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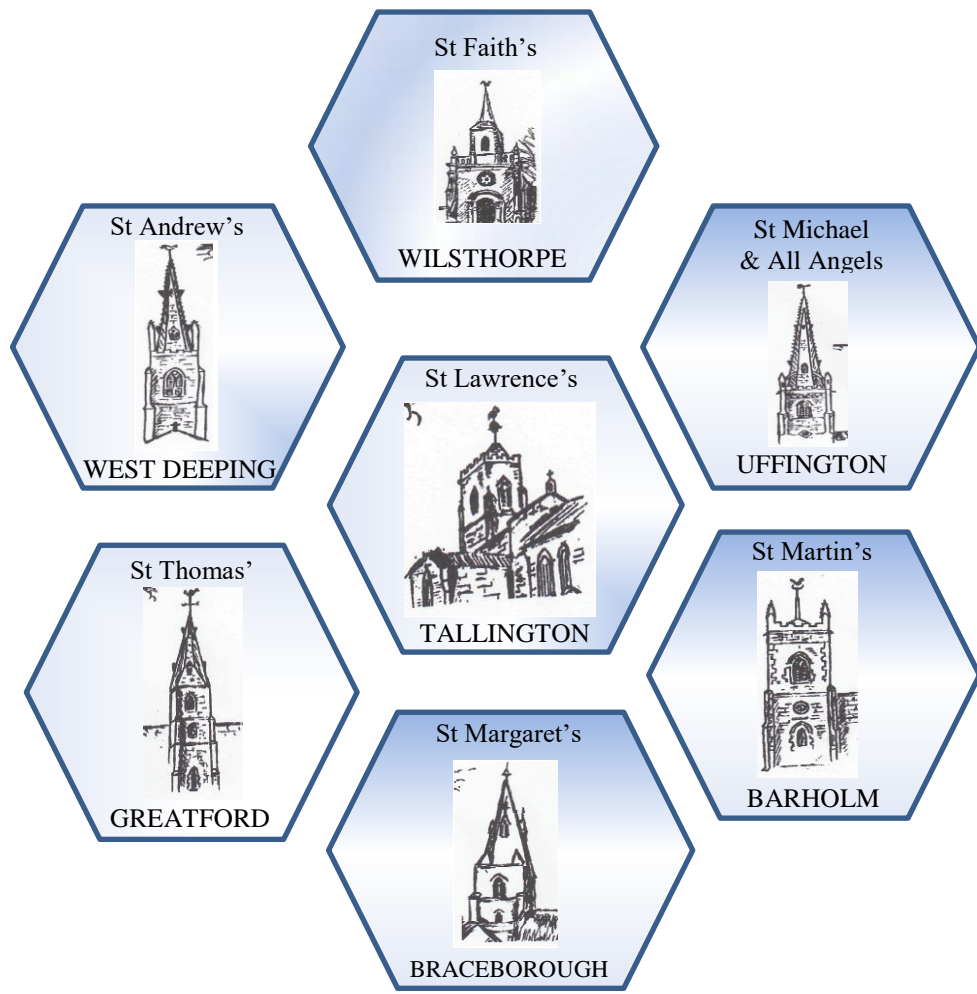
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*Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not using it in a fruit salad;
Gardens gardened by gardeners are full of idiosyncrasies, imperfectly designed and often
odd but they're loved and comfortable like a pair of old slippers;
Lose yourself by weeding;
Deadheading is a mark of love – detectable as soon as you walk into a garden;
A happy Hosta tends not to be damaged by slugs or snails;
Nothing fills the wheelbarrow like Hellebore leaves cut off in November;
No such thing as bad weather, just unsuitable clothing;
Why not try to grow something you can't pronounce;
Landscaped vegetable gardens – the dilemma: which lettuce to pick?
Never trust photographs;
Cares melt when you kneel in the garden.*

Good wishes for a Happy Christmas and a flower-filled 2017!

