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THE BISHOPS LETTER

Every now and again, for those of us who use 'Facebook', in addition to finding out what our 'friends' are getting up to, an article gets 'posted' that stops and makes you think. Such was the following 'A well-known atheist visited three churches in one day ... this is what he made of it' was the 'post'. I opened and read on, and was pleasantly surprised.

The 'atheist' in question was a man called Sanderson Jones, a former stand-up comedian who leads the 'Sunday Assembly', sometimes known as the 'atheist church', whose motto is 'live better, help often, wonder more' – not a million miles away it would seem to me from what we mean with our own 'confident discipleship, joyful service, faithful worship'.

In all three churches, he was impressed by the welcome he received, something he said churches should rejoice in doing well.

In the first of three, in addition to the sheer physicality and experience of communion, 'the idea that the divine is in your mouth' – his words, it was the attitude of inclusion, of being drawn in, of 'finding those moments of making sure that people feel included' that spoke most of all.

In the second it was the attention to detail in the worship, the use of modern creative arts, of the clear giving of the best that they had, that spoke of the worth that Church clearly gave to the one that it worshipped.

In the third it was the openness to a 'mystical' experience, an expectation of encounter with a God who was there, the experience of being prayed for intimately by name, the space provided for 'the reflective side of life' something he believes to be undervalued by our world at this time.

A positive experience from the churches he visited, from a man with no faith, but wanting purpose and meaning for life. It begs the question, what would he find if he visited us?

The Rt Revd Dr David Court
Bishop of Grimsby

A few weeks ago, as I was approaching the end of my three years of curacy at Market Deeping and Deeping St James, I was beginning to think about where God would take me in the next stage of my ministry. Then I received a call from Archdeacon Justine who asked me if I would consider assisting Revd. Carolyn, for about a year, with a number of the churches in the Uffington Group. After some discussion with the Archdeacon, and after a time of prayer, I felt that I was being called to come and serve within the Uffington Group.

At first I thought that it would be a new experience for me to come and work in a multi-parish context but as I thought about it I realised that I had already been serving across two churches during my curacy. And then I remembered that my first experiences of leading worship, preaching etc. were in a multi parish benefice in Peterborough Diocese. When I was studying at Ridley Hall in Cambridge I was placed in the Oakham group of churches in rural Rutland for two years. So on a Sunday it was not unusual for me to assist one of the priests with services at two or even three small village churches. In fact my very first sermon was delivered three times to three different congregations, one at 8am, one at 9am and finally at the main 11am service in Oakham Parish Church. As I drove from the first church towards the second the vicar, whom I was assisting that day, advised me to try to soften my Scottish accent and to slow down my speech. I delivered the second sermon and as we drove to the next church she told me to slow my speech down even more. At the end of the third service, the vicar said to me that I had got it just about right. "I think they might have understood you!" she said.

You will have gathered from that story that I am Scottish. And you should know that I don't come from the Episcopal Church. In fact, I have quite a varied church background. I was born and brought up in the town of Irvine where my father was a minister in the Church of Scotland. So for the first 30 years of my life I was a Presbyterian. I then moved to Birmingham for work and became a member of a United Reformed Church there, which had links to the Iona Community. I met my wife Jo-Anne in Birmingham and we then moved to Bedford where we joined the Methodist church and worshipped there for three years before moving to Stamford where we joined St George's Church. Occasionally we would also worship at a Baptist Church in London when we went down there to visit Jo-Anne's mother. We spent almost twenty years at St George's where our two daughters, Louise and Hannah, were baptised; Jo-Anne served as a warden for two years; and where I served by teaching in the Junior Church.

When I was training for ordained ministry it was suggested that I serve my curacy in a more traditional Anglican church to help develop my understanding of the tradition and liturgical practices in the Church of England. So I decided to take up the offer of a curacy at St Guthlac's in Market Deeping and in the Priory Church in Deeping St James to help me broaden my experience. I have felt greatly blessed by the training I have received from the clergy at the two churches and I now look forward to using that experience in serving the church families and wider communities in the Uffington Group, especially in the parishes of Barholm, Braceborough, Greatford, West Deeping and Wilsthorpe. I have already started to meet people from my new parishes and I look forward to meeting you all over the next few weeks and getting to know you properly in the months ahead.

