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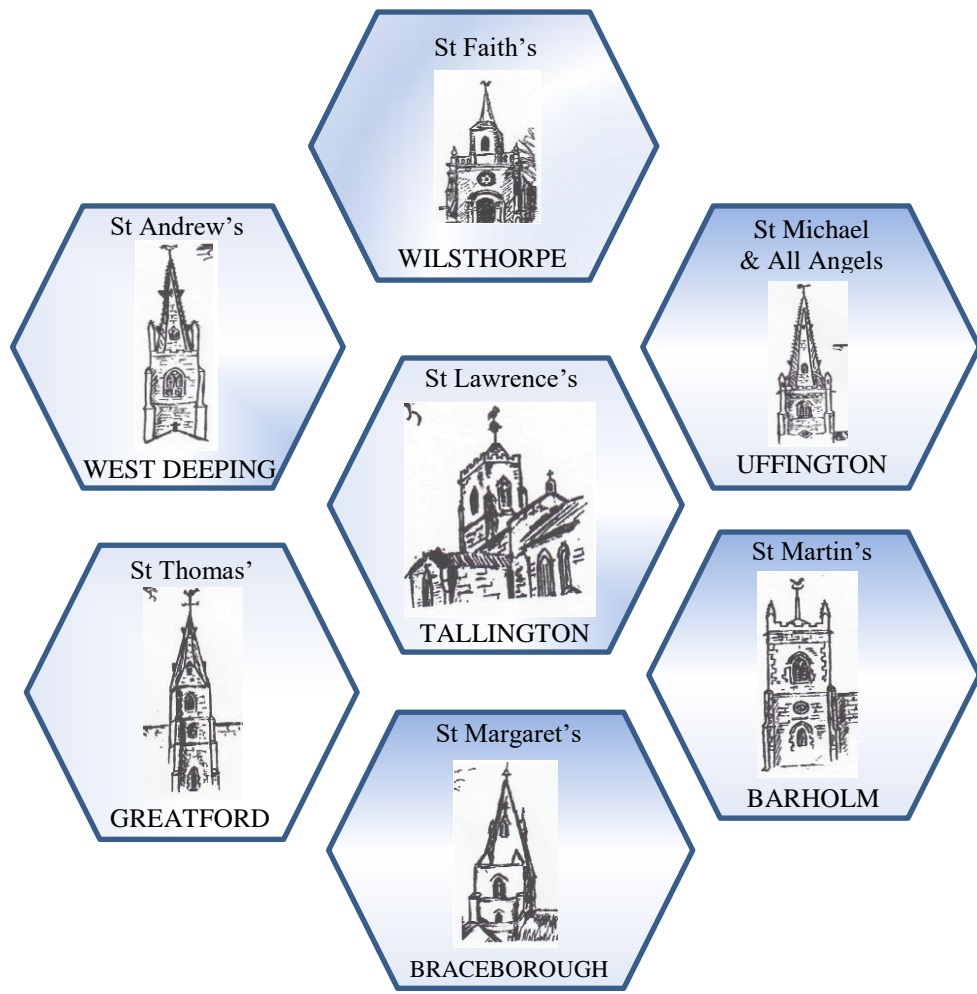
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The Rectory

Dear Friends,

I hope you will understand when I say that I have been really unsure as to what to write in this letter for August. A number of drafts have ended up 'on the floor'. How to write something that is appropriate for our times – when the times seem to be so fast moving? Every time I get some words down on paper, something big seems to happen in the world, the latest being the arrival of a new Prime Minister. In the face of such upheaval, what are we to do and to say?

Well, I am going to say in this letter what I have been saying to people as I have met them face to face over the past few weeks, and what I usually ask people in more normal times as well: 'How are you?' This is a genuine question. I really am interested in the answer. If we can do nothing else in a highly-charged, confusing, fast-moving context, in which emotions are all over the place and hopes and fears are clashing pretty equally, on different subjects, I can at least enquire about how people are feeling, and listen to them: 'How are you?'

People matter. Everyone. We are all God's children. We are all flesh and blood with feelings, aspirations and anxieties. My faith tells me this. My understanding and following of Jesus tells me this. So: 'How are you?' However you are, whatever you are feeling at this complicated time, please know that you are loved by God. Please also know that my fellow bishops and I are concerned for you and for the people who are on your heart.

Sometimes it is difficult to express this concern in ways that really connect – time is limited and I am all too aware of the people for whom I have care and for whom I don't think I have demonstrated that care in action very well. These people and situations become a matter for my prayer and my sorrow. But, in common with everyone, having made my confession I then need to return to the practical opportunities that I do have to put my care into action. So, during this complicated summer, know that you matter, and join with me, please, in putting care into action. And do feel free to reply to my question, if you choose!

May God bless you, and may you have a very good August.

