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WILDLIFE & GARDENING IN JULY

Going away on summer holidays can be an anxious time for the keen gardener! Just what will the garden look like when you return, and will your prize plants have survived? With a bit of prior planning, you can help put your mind at rest a bit, and we hope these tips might help.

You can cut back annuals by about half and give them a liquid feed to help them through. Also cut the flowering stems off herbaceous perennials. Deadheading roses will help delay flowering until after your return. Similarly, cut all the flowers off your sweet peas and give them to a friend or neighbour, and hopefully flower buds will grow whilst you are away ready for you are back home.

If they are not too large, plants in containers and hanging baskets can be moved to a suitable shady spot, and given a really good soak just before you go away. Make sure though that they are not overhung by a building, or balcony which will prevent rain reaching them, and place them as close together as possible to help reduce moisture loss. Smaller pots can be placed on gravel trays or saucers filled with water. For larger ones you can fill a plastic water bottle to the brim with water, and with your finger over the end, quickly invert it, and put it into the substrate of the container. You can help bottles stay in place by using small canes if necessary (being careful not to put them through any root!). For a large pot, use several of these filled plastic bottles. Adding deep surface mulch to the top of containers will also help retain moisture. Of course if you are lucky enough to have a drip system set up, none of these measures will be necessary! The vegetable garden is a bit trickier. Probably, the best thing is to have a friend or neighbour help you out while you're away. You can make things easier by leaving filled watering cans in a convenient place, or a hose that is already unravelled and suitably placed. They will also have the benefit of being able to harvest your crops whilst you are away – a reward for their care – and which ensures continuous cropping after you return!

Please don't forget the wildlife in your garden, and ensure their water dishes are filled to the top before you go away. **Tim and Donna**

WELLAND MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting will be on Monday 20th July at Sylvia's home, Mill Spinney, West Deeping where she will host a 'garden party'. In the event of rain we shall be in the church.

A VIEW FROM THE CURATE'S HOUSE

For many of us when we reach the month of July, we can begin to turn our minds to holidays and other fun, summer activities. There will be lots of opportunities to enjoy ourselves in the summer sun. Let's pray that we will have a lot of sunshine this year. Perhaps if you're sporty you might enjoy watching tennis or cricket or if you're into gardening you might decide to visit a few open garden events like the one that took place at Wilsthorpe last month. If music is your passion, then there are a number of festivals and concerts of all different types to enjoy, not least Bracefest on 18th July at Braceborough village hall. And, of course, there are our church and village fetes which offer us a fun relaxing time and access to wonderful homemade cakes and other produce. As the curate for the churches in the Uffington Group of parishes I also get the wonderful opportunity of taking weddings in our village churches. It is always a great joy to be asked to take a marriage service for a couple. Weddings are always such happy occasions!

When we relax we often find that we have time to reflect on life and to dream a little about the future. Over the last few weeks in church I have been asking people to sit and think for a moment or two and dream. I have invited people to dream about what they would like to see happen in our church buildings, within our church families and in our wider village communities, and to write those dreams down. Many of the dreams that people have written down are all about making our churches more accessible to the wider community and making them a resource for all people to use in each village. We dream of making our churches places where people can come and worship God together but where we can also hold village events such as concerts, children's events and generally make our wonderful buildings more attractive to everyone and better suited to the 21st century. One of the things that was frequently mentioned was the dream of having a toilet and even a small kitchen inside our churches to make them more user friendly and more welcoming. We hope and pray that we will be able to bring some or all of these dreams into reality in the fullness of time. If you haven't had the opportunity to share your dream about your church and its place in the community, please call me on the telephone number below or drop me an email. I would welcome comments and suggestions from everyone.

So, in closing, I pray that you will all have time to relax and enjoy life this summer. I hope that you will find time and space to dream, that God will be directing your dreams; and that you will be blessed with a warm, restful and enjoyable summer.

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GREATFORD

Church Flowers: Jean Cross
Church Cleaning: Lois Webb and Carol Bettinson

If you can spare a few hours a year to help with the church cleaning please contact Cazz Anders on 01778 560032.