Every blessing

Rev Mark

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

29th March West Deeping Thea Valerie Swanborough

12th April Tallington Eva Louise Henderson

Funeral

30th March West Deeping Joan Mary Sandall

READINGS FOR MAY

The usual pattern of readings changes in Eastertide, as the reading from Acts is compulsory. So, to simplify matters, **all services this month will use Acts and the Gospel reading**; Morning and Evening prayer will also have a psalm, as usual.

	Psalm	Acts	Gospel
3 rd May Easter 5	22:25-31	8:26-40	John 15:1-8
10 th May Easter 6	98	10:44-48	John 15:9-17
17 th May Easter 7 (Sunday after Ascension)	1	1:15-17 + 21-26	John 17:6-19
24 th May Pentecost Whit Sunday	104:26-36	2:1-21	John 15:26-27 + 16:4b-15
31 st May Trinity Sunday		Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17

We stay in our festival white or white and gold throughout May, changing to red for Whitsun, then back to white for Trinity Sunday, which is a group service. Then in June it's back to green for the Sundays after Trinity, and back to the usual pattern of readings. The 7th June will be Proper 5: Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35.

WILDLIFE & GARDENING IN MAY

The Holly Blue is a butterfly of shrubs rather than grassland, and is most commonly found in the southern half of England. It is a regular and beautiful visitor to gardens and can even be found in the heart of cities.

It has bright blue upper wings (with black edging in the female). In flight it can be confused with the Common Blue, especially if you only catch a glimpse of a blue butterfly disappearing over a hedge or wall. However, when at rest, or if you can see a clear view of the underside of the butterfly's wings in flight, the silvery, pale-blue colouring with a scattering of black spots – without any orange at all – are distinctive. The only possible confusion could be with the Small Blue, but this is a very scarce butterfly and not found in our local area.

There are two periods when the adults emerge, and May is right in the middle of the first one (being April to mid-June). The second flight period is late July to early September.

The adult butterflies rest among bushes overnight and then flutter around the canopies of the bushes in the sunshine. The females lay their eggs singly at the base of flower-buds and very young fruit of various shrubs. Holly is the commonest host-plant in early summer, and the butterflies prefer ivy in mid-summer. Other favoured bushes are Spindle (*Euonymus*), Dogwoods (*Cornus*), Snowberry and Heathers. Cultivated and variegated varieties are good too, as long as they are unshaded and produce their fruits. The caterpillars, on hatching from the eggs, eat holly and ivy berries.

The early brood caterpillars leave their bush to pupate on or in the soil, and emerge as adults 3 to 4 weeks later, but the mid-summer brood hibernate over winter and emerge as adults the following spring.

The numbers of these butterflies fluctuate depending on whether we have a warm summer (when they do better), and they are subject to attack by a species of parasitic wasp. Unlike many other butterfly species, the Holly Blue has tended to maintain its populations, although in some areas it is restricted to gardens, hedges and churchyards. **Donna and Tim**

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31st May – Mrs Gray

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Social Evenings: Unfortunately the Bangers and Burgers evening in March did not attract the number of people it usually does but was enjoyed by those there. The BBQs will be available in May at the Social for those who wish to use them whilst in June we shall hold our usual June Social of Pimms, strawberries and cream with the BBQs. Hope to see you on 29th May and 27th June.

Mobile Library Service: I am pleased to be able to tell you that the Mobile Library will be in Church Lane on Monday 18 May in Church Lane from 11.15 am to 11.45 am. It looks a little ominous that this year the Library Service have only issued the dates for six months rather than a year so please try to use it if you possibly can.

Post Office: Please remember that the Post Office is open every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon between 2pm and 4pm in the Village Hall. A notice in the Village Hall shows the many services which are offered. This is another service which hopefully we shall never lose but it must be used to make it viable whilst producing a much valued rent towards the upkeep of the Village Hall and Playing Field.