Bishop Nicholas

Dear Friends,

Anyone who's visited the Rectory will know that I'm not exactly domestically inclined. I do try to keep things clean, but tidy doesn't usually make it – especially not with the number of books and pieces of paper I've always got around. When it comes down to it, I always seem to have other things to do with my time. Until something happens and my priorities change, and I miraculously find the time to do some sorting. What causes the miracle? Expecting visitors, usually – having friends or family to stay. It's wonderful to see them, but I know I need to do some organizing before they arrive.

It's amazing how a bit of motivation can create time and energy where we thought they didn't exist. It's the same when it comes to our spiritual life. Among the things we talk and learn about in preparing for confirmation are the Bible and prayer, and confirmation candidates always seem to have the motivation to make the time for reading the Bible and for daily prayer – which is wonderful. In one sense, it isn't that hard – even five or ten minutes with the Bible each day adds up terrifically over a year; saying grace before a meal or asking God for help takes only seconds, even if listening to God for an answer to prayer takes a bit longer. And yet, once the enthusiasm has, if not disappeared, then at least died down a bit, finding time for God on a daily basis can become something of a struggle, especially amid the other struggles of daily life, home and work and family – hands up everyone who's already looking forward to the start of the new school term...

Over 70 years ago, in the Screwtape Letters, CS Lewis wrote about the problem of finding time – and many other things – and they're still well worth reading. The Letters are from a senior devil, Screwtape, to his nephew Wormwood, out on tempting duty when his 'patient' becomes a Christian, and they run through many of the pitfalls of life and faith – the ones that we'd rather avoid but that Screwtape, of course, is encouraging.

Lewis suggests taking a different attitude to time. He says that our basic problem is possessiveness – we think our time is our own, and we part with it grudgingly or willingly, depending on how we're spending it. But as he points out, we don't create a single moment of time – it comes from God. So why don't we treat it as God's time, and use it to do what God wants? That leaves us much better off – because what God wants is not just us rushing round, doing what has to be done, but also us spending time with God, and spending time on ourselves, for rest and recreation. And perhaps the shift in perspective, spending someone else's time, not our own, will give us the motivation to use time wisely.

Yours in Christ,

Carolyn Kennedy

UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 22nd June, 2016 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

UFFINGTON

Church Flowers
7th/14th Aug – Sue Webster
21st/28th Aug – Vanessa Creedy

The Ryder Cup comes to Uffington! This September sees the staging of the greatest golf team event on the planet – The Genever Cup. Similar to The Ryder Cup, but better, this prestigious prize is to be fought over by teams - The Village and The Cricket Club - at Rutland County Golf Club on September 24th. The teams, playing in pairs against a pair from the opposition, will accrue points for winning their respective matches, with the points totted up to find the winner. And while this epic confrontation is taking place, golf widows or widowers and their children are invited to the cricket club for games on the field and other family fun. When the contest is over, the golfers will return to the club where the winner will be announced, followed by a BBQ and beer. And other drinks, of course. “We’d like this to become an annual end-of-summer celebration event, for everyone associated with Uffington, whether living there or playing cricket in the village. Anyone who plays a bit of golf, whether occasionally or seriously, is welcome, as there’s no limit on numbers,” said organiser Steve Moody. So if you fancy playing the The Village, please give team captain Damien Herrick a call or text on 07876 252584. The cost of 18 holes of golf (plus bacon roll and coffee before and sandwiches after) is £36.

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

Date	Event	Sponsor(s)
6 th July	Adrian and Allison Morrell’s 25th Wedding Anniversary	Adrian Morrell
10 th July	Supporting Andy Murray	Graham Creedy
11 th July	Celebrating Andy Murray’s Wimbledon success	Graham Creedy
21 st July	Farewell to all our leavers	Uffington Primary School

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)

Minutes Of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the AGM of the Parish Council held on Wednesday, 11th May, 2016 were approved and signed - Pro: Cllr. Sheehan Sec. Cllr. P. Genever.

Minutes of the specially convened meeting held on Thursday, 9th June, 2016 was also approved and signed: Pro: Cllr. Sheehan Sec. Cllr. Dodsworth.

Declarations Of Interest

Cllr. Babbs, Cllr. K. Genever and Cllr. P. Genever would declare an interest when the boundary fence between Mr. Navid’s property and the play area was discussed.

Matters Arising

Play area – The bin will be emptied and roll of bin liner will be put at the bottom of the bin so that a new liner is available at all times.

Cllr. Mulvaney reported that she had received offers from more volunteers to burn in the sponsors name on the palings.

Freedom of Information – Request for information regarding highways budgets.

The Parish Council had had a reply regarding the above and all the information supplied will be put on the Uffington Web site.

Newstead Corner

Nothing further had been heard regarding clearing the grips on Uffington Hill. It was reported that the 7.5 ton sign had been replaced at Newstead Corner but not the lamp post.