Church Services in July, to which everyone is welcome, are: Holy Communion on Sunday 12th July at 9am; Morning Prayer on 26th July at 9am.

Bell ringing: Greatford practice night – Wednesday 15th July from 7.30pm.

Carlby & District WI: The next meeting will be held in WITHAM-ON-THE HILL Village Hall on Tuesday 7th July at 7.30pm. Please note change of venue and date. The talk will be 'An Evening of Verse and Fun' with Doreen Reed. New Members and visitors are always welcome. For information please phone 01778 590180.

Greatford Village Fete: Greatford's ever popular Village Fete and Party will take place on Saturday 12th September, from 2.30pm to 6pm. This fun-packed, traditional event takes place on the playing field behind the Village Hall, where entertainment will include stalls, games, tea and cakes, a bar, barbecue, live music and car boot pitches. Any help in running the fete would be gratefully received – please contact Jonathan Manning on 560506. This year's event will also include a Produce Show for the very first time, with seven competition categories:

1. Best homemade jam/chutney
2. Longest cucumber
3. Best tomatoes (please enter three fruit, which will be judged on taste and appearance)
4. Best sponge cake (entries will be sold later on the cake stall)
5. Funniest vegetable
6. Fruit and veg open category (to be judged on taste)
7. Children's miniature garden. Maximum size 15cm x 15cm to include one 'water feature' and at least three different colours.

Please register in advance your intention to enter the Produce Show - contact Cazz Anders at cazzanders@aol.co.uk for an entry form. Each entry will cost £2 in advance (£1 for children) or £3 on the day (£2 for children).

Mobile Library: The van will call at Greatford opposite the phone box on **Mondays** 13th July and 10th August from 12noon 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.

TALLINGTON

Church Flowers
5th July – Mrs I Cornwell
12th/19th July – Mrs L Freeman
26th July – Mrs J Sewell

200 Club Winners in May: No 135 John Jenkins £20: No 85 Tony Haslam £10.

Social Evenings: The May Social was quite well attended but it would be good to see a few more people coming in July for the Petanque Competition starting at 5.00 pm. We must hope that the weather is being kind to us by then. The BBQs will be available for use but may we ask again that you bring only paper or plastic plates and glasses to take onto the Playing Field.

Flying the Flag: St George's Flag was flown on Wednesday 3rd June. Please remember that you can have the either the Union Jack or St George's Flag flown for you to celebrate any special occasion. The cost is £5 which helps towards the running expenses of the Village Hall and Playing Field. Just get in touch with John Allen (740076) who will be delighted to raise either flag for you.

Mobile Library Service: The Mobile Library will be in Church Lane between 11.15 am and 11.45 am on Monday 13th July.

The Parish Council: The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 14th July at 7.30pm. All residents are welcome to attend this meeting.

Ultrafast Broadband Update. After excruciating delays and set-backs, mainly caused by Peterborough City Council, the Gigaclear Ultrafast Broadband project that will benefit us all is now gaining pace with the Ufford cabinet installed and ready to go live hopefully by the time you read this news. A 7.5km spur to Marholm will then be started to link that village in. Southorpe and the southern half of Barnack are fed from the Ufford cabinet so they will all go live at the same time. An email will go out to everyone in the Peterborough Vale area to invite them to the Ufford Village Hall to try out their own tablets and computers on the new service. It is expected that work will then accelerate and continue via Barnack, Bainton and Tallington with another cabinet going live in Barnack before the rest of the villages in the next few months. As soon as more news is available it will go on the community website: ultrafastpeterboroughvale.info A Warning: The BT Superfast service MAY become available in a few local areas beforehand. Anyone wishing to have that installed are reminded that there may be an early termination charge from BT if you want to change over to Gigaclear later. The BT service is also only nearly as fast as Gigaclear's in one direction but for approximately the same price - you pays your money and makes your choice BUT long term Gigaclear is futureproof and up to 1Gbps not 72Mbps.... Thank you for your patience - it will be worth it!