Donna Radley & Tim Barfield

UFFINGTON WALK & TALK 2017 PROGRAMME - ALL WELCOME

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Friday 6th Jan - Hambleton Peninsula (3.75 miles) - Park in Hambleton on the Main Road near the church
Friday 3rd Feb - Exton and Fort Henry (4.5 miles) - Park in Exton on Stamford Road/Top Street (just before the green triangle)
Friday 3rd March - Ferry Meadows (4 miles) - Park near Milton Ferry Bridge.
Friday 7th April - Ufford Oaks (5.25 miles) - Park in Barnack near the church.
Friday 5th May - Belsize Wood (6.5 miles) - Park in Bretton Centre Car Park (TBC)
Friday 2nd June - Easton Hillside (6+ miles) - Park in the main car park in Burghley near the House.
Friday 7th July - Old Sulehay (5.5 miles) - Park in Wansford near the Paper Mills pub.
Friday 4th August - Maxham's Green Road (5.75 miles) - Park in Helpston, near the Bluebell pub
Friday 1st September - Long Walk (6.5 miles) - Meet in Greatford at the junction of Main Street and Stowe/Greatford Road.
Friday 6th October - Toleshorpe (5 miles) - Park in Ryhall near the Wicked Witch.
Friday 3rd Nov - Pit Lane (4 miles) - Park at the top of Pit Lane near the Scout Hut.
Friday 1st Dec - Burghley Round - Meet at the junction of School Lane and Casewick Lane.

The Rectory, Uffington

Merry Christmas!

The year has vanished yet again, and Christmas is well and truly on the horizon – I've even got a head start on the Christmas presents this year, for once. Here in the group we've got lots of Christmas services and events planned for all age groups, choir practices have started, and life this month is looking very busy for us all.

The first special services this season are the **Christingles**, at Uffington and Greatford (for days and times of these and all the December services, see the centre pages). If you've ever been to a Christingle, you'll know that it's a lovely service, especially for children (of all ages...). It's also a very important service for the Children's Society, as it supports their work both in prayer during the service, and by raising funds - if you'd like a money box to save some coins to bring to one of the services (or even to start saving now, and bring at Christmas), please ask me, and there are Gift Aid envelopes available too.

There are also lots of chances to sing **Christmas carols** this year, as ever. The group carol service is in Uffington as usual, and the Teesdales have kindly offered to host the choir practices at Copthill School again, on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 - it's not too late to join in. There will also be evening carol services at Tallington, Greatford and Braceborough, an afternoon service at Wilsthorpe, and, of course, carols at all the **Christmas services** themselves, with midnight masses this year at Barholm and West Deeping, and a service at each of the other churches on Christmas morning. Somewhere there should be a service with a day and a time to suit you.

There's so much to do getting ready for Christmas - I hope you don't all exhaust yourselves. And remember, as you're rushing round - the churches are there every day to provide you with a moment of peace. Why not drop in - with your shopping, as you come home from work, or on your way to collect the kids - for a few minutes peace, and a reminder that at the heart of all the activity is a quiet moment - the joy at the birth of a baby, and God's message of peace and goodwill to all people.

Hope to see you and celebrate with you during the Christmas season.

Carolyn Kennedy.

UFFINGTON

Church Flowers
Dec 4th/11th – Advent
Dec 18th – Copthill School
Dec 25th – Christmas Day

UFFINGTON WI. Sharp eyes and nimble fingers were required at Uffington WI's November meeting, when members tried their hand at making beaded Christmas cards under the direction of demonstrator Katie Brown. The meeting was opened by the President, Gillian Johns. Venues were discussed for the branch's annual birthday meal in March and a vote on them was taken, with the two most popular going forward for further investigation. As there is no January meeting, an outing to a fish and chip restaurant at Deeping is being arranged. Secretary Pauline Earley reported that the Lincolnshire South Federation of WIs has a portable gazebo to hire for outside events, which has been secured for the WI cake stall at the village's annual Scarecrow Festival next year. The Uffington village sign on the main road near the Bertie Arms, given by the WI in 1990, is in need of repair due to weather damage. The woodcarver, Glyn Mould, has been approached to assess the cost of the work. Members have the opportunity to go on a coach trip to Leicester in March, arranged by Lincs South, visiting the city's Sikh temple and the tomb of King Richard III. A competition for a hand-made gift tag was won by 1 Penny Seymour, 2 Anita Hassall and 3 Alison Dodsworth. December's meeting will take the form of An Old-Fashioned Christmas, with music, games and the usual Christmas bran tub.