Street Lighting Transformation Project

The Parish Council had been notified that the times when some of the street lights will be turned off has been changed to midnight (rather than 10pm) to 6am

Wheelie Bin 30 mph warning Stickers

These stickers are available to be stuck on wheelie bins warning motorists that they are in a 30 mph limit area. They are not to be left out indefinitely, only on the days the bins are put out for collection. They may be purchased from the Clerk at 50P each.

Correspondence

An e mail had been received from Mr. M. Meadows regarding the state of the Greatford Road and the large puddles that congregate after heavy rain. Highways to be informed again.

He had also complained to the Clerk regarding a football net on the balancing lagoon. As this area belongs to SKDC they are to be contacted.

AON Insurance had sent to the Parish Council their Certificate of Employer’s Liability Insurance. LCC had sent information regarding Lincolnshire Central Heating Fund scheme. This to be put on the web site.

An e mail has been received from LCC stating that a works order has been raised for the grass to be cut on Footpath 917 north of the school playing field.

A letter has been received from Nick Boles MP replying to our enquiry as to who paid for the Police Commissioners election. Apparently this comes out of the police budget. He also stated that he had contacted Cllr. Martin Hill Leader of LCC raising our concerns!!!

Planning

The following application was discussed and comments made to SKDC.

SK16/1143 – 25 Main Road – Erection of single storey side and rear link extension from dwelling to garage. Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation and erection of carport.

The Parish Council objected to this application for the following reasons:

1. Overdevelopment of site in a Conservation Area and adjacent to the listed West Hall Farm
2. Contrived and inappropriate use of outbuildings

Continued elsewhere:

Uffinton Parish Council 22 Jun 2016 continued:

3. Building material should match the area and Collyweston slates should be used to fit in with street scene
4. Plans difficult to understand as they are now only available online and that the extension of some years ago to No 27 is not shown on the plan.

Planning permission had been received for the following:

S16/0979 – Tree work, 12 The Charters – Amanda Remedios

S16/0753 – Erection of ss side and read ext – 2 Somes Close – G. Waterfall

S15/3359 – Erection of wooden shed – St. Michael and All Angels Church

S16/0554 – LB Consent (retrospective application) Int. alterations of LB Casewick Hall – T. Counton

S16/0862 & LB S16/0863 – Removal of porch and erection of ss rear Ext. 4 Casewick Lane – Liz Genever.

Accounts

Litter Picker (2 months) F. Barratt - £71.50 Pro. Cllr. P. Genever Sec. Cllr. Dodsworth

Grass cutting (2 times) C. Harris - £100.00 Pro. Cllr. Babbs Sec. Cllr. Mulvaney.

Postage Speed sign charger – R. Irvine - £3.35 Pro. Cllr. P. Genever Sec. Cllr. Dodsworth

VAT Repayment - £49.16 This was banked by BACS

Bank Balances as at 31st May 2016 - C/A - £1,370.74 D/A £5,389.63

Boundary Fence between Mr. Navid's property and the Play Area. Negotiations regarding the above are on going. Cllr. Mulvaney is consulting with experts to try to resolve the matter in an amicable way and as soon as it is resolved there will be a full report issued.

Any Other Business

Cllr. K. Genever reported that SKDC had informed the Village Hall Committee that the cost of emptying their rubbish bins had risen considerably. It was decided at the VH Meeting that rather than paying the Council more money, it be written into the hall hiring contract for the hirer to take their rubbish home.

LCC to be asked to spray off the weeds in the verges and kerbs in and around the village and on Newstead corner.

Complaints had also been received regarding the state of the pull-in on Essendine Road, LCC to be informed. Cllr. P. Genever stated that if the Council would deliver him some road planeings he would be willing to go and spread them in the pull-in to make them usable.

Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations in Uffington had been well attended and in fact oversubscribed. A letter of thanks be sent to Vanessa and Nick Kimberly and their team for all their efforts in making the event such a success.

Cllr. M. Trollope-Bellew reported:

- The Post Office would remain on Ryhall Road and not be moving to Morrisions
- LCC had purchased a large gritter "The Beast" that would hold more salt and be able to spread more in one go.
- The LCC Civic Service would be held in Uffington Church on 11th September. 2016

Cllr. R. Woolley reported that SKDC had agreed to go in for the next stage of the Devolution Project.

Dates of future meetings all at 8 p.m. unless otherwise notified:

10th August: 21st September: 9th November: 21st December:

Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of specially convened Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 9th June, 2016 held in the Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Cllr. Brown – Chairman, Cllr. Mulvaney, Cllr. Sheehan & Cllr. Dodsworth.

Apologies: Cllr. D.Babbs, Cllr. K. Genever & Cllr. P. Genever who all had declared an interest.

Cllr. Brown outlined the discussion held at the site meeting that he and Cllr. Mulvaney had had with Mr. Navid regarding the alleged damage to the boundary between his garden and the play area.

As it was uncertain as to whom the boundary belonged to and the length of fence that requires replacing it was agreed to measure the length of the damage and see that this agrees with the length of fence quoted for.