Annual Parish and Parish Council Meetings: The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 May at 7.00 pm when all the activities in the Village will be reported upon. This will be followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council followed by the normal bi-monthly Parish Council Meeting. Residents are very welcome at all (or some) of these meetings.

Ultrafast Broadband Update. After several delays and set-backs, the Gigaclear Ultrafast Broadband project that will benefit Tallington is now gaining pace. Originally just Kingscliffe and Apethorpe were being done before us but another 3 villages have recently come on board, Nassington, Yarwell and Wansford. As part of the Peterborough Vale project, Southorpe properties are now having their pots installed and work is under way in Ufford to get the new cabinet and village hall connected. More groundwork gangs are being taken on to try and make up for the lost time. It is expected that work will then continue via Barnack and Bainton before coming to Tallington in a month or two. As soon as more news is available it will go on the community website: ultrafastpeterboroughvale.info

Report from Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 15th April, 2015.

Reactive speed sign. This has been moved on a regular basis between the three approved sites. The charging up and analysing the data is done by Mr. Irvine. Should anyone be interested in receiving this data please contact Mr. Irvine 01780 755927. Donations towards this sign are very welcome by contacting the Clerk. 01780 763477 at Croft Farm. The Chairman thanked Mr. Irvine and Cllr. Brown for their assistance in the moving etc., of this sign.

Play Area – Cllr. Mulvaney and Cllr. Thurston are now in a position to order the equipment for this area. This has taken a great deal of work by both and the Chairman thanked them for all their efforts.

Pot Holes – These have again been reported to LCC Highways perhaps one day something will be done.

Bus Stop – The situation of parents parking in the bus layby waiting for the school bus seems to have stopped, this was very dangerous for all concerned.

Parish Council Election – There will be a Parish Council election as well as a General and District Election a list of candidates will be put up on the notice board, so don't forget to vote on 7th May.

Planning – There was no objection to a 1st Floor extension at 19 Somes Close – B. Church.

There were also no objections to a variety of tree work at the following locations – The Old Rectory, 45 Main Road and 25 Main Road.

Planning permission had been received for a 1st floor side extension – Sandon Essendine Road – T. Taylor.

C.Cllr. reported that the decision regarding the district's libraries was going to judicial review and that the amount of retained firemen at local stations was being reduced from 5 – 4.

Parish Councillor S. Kent had served on the Parish Council for a period spread over 16 years was retiring after the election. The Chairman thanked him for his service to the Parish Council.

He also thanked Dist. Cllr's Cooke and Woolley and all the Parish Councillors for all their efforts over the last four years and wish them good luck in the forthcoming elections.

Cllr. Babbs and his team were thanked for planting the daffodils which appear each year that brighten up the village verges.

A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. B. Smith who was retiring after 14 years writing up the Parish Council minutes into the ledger (her first written minute was September, 2001). She was presented with hard backed copy of the new Uffington Book written by Nick Sheehan and it was hoped she would look forward to reading it. Mrs. Smith thanked the Parish Council and said she had enjoyed the experience of keeping up with local information.

Date of next meeting Wednesday, 13th May 2015 at 7.30pm. This meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting and the AGM of the Parish Council.

GREATFORD

Church Flowers: Marian Brebner

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Church Services: The Annual Meeting in March confirmed that the current pattern of services would be continued in 2015. The services in May are therefore: Holy Communion on Sunday May 10th at 9am; Morning Prayer on May 24th at 9am.

Friends of Greatford Church: April's Towers & Spires included a leaflet about the Friends of Greatford Church fund set up a year ago. Since April 2014 the fund has done well thanks to donations from residents for maintaining the Church for the village and future generations. The contributions totalled £1007, and with the addition of Gift Aid, the grand total for this first year was £1258.75. We began this year with standing orders already in place for £567, which with Gift Aid already provides £708.75; it is hoped that more local residents will respond to the leaflet and also become donors. The donations during 2014 funded the ramp for wheelchair access, electrical upgrades and part of the annual insurance. The remainder of the donations from 2014 will be used to buy new flags for the War Memorial in the Church and to contribute to new lighting to enhance the interior of the church. Thank you so much to our residents already supporting the 'Friends of Greatford Church' fund.