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

Date	Event	Sponsor(s)
4 th November	Funeral of Marjorie Barrett	All the family
11 th November	Armistice Day	PCC
13 th November	Remembrance Sunday	PCC
19 th November	Pat Dodsworth's birthday	Alison Dodsworth

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)

Uffington Walk and Talk. Walks take place on the first Friday of every month. Everyone welcome. For a full list of the walks planned for 2017, and details of meeting places and times, please contact either Janet Warburton (01778 560620) or Sheila Archer (01780 763825)



**Friday 9th December, in the Casewick Chapel,
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Baptism

23rd October Uffington Seren Angelie Twinley

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18th October Wilsthorpe Brian James Mason (86)
24th October Greatford Jack Mason (aged 84), (funeral at Marholm)
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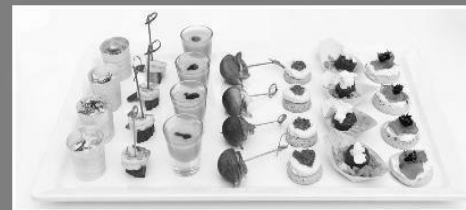


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Holy Communion service on Sunday 4 December at 9am St.Margaret's Church. Please come along and help continue the recent progress made with our increased attendances and involvement with St. Margaret's and the village community. You will be made very welcome.

Saturday 24 December – Christmas Eve Carol Service. 6pm Church service. Mulled wine and nibbles in the village hall afterwards. Preparation for this lovely service is now underway and, this year, it will be led by the Revd. Mark Goodman who is chaplain at the Stamford Endowed Schools. We are also very fortunate to have Robert Scott playing the organ. Thank you to both Mark and Robert for giving their time to be with us on this special occasion. It is not too late to get in touch with Malcolm on 561153 if you are willing to consider taking a reading, sing and/or play an appropriate seasonal carol or piece of music. Young and budding musicians and readers are particularly welcome to take part. Please call!

Sunday 25 December – Christmas Day Holy Communion at 9am. Leave the opening of a few presents and come along to join us on this happy morning!

Village Charity Collection in lieu of sending local Christmas Cards. This year's nominated charity for those choosing to make a donation instead of sending local Christmas Cards is the Alzheimer's Society. Collection boxes are being held by both Jennifer G. and Sue K. should you wish to contribute. 2016 was the inaugural year for this initiative and raised a considerable sum for the chosen charity.

Saturday 4 March 2017 – Smorgasballad Concert – with Vicki Swan & Jonny Dyer. 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 (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.

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Church Services: The services – which everyone is most welcome to attend – are:
11th December: Holy Communion at 9am; and at 3pm Christingle Service – this is the only non-school Christingle service in the group and all children are invited to attend.
24th December: Carols and Readings at 6pm;
25th December: Holy Communion at 10am (please note the later time).

Christmas Coffee Morning: Rod and Scilla Campbell are kindly holding a coffee morning in their home at The Old Forge, Main Street on Wednesday December 7th at 10am, and everyone is welcome. There will be stalls for cakes, bricabrac, books, raffle and other stalls in aid of Church Funds.

Carlby & District WI: The members' meeting at Braceborough on Tuesday 8th November was enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be the Christmas party for members on Tuesday 13th December at 7.30pm in Carlby Village Hall. There is no meeting in January. New Members and visitors are always welcome. For further information please telephone 01778 392838.

Mobile Library: There will be no visit in December, the van will next call at Greatford opposite the phone box on Monday 23rd January from 12noon 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. The Union Flag was flown at half mast on 24th October – the day of Jack Mason's funeral – to honour a true man of Greatford (born & bred), *mole catcher extraordinaire*, and friend of all who knew him: Greatford won't seem the same without him.

Sunny Mason and family would like to thank all those who attended Jack's funeral and for the many cards and flowers. Special thanks to Martin for a wonderful service and to Steve Rigby for the excellent buffet, also to those who helped with the catering and one lady in particular - you know who you are. Again, thank you all.

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BRACEBOROUGH & WILSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

At the November meeting the following was discussed:- LCC draft consultation of minerals & waste plan, BT Kiosk consultation, highways and precept for 2017/18.

C.Cllr Martin Trollope-Bellew reported that the gritting season had commenced and that the majority of councillors voted against devolution for Greater Lincolnshire because of the cost of electing a mayor but not against the ten authorities working closure together.

The date for the next parish council meeting 12th December 2016 at Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Village Hall at 7.30pm where residents can share with councillors mulled wine and mince pies. There will be a public forum before the commencement of the meeting where residents are able to discuss concerns and problems which councillors may be able to assist.

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

UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Report from Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 9th November, 2016 at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall.

This is a shortened version of the Minutes due to limited space available in T & S a full version will be on the Uffington Web site.

Play Area – Cllr. Brown is getting quotes from various grass cutter and will report back at next meeting.