The Quote from Ben Freeman seemed to be the most competitive so it was agreed after much discussion to call a meeting with Mr. Navid, Ben Freeman and members of the Parish Council to ascertain actually what needs replacing and if necessary get another quote if the measurements differ.

It was agreed that the total cost of the new fence to be shared equally as was agreed by Mr. Navid at the previous meeting. Cllr. Mulvaney agreed to draw up a draft agreement to be shown to Mr. Navid for him to read and comment on.

The Parish Council were keen that the complaint by Mr. Navid should be resolved amicably and that the offer to split the cost of replacing the defective section of fencing was a gesture of goodwill by the Parish Council

TALLINGTON

Church Flowers

7th/14th August – Mrs S Taylor
21st/28th August – Mrs V Sorrell

200 Club Winners in June: No 79 Adrian Fry £50; No 43 Patrick Allen £25; No 187 Norma Chadwick.

Social Evening: Please remember there will be no Social Evening in August. The next one will be the Harvest Supper in September.

The Post Office will be closed on Tuesday 30th August and Thursday 1st September due to Adele's annual holiday. Unfortunately the Post Office cannot supply Relief Cover for these two days.

Mobile Library Service: The Mobile Library will be in Church Lane between 11.15 am and 11.45 am on Monday 8th August 2016. Please use this facility if at all possible so that we do not lose it.

Parish Council: The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall on Tuesday 13th September 2016. All residents are welcome at these meetings.

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Dear Residents

At an Extraordinary meeting held in May district councillors agreed that there should be consultation with residents on the proposed devolution for Greater Lincolnshire which includes a Mayor. The consultation began on 27th June and runs until 5pm 8th August 2016. For more information, and to have your say, please complete the survey which is on page 13 of County News or online at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/greaterlincs. The District Council will discuss the results at its September meeting. South Kesteven is preparing a New Local Plan which will set its vision and strategic objectives for the district until 2036. As part of the preparation the district is seeking your views on the sites and settlements consultation which could affect all parishes. If you would like to respond, please go online to www.southkesteven.gov.uk/sitesandsettlements by Friday 5th August. The summer edition of SKToday should have been delivered to you from 11th July, if you have not received this please contact one of the district councillors or view on the SKDC website. 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

LETTER OF THANKS

"By the time you read this I will be busy packing up our home in Deeping St James, preparing for our move up to Quarrington. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the warmth of your welcome to the Uffington Group and for the friendship and support that my wife, Jo-Anne and I received from everyone. We have very much enjoyed our time serving the churches and village communities in the group. I would also like to thank you all for the very generous gifts that we have received to mark the end of our time with you; they are very much appreciated. In addition, I would like to record my thanks to Rev Carolyn and all my clergy colleagues for their advice and support over the last fourteen months. As I take my leave of you, I pray that you will continue to grow in faith and in love for one another. While I am looking forward to my new post in Quarrington, I am leaving with a great feeling of sadness. I will keep you in my prayers. Thank you again for all your love and for the wonderful farewell gifts.

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Rev Mark"



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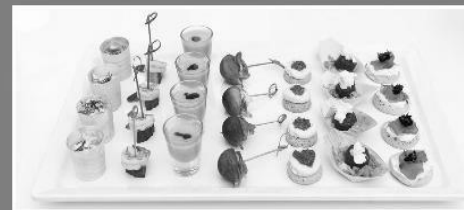
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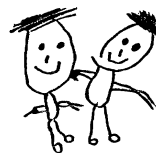
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Church Services. This month's services – which everyone is most welcome to attend – are: 14th August, Holy Communion at 9am; and 28th August, All Age Worship at 9am. Last month, the service on 10th July included commemorations of two of the men of Greatford named on our war memorial who died 100 years ago in the Battle of the Somme, and also the dedication of the new flags on war memorial (which replaced those that disintegrated on being removed when the church was redecorated). More volunteers would be very welcome to join the church cleaning rota – if you can spare an hour or two a year to help in this way, please contact Cazz Anders.

Bell Ringing: Greatford practice night Wednesday 24th August, 7:30 - 9pm.

Greatford Village Hall: Following a thorough spring clean (with many thanks to the French family) the beautiful Village Hall is the perfect venue for events, parties and regular bookings for any clubs or societies. It is available to hire for £12.50 an hour. If you are interested in a long term regular booking significantly discounted rates can apply. Please contact Andy Elliot (01778 560407) to book the Hall or Richard McDermott for any further information about the Village Hall (07701 370583).

Carlby & District WI: Alan Gray gave an entertaining talk entitled 'You cannot be Serious' – tales of a Wimbledon Umpire, at the meeting on July 12th. The next meeting is on Tuesday 9th August at Carlby Village Hall at 7:30pm and the talk will be 'Medical Detection Dogs,' with Denise Taylor. New Members and visitors are always welcome. For further information please telephone 01778 392838.

Mobile Library: The van will call at Greatford opposite the phone box on Mondays 8th August and 5th September from 12:00noon to 12:30pm.