Bell ringing: Greatford practice night – Wednesday 20th May from 7:30pm; visiting ringers on Tuesday 26th May for a quarter peal in the afternoon.

Carlby & District WI: The AGM was held on Tuesday 13th April followed by Cheese and Wine. Margaret Hawkins was re-elected as President. Sarah Cardew gave a presentation demonstrating the Japanese painting techniques she had learnt at Denman College. The next meeting will be held in Carlby Village Hall on Tuesday 12th May at 7.30 pm; the talk will be Circle Dancing with Julie Bell. New Members and visitors are always welcome. For information please phone 01778 590180.

Greatford Village Defibrillator: David Trawford writes: Following last year's very successful fundraising event, the defibrillator has been installed, thanks to the help of Trevor & son (Topcat). It has now been accepted by the Ambulance Service and has to be checked weekly by myself and logged online. I am now awaiting contact from the area coordinator to arrange training for those who may be interested in being a volunteer if a situation arises. I have the names of a few volunteers via Heather Hooper but if there is anybody else please email me at dtr100mph@aol.com.

Mobile Library: The van will call at Greatford opposite the phone box on **Mondays** 18th May and 15th June from 12:00 noon to 12:30pm.

Flying the Flag: You can 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 on the flagpole outside the Church (in aid of Church Funds). Please contact Cyril Webb on 560437 in either case.

Bins: A Reminder that following the May Bank Holiday the green bins will be collected on Thursday May 7th and the black bins on Saturday May 9th.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.....

During May we commemorate the centenary of the death on active service of one of men honoured on the Uffington war memorial.

Private George Bond of the 1st Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment died on 9th May 1915. George Bond, the son of John and Fanny Bond, had been born at Old Wood Farm, Uffington on 27 November 1898. In the 1901 census the family's address is given as Wood Farm, Uffington and John is described as Foreman on Farm. In 1911 the family's address was recorded as Old Wood Farm, John was still a Farm Foreman and George was at school. George was one of John and Fanny's eleven children.

George enlisted (in Northampton) in the 1st Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment. The Battalion embarked for France in August 1914, and landed at Le Havre on 13 August (as part of the 2nd Brigade of the 1st Division of the British Army). The Division was one of the first British formations to move to France, and remained on the Western Front throughout the war. It took part in most of the major early actions, including the Battles of Mons, the Marne, the Aisne, and the First Battle of Ypres in 1914, and the 1914/15 Winter Operations.

On 9 May 1915 the Battalion took part in the Battle of Aubers Ridge (Aubers is a small village in northern France about 9 miles west of Lille). During the battle George and at least 250 other men of the Battalion lost their lives, 244 of whom have no known grave; and over 300 other members of the Battalion (which would have numbered about 1000 men) were wounded or taken prisoner. In total there were over 11,000 British casualties (dead, wounded or captured) in the action of 9 May – one of the highest daily casualty rates of the war.

George, like 243 other members of his regiment, is commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, but although he has no known grave he may be buried in one of the graves in the area having a headstone inscribed *A soldier of the Great War known unto God*.

The records of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) state that George was 17 when he was killed – but as he was born in November 1898, he was actually only 16 when he died and may have given a false age when enlisting. The CWGC records also show that by the time of George's death John and Fanny lived in "Belmistorpe,", but as a son of Uffington, George is commemorated on the War Memorial in St Michael and All Angel's Church, Uffington.

George will be specially remembered at a short ceremony to be held during the 10:30 service in Uffington Church on Sunday 17th May.

George was the first of the 40 fatal casualties during WW1 now recorded on the war memorials of our seven parishes. It is intended to commemorate each man on or around the centenary of his death – anyone with information or wishing to assist with the remaining research for this project is invited to contact the Rev^d Martin Brebner (martinbrebner@yahoo.com).

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Holy Communion – Sunday 3rd May at 9am, St Margaret’s Church. Everyone welcome. Please come along.