Newstead Corner – LCC have replied that this corner has been identified to be included in their work schedule.

Pot holes etc- Cllr. P. Genever wrote to LCC Highways higher management regarding the appalling state of the roads. As yet no reply.

River Bridge – The bad state of our Listed Ancient Monument River has been reported to LCC & Historic England but EH stated that they only exist and an advisory body, it was up to LCC Highways to do any remedial work.

Phone box Bertie Lay By - This box is due to be removed because of little use and BT have informed us that to we could adopt it for an alternative use. This was agreed and the Clerk to contact BT stating this.

Planning – Various Planning Application were discussed the decisions will be on the Web site.

The Parish Council gave permission for the WI to clean the Village Sign as this belongs to the PC.

C.Cllr. Trollope-Bellew's report will be put on the web site.

Next PC Meeting - Wednesday, 21st December, 2016 at 8pm.

CASEWICK & DOLE WOOD WARDS

Dear Residents,

SKDC voted on 24th October and it was agreed on the 7th November by the Leader of SK and the Executive that the district would not sign up to the devolution for Greater Lincolnshire. The main sticking point was another layer of government, cost of elections and running of another office and all that in-tales. Councillors felt that they did not have all the information from government before they were expected to sign. Members were not against the ten authorities working together but felt that for this large, mainly rural county, there was a better way of working, a Mayor was best suited to large urban cities such as Manchester & London.

The District Council is still looking for members of community & voluntary groups, parish councils, and charities who are looking for help to fund a project. If you would like to find out more about how to apply please go to the SKDC website 'Community Fund' by Lincolnshire Community Voluntary Service (LCVS) or email skcommunitygrants@lincolnshirecvs.org.uk telephone 01476 920888. Two other funding possibilities:- Grants for War Memorials on www.warmemorials.org/grants/ and National Churches Trust 2017 repair grants programme on www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants/repair-grants/

After the success of Gravity Fields in Grantham, The Georgian Festival at Stamford, SKDC plans to support a Deepings Literary Festival which will take place between 28th April and 1st May 2017.

Finally we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy 2017.

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

WELLAND MOTHERS' UNION

December meeting date tba

Carol singing at Tallington Care Home,

More information from

Elizabeth 01778 344674 or Anne 01780 740151

WILSTHORPE

The next Service at St Faith's is Holy Communion at 10.30am on Sunday 4th December 2016. Please do come along and join us, where you will be made most welcome.

The Steeple Appeal. With grateful thanks to the donations received at the Memorial Service for Mark Mansbridge, fund raisers and grants received, work started during the first week of November on the church steeple and at the time of submitting the write up, is progressing well. The ladders have been erected and missing slates replaced, other repair works will be carried out, including pointing the masonry balustrade and other remedial works while the ladders are in place. Any donations would still be gratefully appreciated to help preserve the fabric of St Faith's or if anybody would like to arrange a fund raising event please don't hesitate to contact Peter [Church Warden] at Wilsthorpe Cottage or Susan [Treasurer] at Corner Cottage, Wilsthorpe.

Thursday 22nd December 2pm onwards – We will be cleaning and decorating the church for Christmas, any help would be greatly appreciated, especially any children who would like to help decorate the Christmas tree!

Carol Service – Christmas Eve The Candle lit Carol Service and Dressing of the Crib will be at **3pm**, followed by mulled wine and mince pies, coffee and soft drinks. Everybody is most welcome. Last years' service, which was so well attended and was made even more special because of the participation of the children. A lovely way to start Christmas!

Christmas Morning - Holy Communion Service will be at 10.30am

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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TALLINGTON

Church Flowers

4th/11th December - Advent

18th December - Advent

25th December – Mrs R Thurlby

St Lawrence's Church: The PCC would like to thank all those who have looked after the Church this year in all their many ways.

200 Club Winners in October: No 55 Eileen Jackson £20; No 13 Michael Knox £10..

Social Evening: There will be two social events in December. Our annual Christmas Party and Draw will be held on Friday 16th December from 7 pm and a Children's Party on Saturday 17th December with a magician starting at 5 pm.

Tallington Post Office in Tallington Village Hall serving the villages of Uffington, Barholm, Greatford, Braceborough and Tallington between 2.00 and 4.00 pm each Tuesday afternoon. A small friendly office with a warm welcome, offering most of the services of a larger office without queues! Services offered include:

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We really need your support to maintain the service in Tallington for the future!!