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. The Union Flag was flown on 4th June to mark the Golden Wedding Anniversary of James and Bridget Everitt; and during the weekend of the Queen's Official Birthday celebrations.

We will remember them

In July, we marked the centenaries of the deaths on active service of six men honoured on First World War memorials in our parishes:

Second Lieutenant Joseph Anstee of the 2nd Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment died in the opening phase of the Battle of the Somme on 1st July 1916 (aged 26). A summary of his story appeared in June's Towers & Spires. He was remembered at a ceremony during the 10:30am service at West Deeping on Sunday 3rd July.

Private Fred Garner of the 1st/4th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment died on 2nd July 1916. Fred was born in Dunsby in 1893 – the second child of William and Annie Garner. By 1901 the family (now including five children) had moved to Stowe Road, Greatford and William was a *horse keeper on farm*. The 1911 census described both William and Fred as *waggoner on farm*, and a younger brother was a *yardboy on farm*. By the time the war started Fred was working in Waternewton as a horseman. Fred enlisted in the Lincolnshire Regiment in Stamford in May 1915 and served in the 1st/4th Battalion (a territorial, ie volunteer, unit). That Battalion had originally landed in France in March 1915 engaging in a number of actions which cost the lives of a small number of its men. But in October 1915 150 men of the Battalion died in a major action at the Hohenzollern Redoubt. Fred Garner joined the Battalion shortly afterwards among the replacements for the lost men. The Battalion was then posted briefly to Egypt but returned to France in early 1916. On the first day of the Battle of the Somme (1 July 1916) the Battalion took part in a diversionary attack on Gommecourt to the north of the main Somme assault. Fred Garner was evidently injured during that action, and evacuated to a casualty clearing station 10 miles behind the front line, but died there as a result of his wounds on 2nd July. He is buried at Warlington Halte British Cemetery adjacent the casualty clearing station. Fred died three days after his 23rd birthday; he is commemorated on the War Memorial in St Thomas Becket Church, Greatford and was remembered during the 9am service there on 10th July.

Private Harry Headland of the 6th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment died on 9th July 1916. Harry was born in Hoby (near Melton Mowbray) in 1887 to John and Ada Headland (the first of their six children), but by the 1890s the family had moved to Main Street, Greatford. By 1911 John and Ada and some of their children lived in Stamford Road, Barholm, while Harry was living at Aunby Lodge working as a *Horseman on Farm*. But by the start of the war Harry was working alongside his friend Fred Garner on the same farm at Waternewton. Harry then enlisted in the army in Bedford, and served initially in the 8th Battalion of the Bedfordshire Regiment. The Battalion embarked for France in August 1915 and Harry is recorded as landing in France on 30 August 1915, but the Battalion was not involved immediately in any major actions. By the spring of 1916 Harry had transferred to the 6th Battalion of the Bedfordshire Regiment which saw action around Arras in May and June. Then on 9/10 July 1916, the Battalion went into action in the on-going Battle of the Somme, resulting in the death of over 100 men of the Battalion. Harry was one of those killed on 9th July – the Stamford and Rutland News of 26 July 1916 reported that "Writing to Private Headland's sister, a comrade states that an explosive shell burst a few yards above his friend's head and, although he was wearing a steel helmet, two pieces of shrapnel penetrated his head with fatal results. He was buried the same evening and now lies in a soldier's grave." The location of that grave was lost in subsequent fighting, and like many of his comrades who fell at that time, Harry is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial – one of the 72192 British and Commonwealth soldiers who died in the Somme sector who have no known grave, (though his body may be in one of the many graves in the Somme area bearing the inscription *A soldier of the Great War known unto God*). Harry was 29 years old when he died; and having spent much of his life in Greatford is commemorated on the War Memorial in St Thomas Becket Church and was remembered during the 9am service there on 10th July.

Lance Corporal John William Tomblin of the 7th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment died on 12th July 1916. John was born in Barholm in 1893, the oldest child (of four) of Thomas and Elizabeth Tomblin. Thomas had married Elizabeth Ann Dance in late 1889. Thomas and Elizabeth started their married life in Southorpe and then moved to Barholm – Thomas worked on the land, as a labourer or nurseryman at various times. The 1911 census shows that John was living in Barholm with his parents and brother Francis; John was a domestic gardener; his father and brother

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We Will Remember them continued:

Francis were estate labourers. John enlisted in Grantham and served in the 7th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment which went to the Western Front in July 1915 (John arriving there on 31 July 1915) serving to the south of Ypres for the rest of 1915 and the early part of 1916. During this period John's younger brother, Francis, who had enlisted in the 8th Battalion of the Lincolnshire Regiment arrived in France on 10 September and then took part in Battle of Loos; the 8th Lincolnshires suffered very high casualties and Francis was recorded as killed in action – his body was never identified. In spring 1916, John was posted with the 7th Lincolnshires to France, where they took part in the Battle of Albert on the opening day of the Battle of the Somme; the 7th Lincolnshires helped capture Fricourt on 2nd & 3rd July, albeit at the immediate cost of the lives of 50 of its men. About a dozen more men died during the next fortnight at increasing distances from the front line as the wounded were evacuated through the casualty clearing system. John was brought back to a hospital in England, after one leg had been amputated in France, but he died of his wounds on 12 July. John was 23 years old when he died. His body was brought to Barholm and he was buried in the Churchyard there; and he is commemorated on the War Memorial in St Martin's Church, Barholm. He was remembered during the 9am service on 17th July.