Sunday Lunch in Village Hall. More than £350 was raised for church funds at our Sunday lunch in the village hall. Thank you to everyone who supported us by attending, those who generously donated raffle prizes, and special thanks to Mike for supplying the vegetables, Cheryl, Sue K, Pat, Clare, Maureen, Wendy, Jane, Judy W, Sarah M, and Lyn for preparing dishes and desserts. An extra special thank you to those who worked so hard setting up, preparing, clearing away, washing up, laundering etc. Your support is very much appreciated.

Saturday 2nd May Gift Day for the Bell Tower & Bells of St Margaret’s Church

A Gift Day is being planned for 2nd May to launch a new fund to help carry out essential maintenance and repairs to the bell tower and bells. Several issues were identified in our most recent Quinquennial Report, which comments on the fabric of the building and its state of repair and safety. Items include timber treatment, timber repairs, internal stonework and bell maintenance. Further advice is being sought before consideration is given to applying for grant assistance and extending our fundraising efforts. A letter explaining our initiative and inviting donations should have been delivered to each home in the parish during the past week, or so. Please give careful consideration to this request. The letter includes a simple form to complete and return with your gift. Thank you.

Saturday 2nd May Churchyard Maintenance morning at St Margaret’s. It is planned to hold our annual spring maintenance morning for the church building and churchyard starting at 9.30am on Saturday May 2nd. If you are able to help please call Malcolm on 561153. Tasks will include checking guttering, lighting, groundworks in churchyard, securing boiler house door etc.

Saturday 16th May Pot Luck Supper at Village Hall. 7pm for 7.30pm. Licensed Bar & Raffle. Tickets available from James on 560417. Adults £8, Children £4, Family £20.

Saturday 18th July Bracefest 2015 – The Battle of The Bands!! Our third Bracefest is now approaching. Make a note of the date & tell your family and friends. This is an event not to be missed. A fabulous day of music with BBQ, licensed bar and happiness guaranteed! Handful of Harmonies and Denial are already booked, with more to be confirmed. More details to follow. Tickets will be available in May from Jason.

Village Hall Heating. The Village Hall Committee is planning to improve the heating in the hall and is currently considering fund raising for this project. A couple of suggestions for big events later this year and next have been tabled: an auction of promises and an Open Gardens event. If you can provide a promise and/or would be willing to open your garden in the summer of 2016 please let either James (560417) or Keith (560258) know. Thank you, in advance of your support.

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.

UFFINGTON

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May 10th / 17th – Ann Teesdale
May 24th – Free

Uffington WI. How much do you know about where you live? Uffington WI members found there were still a few surprises in store for them when local resident Dr N J Sheehan staged a presentation around his new book ‘Uffington In The County Of Lincolnshire’ at their April meeting. Published by Stamford company Spiegl Press, it presents a fascinating compendium of dates and facts about the village, from the three manors listed in the Domesday Book survey, via the medieval stocks, the 19th century workhouse and several vanished pubs, to the housing expansion of the present day. He was thanked by Jenny Peear. The talk was followed by wine and nibbles, before the monthly business meeting and the annual meeting were held. President Maggie Carter appealed for members to contribute cakes - and their time on the day - to the branch’s annual cake stall, traditionally held on the Sunday of the Scarecrow Festival weekend (May 3 and 4), and to help make the WI’s scarecrow entry. She also thanked Pam Murphy and Brenda Francis (who had anniversaries of their own to celebrate!) for their contributions of bubbly and cake to Uffington WI’s 70th birthday celebration in March. The branch has been invited to contribute examples of floristry and craft work to Lincolnshire South Federation’s centenary celebration exhibition at Sleaford on September 19. However, no Uffington members will be going on the Federation’s planned trip to the Peterborough mosque in April as the trip was over-subscribed. Concept Magazine’s recent article on Uffington WI was available to read at the meeting. In the annual meeting, there were no further nominations for President so Maggie Carter was elected to stand for a seventh year. The present committee all remain, with the exception of Vanessa Kimberley, who is standing down. Her place will be taken by Carol Chapman. The competition for An Easter Chick was won by Vanessa Kimberley, and the annual Competition Cup for 2014/15 will be presented in due course to Brenda Francis.