Mobile Library Service: There will be no service in December but the Mobile Library will be back in January on Monday 23rd January 2017 in Church Lane between 11.15 and 11.45 am. My apologies for my error in the November Towers and Spires.

Parish Council: The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall on Tuesday 10th January 2017. All residents are welcome at these meetings.

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READINGS FOR DECEMBER

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
4th December Advent 2 Year A	72:1-7	Isaiah 11:1-10	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12
11th December Advent 3	146:4- end	Isaiah 35	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11
18th December Advent 4	80:1-8	Isaiah 7:10-16	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-end
24th December Christmas Eve			Hebrews 1:1-4	John 1:1-14
25th December Christmas Day			Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-20
1st January Naming and Circumcision of Jesus	8	Numbers 6:22-27	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:15-21

Colours in church: purple/blue for Advent, then white/gold for Christmas and Epiphany - but no flowers during Advent, of course.

Year A began on the 1st Sunday of Advent, so if you read from a printed up lectionary, it's back to the beginning of the book.

NOTE TO ALL READERS & SUBSCRIBERS

Hopefully you will recall my entry last month re the possibility of having to reduce the size of the Towers & Spires. Thankfully, we have been able to forestall any change for the next few months. However, in the long term we may have to revisit the subject if there are further rises in printing costs of a drop-off in the level of our advertising income when we ask businesses to renew in April 2017. We will do what we can to try and keep things as they are and we are now aware that others in our midst are considering additional means to assist our ongoing finance and we are always ready to accept donations to help us keep our head above water. In the meantime, we ask all Village subscribers to please try and keep their monthly input to a single page of A5. **Pete Hickman**

WEST DEEPING

St Andrews Church. The next All Age Service will be the 'Crib & Carols Service' on Sunday 18th December starting at 10.30am. Andy & Jules have kindly offered to lead the singing of some favourite carols. Please come and join us - refreshments will be served after the Service. If you would like any further details please contact Colin on 01778 348709.

Concert Saturday 3rd December 7.30pm St Andrews Church West Deeping The Noteables present *Christmas is Coming*, seasonal songs, with a special performance of Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on Christmas Carols, Tickets: £8 for adults and £1 for children up to the age of 16 are available at the door or in advance from members of the choir or Allan Crowson on 01778 345393

Bible Studies. Tuesdays 6th, 20th December, 4th January. 2.45 for 3pm at Cromwell House. Contacts: Ian or Susanna Aldred on 01778 380014.

West Deeping Walkers. Sunday 4th December - led by Annie. Sunday 18th December - led by Gill. Meet outside the Village Hall, 1.45pm. Contact Annie: 01778 346805, snewbigging@talktalk.net

Christmas Concert Sunday 11th December 4pm West Deeping Village Hall. This is a traditional WD event so do support it. Children and adults are invited to participate. Contact Melanie 01778 380197.

Coffee Morning. Saturday 17th December. 10.30am-12noon WDVH for St Andrew's Church. Call in for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. Raffle, cake/produce stall. All are welcome.

Children's Christmas Party. Saturday 17th December 2.30pm. Village Hall. Fun, entertainment and tea. Friends, grandchildren and parents welcome. Hope you can come! Phone Elizabeth for info 01778 344674

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 30th December 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.

Continued Elsewhere:

We will remember them

West Deeping Continued:

A Halloween Party was held On October 31st in West Deeping Village Hall. There was an array of games for the children, for instance a treasure hunt to find pumpkins and skeletons, mummifying then mums and Chinese whispers. We thoroughly enjoyed them all. Food was also provided in all sorts of different spooky shapes and colours. After all the fun we got into groups with an adult and set off to go trick or treating. Villagers who were happy for us to call left lit pumpkins outside their houses. We all filled our bags with lots of sweets and chocolates, we are still eating ours! The whole experience was really fun and we really enjoyed ourselves. Thank you everyone who helped to organise the event and those who welcomed us to their homes. Eliza and Phoebe Bowman

Village Hall Coffee Morning. 5 November. Thank you to all those who attended: £124 were raised for the Village Hall funds.

The Quiz Night on 12 November made £222.16 for the Jubilee Fund! A fabulous result after a great evening.