Private William Robert ("Bob") Gray was born in Tallington in 1891, the sixth child of John and Harriet Gray. John was the publican of the Crooked Billet Inn on Bainton Road and later of the Tennyson's Arms. Bob worked first for Blackstones in Stamford, but by 1911 had left Tallington and by the start of the War was resident in Willesden, Middlesex, working in a garage. Bob enlisted in the army in Mill Hill in April 1915 and served in the 1st Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment. The Battalion had been among the first units of the British Expeditionary Force in France and took part in several of the major actions of the first year of the war (during which just over 100 men died in action), and then on 25th September 1915 another 148 men died in the carnage of the first day of the Battle of Loos. Bob's military record shows he joined the Battalion in France on 27th September. For the next nine months the Battalion was involved in a variety of minor actions on the Western Front in France. But on 15 July 1916 the Battalion was thrown into action in the Battle of Bazentin Ridge – part of the on-going Battle of the Somme. During the four day battle, British and allied forces succeeded in pushing back the German army; but casualty levels were high. Bob was reported as missing during that action. His body was never found and he is listed as one of the 96 men of 1st Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment killed in action on 15th July. Eighty one of these men, including Bob, have no known grave and are commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial. Bob was 24 years old when he died, and as a son of Tallington, he is commemorated on the war memorial in St Lawrence Church, Tallington, and was remembered during the evening service on 10 July.

Private George William Pickering of the 1st Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment died on 25th July 1916. George had been born in Barholm in spring 1890, the third child of John and Sarah Pickering; John and Sarah had married in the spring of 1886, and they appear to have spent the rest of their married lives in Barholm. John was a farmworker (and in the 1901 and 1911 censuses was described as *horsekeeper on farm*). George followed his father into farmwork and then enlisted in the Lincolnshire Regiment in Stamford, and served in the 1st Battalion of the Lincolnshire Regiment. The 1st Lincolnshires was part the original British Expeditionary Force that went to France at the start of the war, and George's medal card shows that he disembarked on 13 August 1914. His Battalion then took part in most of the major actions in the early months of the war including the battles of Mons, the Marne, Le Cateau, the Aisne, La Basse and Messines, and the First Battle of Ypres in the Autumn of 1914 and then the Winter Operations 1914-15 (during which time nearly 400 of its men died in battle). After a short break the Battalion took part in the second Battle of Ypres in spring 1915 and played a small part in the Battle of Loos in the autumn of 1915. The Battalion was then transferred to the newly formed Kitchener Third Army which had first seen action in the Battle of Loos when it lost huge numbers of men. With these new comrades the Battalion spent the spring of 1916 on the Western Front in France and then took part in the Battle of Albert in the opening stages of the Battle of the Somme; 77 of its men were killed in this action and a further 12 men died in the following few weeks, being buried increasing distances from the front line (following the usual pattern of the wounded being evacuated from the front line). George Pickering was among those who died during this period, and one of a handful who died of his wounds after being brought back to England. George was 26 years old when he died; he was buried in the churchyard in Barholm, and is commemorated on the War Memorial in St Martin's Church. He was remembered during the 9am service in Barholm on 17th July.

WILSTHORPE

The next Service at St Faith's is Holy Communion at 10.30am on Sunday 7th August 2016. Please do come along and join us, where you will be made most welcome.

Sunday 26th June saw the leaving service for Rev Mark Thomson very well attended with a full St Faith's Church. It was certainly sad to see he and his family leave our community but all wished them well in their new parish of St Botolph's Quarrington, Sleaford and I am sure from time to time he will have visitors from the Uffington Group. He has certainly been an inspiration to our Group during his time with us.

On Thursday 30th June – Diana and Peter Holden kindly opened their beautiful garden in Wilsthorpe in aid of Age UK and the Wilsthorpe Steeple Appeal. Not only did visitors wander around the beautiful garden to admire a striking array of plants and water features, they also enjoyed plenty of Pimms and snacks! There was also tombola and plant stalls and the event raised approximately £300 which was split equally between the two worthy causes. Thank you Diana and Peter.

Saturday 9th July Coffee Morning – What a lovely way to spend a wet Saturday morning, enjoying delicious homemade cakes, coffee and tea and raising much needed funds for the Steeple Appeal. The plants, bric a brac, tombola, raffle and cake stall where well supported and we would like to thank everyone who donated items or helped in any way to make it a really enjoyable occasion. An extra thank you to all those who braced the torrential rain to attend!