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

Date	Event	Sponsor(s)
5 th April	EASTER DAY	PCC
23 rd April	St George’s Day	PCC

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Uffington continued elsewhere:

Uffington Continued:

Scarecrow Weekend – It's not too late to become a volunteer helper during Scarecrow Weekend. If you are able to help please contact Gail Genever on 01780 765005

In memoriam. From the Crowe family in loving memory of Maureen Crowe who died on 4th May 2012. Readers who may also wish to make similar entries in Towers & Spires should make their wishes known to Gail Genever on 01780 765005.

Uffington Cricket Club Fixtures for May -

1 st XI	3 rd	H	East Carlton	2 nd XI	3 rd	A	Whittelsey
	10 th	A	Long Sutton		10 th	H	Benefield
	17 th	A	Bretton				
	24 th	H	Newborough		24 th	H	Ufford
	31 st	A	Trapston		31 st	H	Long Sutton
		Under 11's	18 th	H	Mkt Deeping		
			25 th	A	Moulton Harrox		
		Under 9's	24 th	H	Spalding		
			31 st	A	Moulton Harrox		

Uffington Walk and Talk - all welcome. The walk planned for 8th May is 'Belsize Wood'. This is a walk from Bretton, through Milton Golf Club and back via Belsize Wood (approx. 6.5 miles). Meet at 9.55am. Park on 'Huntsman's Gate'. This is part of a housing estate on the outskirts of Bretton. For further details email uffingtonwalkers@yahoo.co.uk

THE GORDON-KERR MEMORIAL LECTURE 2015

The former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, is coming to give a lecture in Grantham on **Friday, 8th May at 7.30pm in St Wulfram's Church.** The subject is: **Does science tell us anything about ethics?** Admission is free, and all are welcome.

WEST DEEPING

West Deeping Walkers. Friday 1 May. 7pm Walkers Supper. At Maggie and Peter's, King Street. Everyone brings a dish and we plan the walks for the next 6 months. Sundays – 10th May, led by Liz and Annette 01778 344674, 24th May – tba. Meet outside the Village Hall at 2pm. Contact: Annie Newbigging 01778 346805: snewbigging@talktalk.net

Celebration Tea. Saturday 9th May. 2- 4.30pm West Deeping Village Hall. This year sees the 70-year Celebration of VE Day, to commemorate this there is an Afternoon Tea and Cakes event in the village hall. We would love to see as many of you as are able to attend. Refreshments, Cake Stall, other stalls will be available and music from the 40's. Period dress optional. All funds raised are for the Village Hall. Any queries to Sue at sue.latham1@o2.co.uk or Lesley at lesleyjward@yahoo.com

St Andrew's Church. This month's all-age service is on 17th May at 11.30am, followed by a shared lunch. If you can help or participate in the service please tell Allen 01778 344208, or Ian 01778 380014.

Bible Studies. Tuesdays – 12th and 26th May. 2.45 for 3.00pm at Cromwell House followed by tea with our hosts Susanna and Ian. Contact: Allen Calvert 01778 344208.

Lincolnshire Rural Arts. Friday 15th May. 7.30pm West Deeping Village Hall. A new comedy by Kate Bramley that follows the unusual tale of two friends who become fathers later in life, swapping their usual meetings at the club to discuss The Beatles and the Likely Lads for a more baby friendly location, as their old and new lives clash head on with comic repercussions and a life-changing twist in the tale. Tickets £8 from David James 01778 380197 or email tickets@westdeeping.co.uk

Coffee Morning. Saturday 16th May. 10.30am-12noon. West Deeping Village Hall. Call in for tea/coffee and a chat. Donations for St. Andrew's Church. Raffle, cake/produce stall; activities for children. All are welcome.

Rambling Readers. Friday 29th May 7.45pm. West Deeping 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.

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

West Deeping Village Fund Raising. Please keep in touch with Sue at sue.latham1@o2.co.uk or Lesley at lesleyjward@yahoo.com

A date for your diaries - June 14th St Andrew's Church Fete at West Deeping Village Hall NB change of venue. Offers of help please contact Wendy 01778 344208: wendymunton@aol.com

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Finally, Kelham & I would like to thank everyone who voted for us at the 2011 elections, we have enjoyed ourselves attending events in the ward & representing you at Grantham. We have met lots of new & interesting people but it is now time to look forward and ask that you allow us to remain your District Councillors after 7th May.