The Travelling Crib is now making its way through the village. With the recent sad loss of Alice Jones who was our life long sheep knitter, we are searching for willing volunteers to create the new flock for next year. Any keen knitters please contact Ruth Bowman 07772388981

Date for your Diary. Midsummer Muck and Magic. From 17 - 25 June, West Deeping will celebrate open gardens, host magical evening events, hold a gala, produce show and a party on the village field. More information from Graham Magee on 07775900251 or graham.magee@me.com to find out details about our plans and how you can be involved.

Classes in West Deeping Village Hall are:

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.

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

Lance Corporal George William Bennett of the South Staffordshire Regiment died on 16th December 1916.

George William Bennett was born in 1891 in Brandon, Suffolk, the third of George and Mary Bennett's ten children. George & Mary had married in 1888 and set up home in Brandon, Suffolk (where they had both been born); George was a farm worker. Around 1897 the family moved to the Swaffam area of Norfolk, and then via the Wisbech area to Burley on the Hill (by 1911) and subsequently to Barholm.

George William married Lavinia Sewell in spring 1914 in the Oakham Registration District, and they had a child (Jackie M Bennett) in early 1915 in the Oakham District. Lavinia remained in Oakham after WW1 (she was still at 21 South Street Oakham in autumn 1939) and she died in spring 1974 in Rutland.

Military Records show that George enlisted in the army in Oakham and served in the 7th Battalion, South Staffordshire Regiment, which had become part of the 11th (Northern) Division of the British Army. This had been established in August 1914 at Lichfield and then moved to Grantham, and in due course sailed from Liverpool for Gallipoli where it suffered huge losses in summer and autumn 1915. The Battalion was evacuated to Egypt, where it spent the early months of 1916. It then moved to France and took part in the later phases of the Battle of the Somme, engaging in several successful operations in autumn 1916. Although the onset of winter reduced the intensity of fighting, skirmishing continued, and George was evidently wounded in early December, but despite medical attention at a casualty clearing station about 15 miles behind the front line, he died of his wounds on 16th December 1916, and is buried in Contay British Cemetery, which adjoined the casualty clearing station.

George was 25 years old when he died, and because of his connections with Barholm is named on the parish war memorial in St Martin's Church.

George William Bennett will be remembered during the 9am service in Barholm on 18th December.

**CHURCH SERVICES AND DIARY DATES
FOR DECEMBER 2016 VOLUME 31 NUMBER 9**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
4th	5th	6th
Advent 2 9am Braceborough HC 10.30am Uffington HC 10.30am WDeeping MP 10.30am Wilsthorpe HC 1.45pm WD Walkers 6pm Barholm ES		2pm Uffington Christingle 3pm WD Bible Study
11th	12th	13th
Advent 3 9am Greatford HC 10.30am Uffington Crib Service 10.30am WDeeping HC 3pm Greatford Christingle 4pm WDVH Christmas Concert 6pm Tallington Carol Service		UffVH Over 60s Xmas Lunch 3pm WD Bible Study
18th	19th	20th
Advent 4 9am Barholm HC 10.30am Uffington HC 10.30am WDeeping AAW Crib Service 1.45pm WD Walkers 6pm Uffington – Group Carol Service		3pm WD Bible Study
25th	26th	27th
Christmas Day 9am Braceborough HC 10am Greatford HC 10.30am Tallington HC 10.30am Uffington HC 10.30am Wilsthorpe HC		3pm WD Bible Study
Jan 1st 2017		
Naming & Circumcision of Christ 9am Braceborough HC 10.30am Uffington HC 10.30am WDeeping MP 10.30am Wilsthorpe HC 6pm Barholm ES		

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1st	2nd	3rd
	8pm WDVH Bowls	10am Uffington Walk & Talk	7.30pm St Andrew's Church Concert
7th	8th	9th	10th
2pm WDVH Bowls 7.30pm UffVH WI - An Old Fashioned Christmas Competition: Favourite Christmas tree ornament	8pm WDVH Bowls	8.30am-5pm Uffington Craft Fair in Casewick Chapel UffVH Xmas Dinner	
14th	15th	16th	17th
2pm WDVH Bowls	8pm WDVH Bowls	7pm TallVH Xmas Party	WDVH Coffee Morning for St Andrew's Church funds. 2.30pm WDVH Childrens Xmas Party 5pm TallVH Childrens Xmas Party
21st	22nd	23rd	24th
			Christmas Eve 3pm Wilsthorpe Crib Service 6pm Braceborough Carol Ser 6pm Greatford Carol Service 11.30pm WDeeping HC 11.30pm Barholm HC
28th	29th	30th	31st
		7.45pm WDVH Rambling Readers	