The Steeple Appeal is progressing, more funds are needed for the work which will entail erecting scaffolding, replacing and repairing missing slates, pointing masonry and other remedial works while the scaffolding is in place. If anybody would like to make a donation or arrange a fund raising event please don't hesitate to contact Peter at Wilsthorpe Cottage or Susan at Corner Cottage.

Sunday 16th October at 6pm St Faith's Harvest Festival – more details to follow.

Paperback books for sale! This is proving very popular with villagers and visitors alike. There are lots of books for sale in St Faith's Church, 50p each or 3 for a £1 – a bargain! The selection is frequently refreshed.

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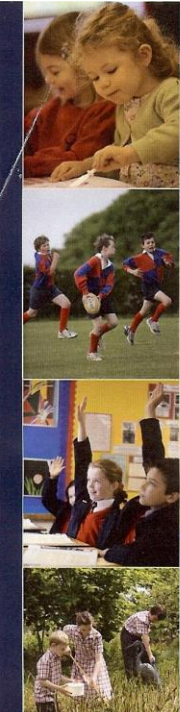
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Members & residents met at St Faith's Church, Wilsthorpe for the July Parish Council Meeting.

Highways were again an issue, potholes, roadside breakup, damaged verges, fly-tipping, lack of cutting of verges & Wilsthorpe being used as a rat run during the work at Kate's Bridge.

The clerk informed the meeting that the previous years' accounts details had been placed on the website and that she had received six months grant towards payment of the community cleaner. The council gave a grant of £280.00 to each church in the parish to help with the maintenance of the churchyards.

It was agreed that the clerk would try to obtain a grant towards a new computer.

Planning application for a variation of C3 & C4 of planning permission S11/2619 to allow additional user of airstrip to fly a plane had been approved by SKDC.

It was noted that any alteration of street lights to be switched off after midnight would take place between September to November.

A complaint had been received about difficult access across a cross county footpath and rubbish which had been dumped on a second.

C.Cllr Martin Trollope-Bellew reported on the next stage of Greater Lincolnshire bid for Devolution. If residents wish to have a say, please complete the survey which is on page 13 of County News or online at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/greaterlincs by 8th August.

Martin also informed the meeting that the Chairman's Civic Service would take place at Uffington Parish Church, the first time it had been outside Lincoln.

The date for the next meeting 5th September at St Faith's Church at 7.30pm.

All welcome.

For more information on the Parish Council please go to
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Rosemary Woolley, Clerk to the Council

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I would like to give a large vote of thanks to all who helped me raise money towards the purchase of this equipment, let's hope that it is never used.
Rosemary

St. Martin's. Thank you to everyone who contributed and came to our gift day on 9th July. We are truly grateful to all our friends whose gifts help your village church to keep open and well maintained as a place of worship and historical interest. You will have heard the church clock striking and now keeping very accurate time. It has been refurbished by Smiths of Derby, the firm who installed it one hundred years ago. The clock was given in memory of Charles Cyril Staplee by his mother. He died in the Great War on July 31st 1917 and so it is very timely that the clock is now restored.

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The Trustees want to help ensure that the young people of Uffington get as much as possible from their higher education and have therefore decided to again run a Bursary Scheme for young people under the age of 23 embarking on higher education for the first time.

The Bursaries will be discretionary one-off payments and are intended to help cover some of the initial costs of further education such as textbooks, equipment and deposits on accommodation. The size of these awards will depend on the number of successful applicants and the merits of the individual cases, but will not be less than £100.

Applications are invited from people under the age of 23 who are entering higher education for the first time in 2016.

To be eligible you must either be resident in the Parish of Uffington, or must have attended Uffington C of E Controlled Primary School. If you want to apply please write to:- The Trustees of the Somes Trust, The Homestead, Greatford Road, Uffington.

In your application please state which course you will be doing, which educational establishment you will be attending and what date you start. Please also say if your course is full or part time and whether or not you will be living away from home. The Trustees will need to have details of why the money is needed and what you intend to spend it on.

Applications must be received before October 1st 2016. Successful candidates will be notified before 1st November 2016.

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St Andrews Church. The next All Age Service will be on Sunday 21st August starting at 10.30am. The theme for this service will be 'The Olympics' including a children's activity with a difference! So please do come along - it won't be the same without you!! If you have any ideas or requests, or would like a special prayer or hymn please tell Allen 01778 344208 or Ian 01778 380014.

Coffee Morning. Saturday 20th August. 10.30am-12noon WDVH. Call in for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. Donations for St. Andrew's Church. Raffle, cake/produce stall. All are welcome.

Bible Studies. After a summer break these start again on Tuesday September 6th. Contact: Allen Calvert 01778 344208.