If you have any problems relating to the District Council, please do not hesitate to contact either Rosemary Woolley 01778 560634 or Kelham Cooke 07940 187 426.

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BRACEBOROUGH & WILSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting (APM) took place at Wilsthorpe Church with five members of the public in attendance.

Dave Kentish, Chairman, gave his annual report on the Parish Council, Rosemary Woolley, Clerk gave a brief report on the Council's finances followed by reports from the Village Hall committee, St Faith's & St Margaret's PCC's, Neighbourhood Watch schemes from both villages and County Councillors report.

With there being no concerns or resolutions received the meeting closed at 7.30pm.

The Parish Council meeting followed the APM with potholes and roadside breakup still causing concern. It had been noted that the verge beside Holland House, Wilsthorpe had only been cut to the start of the bend and concern was expressed about problems once the vegetation began to grow which would cause poor visibility for traffic. Moss and weeds had become a problem at Elliott's Way, broken posts outside the Old Post Office and what was being placed for burning on bonfires were a number of complaints.

Cllr Burgoin reported that the sewerage scheme would commence at Wilsthorpe on 5th May at Windy Cottage, 24th June Main Street and it was hoped to be completed by 9th October.

The clerk reported that the level crossing consultation relating to the closure of Greatford crossing had been extended until beginning of June.

The clerk reported that Dave Kentish, Susan Burgoin, Barry Odell, Paul Morriss and James Shorrock had been elected unopposed onto the parish council after 7th May.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 11th May 2015 at 7.30pm at Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Village Hall. This will include the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Meeting.

Please note that there will be a presentation by Adrian Hames from the East Coast Main Line Feasibility Study Consultation on the proposed level crossing closures by Network Rail at Braceborough Village Hall at 7pm before the meeting on 11th May. The Councillors would welcome everyone who uses the roads from Greatford to Belmesthorpe, Tallington to Stamford or Maxey to Peterborough to come along and give their views.

For more information on the Parish Council please go to
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**CHURCH SERVICES AND DIARY DATES
FOR MAY 2015 VOLUME 30 NUMBER 2**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
31st May Trinity Sunday 10.30am Wilsthorpe Group Service HC		
3rd Easter 5 9am Braceborough HC 9am Uffington HC 10.15am WDeeping HC 10.30am Wilsthorpe HC 6pm Barholm ES	4th	5th
10th Easter 6 9am Greatford HC 10.15am WDeeping HC 10.30am Uffington MP 2pm WDVH Walkers 6pm Tallington EP	11th 1.45pm TallVH Whist	12th 2.45pm WD Bible Study @Cromwell House
17th Easter 7 (Sunday after Ascension) 9am Barholm HC 10.30am Uffington HC & Sunday Club 11.30am WDeeping All Age Worship	18th 1.45pm TallVH Whist Welland MU Outing	19th
24th Pentecost (Whit Monday) 9am Greatford MP 10.15am WDeeping MP 10.30am Uffington All Age Worship 10.30am Tallington HC	25th	26th 2.45pm WD Bible Study @Cromwell House

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1st 7pm WD Walkers Supper	2nd
6th 2-4pm WDVH Bowls 2pm TallVH Welcome Club	7th ELECTION 8-10pm WDVH Bowls	8th	9th 2-4pm WDVH WE Day Party
13th 2-4pm WDVH Bowls 2pm TallVH Welcome Club	14th 8-10pm WDVH Bowls	15th 7.30pm WDVH Lincs Rural Arts	16th WDVH St Andrew's Church Coffee Morning
20th 2-4pm WDVH Bowls 2pm TallVH Welcome Club	21st 8-10pm WDVH Bowls	22nd	23rd
27th 2-4pm WDVH Bowls 2pm TallVH Welcome Club	28th 8-10pm WDVH Bowls	29th 7pm TallVH Social 7.45pm WDVH Rambling Readers	30th