	13 th	14 th
2 nd Sunday of Lent	9.15am UffVH Yoga	
9am Greatford HC	_	
10.30am Uffington MP		
10.30am WDeeping HC		
1.45pm WD Walkers		
6pm Tallington EP		
19 th	20 th	21 st
3 rd Sunday of Lent	9.15am UffVH Yoga	
9am Barholm HC		2.45pm WD Bible Study
10.30am Uffington HC		
10.30am WDeeping AAW		
26 th	27 th	28 th
Mothering Sunday/ 4 th Sunday of Lent	9.15am UffVH Yoga	
9am Greatford MP	-	
10.30am Uffington Mothering Sunday		
Service (combined with the Tallington		
congregation – no service at		
Tallington today)		
10.30am WDeeping HC		
1.45pm WDVH Walkers		

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	
Ash Wednesday				
7pm Uffington HC with	7.30pm UffVH Live	7.30pm WDVH		
imposition of Ashes	& Local Play	Live & Local		
7pm WDVH Heritage Group	8pm WDVH Bowls	Theatre		
7.30pm UffVH WI Birthday				
Meeting				
8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	
2pm UffVH Wednesday Club	8pm WDVH Bowls			
15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	
	8pm WDVH Bowls		10.30am WDVH Coffee Morning for ST Andrew's Church 2.30pm UffVH Talk on Sir Isaac Newton & Woolsthorpe	
22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th	
2pm UffVH Wednesday Club 8pm UffVH Parish Council	8pm WDVH Bowls	7.45pm WDVH Rambling Readers		
29 th	30 th	31 st		
2pm Welland MU @ Barholm Church		7pm TallVH Social Evening		