West Deeping Walkers. Sundays. 14th August is led by Gill (01778 345589), 28th August by Iain and Jean (01778 346779). Meet outside the Village Hall, 2pm. Contact Annie: 01778 346805, snewbigging@talktalk.net

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

Rambling Readers. Friday 26th August 7.45pm in the Village Hall. If you are interested in reading a new book each month supplied by Lincolnshire Libraries please touch base with Elizabeth at 01778 344674. Or just come along for a taster session.

Parish Council. Peterborough City Council has advised that the King Street Lolham Order 2016 became legally enforceable from July 4th 2016. This closes King Street south of the Lolham crossing to northbound traffic and introduces a 40mph speed limit from its junction with High St., Maxey to the B1443.

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Step Clog. Fortnightly on Mondays 8.00-9.30pm, for beginners of any age as well as more experienced people. Hard-soled shoes are required, not trainers, to hear the patterns of the steps. Call Laura 01733 267129, leave your name and contact number and she will get in touch with you or email lozwharton122@sky.com

Zumba. Tuesdays 7.30-8.30pm. Russell Leigh, 0780 5350389, russleigh22@yahoo.com.uk Please contact the organizers for details.

Parish Council. The present Clerk to the Council, David James, will be retiring in the next few months and we would like to appoint a replacement from within the West Deeping community. If you would like to contribute to your communities affairs why dont you have a word with David James (Tel; 380197), the previous Clerk, Joy de Toney (Tel; 343263) or the current Chairman, Iain Stowe (Tel; 346779) to find out whats involved. The role is paid and part time.

BRACEBOROUGH

Sunday 7th August at 9am St Margaret's Church - Holy Communion service. Please come along and help build on the recent progress made with our increased attendances and involvement with St.Margaret's and the village community. You will be made very welcome.

Welcome to our new residents. A warm welcome to the new families who have recently moved into the village. St Margaret's Church, the Village Hall Committee and our village community welcome you and hope you will feel able to join us in some of our forthcoming events, and quickly integrate into your chosen elements of village life.

Fundraising. Many thanks to all who supported the raffle with prizes & ticket purchases held on 16 May at Shortfest. We raised a further £121 for church funds. Special thanks to Jason & Sarah for their generous support.

Date for the Diary. Friday 14 October. 6.30pm Harvest Thanksgiving Service in St.Margaret's Church, followed by Harvest Supper in the Village Hall. Details to follow.

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.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Weddings

24 th June	Uffington	Rory Edward Turner & Katie-Jayne Grigg
2 nd July	Uffington	Simon John Richard Scholes & Morwenna Lewis
9 th July	West Deeping	Matthew Richard Hubbard & Claire Elise Pearce

READINGS FOR AUGUST

Usually, the readings for communion services are the NT and Gospel, and for Morning or Evening Prayer the Psalm, OT and NT.

	Psalm	OT	NT	Gospel
7th August Trinity 11 <i>Proper 14</i>	33:12-end	Genesis 15:1-6	Hebrews 11:1-3, and 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
14th August Trinity 12 <i>Proper 15</i>	82	Jeeremiah 23:23-29	Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2	Luke 12:49-56
21st August Trinity 13 <i>Proper 16</i>	103:1-8	Isaiah 58:9 <i>b</i> -14	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
28th August Trinity 14 <i>Proper 17</i>	112	Proverbs 25:6-7	Hebrews 13:1-8 and 15-16	Luke 14:1 and 7-14
4th September Trinity 15 <i>Proper 18</i>	1	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33

The colour in church this month is green - ordinary time. The 'proper' number is for those picking hymns - some hymn books list suggestions by these numbers. You also need to know the proper if you are reading from a printed up Sunday lectionary.

**CHURCH SERVICES AND DIARY DATES
FOR AUGUST 2016 VOLUME 31 NUMBER 5**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	1 st	2 nd
7 th	8 th	9 th
Trinity 11 9am Braceborough HC 10.30am Uffington HC 10.30am WDeeping MP 10.30am Wilsthorpe HC 6pm Barholm ES		
14 th	15 th	16 th
Trinity 12 9am Greatford HC 10.30am Uffington MP 10.30am WDeeping HC 2pm WD Walkers 6pm Tallington EP		
21 st	22 nd	23 rd
Trinity 13 9am Barholm HC 10.30am Uffington HC NO Sunday Club 10.30am WDeeping All Age Worship		
28 th	29 th	30 th
Trinity 14 9am Greatford All Age Worship 10.30am Tallington HC 10.30am Uffington All Age Worship 10.30am WDeeping HC 2pm WD Walkers		

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
2pm WDVH Bowls 7pm UffVH WI - Phillipa Massey - What's in a Name? (Stamford street names explained) Competition: Stamford – an unusual view	8pm WDVH Bowls		
10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th
2pm WDVH Bowls	8pm WDVH Bowls		
17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th
2pm WDVH Bowls	8pm WDVH Bowls		10.30am WDVH Coffee Morning
24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th
2pm WDVH Bowls	8pm WDVH Bowls	7.45pm WDVH Rambling Readers	
31 st			