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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
5th July Trinity 5 <i>Proper 9</i>	123	Ezekiel 2:1-5	2 Corinth. 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
12th July Trinity 6 <i>Proper 10</i>	85:8-end	Amos 7:7-15	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
19th July Trinity 7 <i>Proper 11</i>	23	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Ephesians 2:11-end	Mark 6:30-34, and 53- end
26th July Trinity 8 <i>Proper 12</i>	145:10-19	2 Kings 4:42 - end	Ephesians 3: 14- end	John 6:1-21
2nd August Trinity 9 <i>Proper 13</i>	78:23-29	Exodus 16:2-4 and 9-15	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35

Colours in church: Green. *The 'proper' number is given for people picking hymns - some books list suggestions for a particular Sunday under that heading.*

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WEST DEEPING

St Andrew's Church. This month's all-age service is on 19th July 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.

West Deeping Walkers. Sundays. 5th July - local walk, 19th July led by Allan 01778 345393. Meet outside the Village Hall at 2pm. Contact: Annie Newbigging 01778 346805: snewbigging@talktalk.net

Bible Studies. Tuesdays. 7th and 21st July. 2.45 for 3.00pm at Cromwell House followed by tea with our hosts Susanna and Ian. Contact: Allen Calvert 01778 344208.

Coffee Morning. Saturday 11th July. 10.30am-12noon. Hosted by Elizabeth at 28 King Street. Call in for tea or coffee and a chat with a stroll round the garden. Donations for St. Andrew's Church. Raffle, cake/produce stall. All are welcome.

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Parish Council. The meeting due to be held in July has been rescheduled to Wednesday July 22nd 7.30pm and will be held in the Red Lion due to the temporary closure of the Village Hall.

Rambling Readers. Friday 24th July 7.45pm. Due to closure of the village hall we will be meeting at Jean's at 7 The Lane. 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 will meet on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday evenings in the Village Hall once the new floor is completed. Chairperson: June Thomas 01778 343434.

Village Hall. The replacement of the Village Hall floor commenced last month and should open again at the end of August. This period of closure is dictated by the requirement for the new under floor concrete slab to dry out slowly over a number of weeks. Apologies to all our users who may be inconvenienced but hopefully you will be pleased with the end result.

Dog Fouling. The Parish Council has again received complaints from residents regarding the amount of fouling by dogs in the village and its immediate surroundings. This is an acknowledged risk to health, particularly of children. Environmental Health take a serious view of this and are prepared to undertake prosecution of those owners who may be identified as not clearing up after their dogs. There are bins at top and bottom of the village for the purpose and a third one will be installed between the two and all three identified more clearly with additional labeling. Anyone witnessing incidents where these basic hygiene requirements are not followed should contact the Parish Clerk (David James Tel: 380197) or Environmental Health directly (Tel: 01476 406080) with the name and address of persons concerned.

Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Parish Council

A Parish Council Meeting took place at St Faith's Church, Wilsthorpe on 8th June.

Kier Petherick gave a presentation to 19 people on a proposed solar farm at Wilsthorpe Farm, Baston Road, Greatford. The new site had been placed parallel to King Street with proposed screening of various hedging plants and trees. A question and answer session then took place. Cllr Kentish concluded by saying that in the Parish Plan 75% of people were against solar panels and therefore he would expect a great deal of opposition when the application goes to District.

During the Open Forum residents asked about the planning refusal at Holland House, lack of verges being cut, and potholes.

Cllr Paul Morriss was elected as Vice-Chairman and becomes a signatory.

A complaint had been received that a hedge had been cut at Church Lane, Braceborough during nesting season. The Clerk reported that she had written again to Network Rail expressing the Councils objection to the closure of the level crossing at Greatford. She also reported that Lincolnshire County Council should have sprayed the weeds at Elliott's Way.

The planning application for an erection of a single storey rear extension at Shortacre, Braceborough had been approved.

It was reported that a willow had fallen across the river Glen at Braceborough. Potholes were again a problem and the removal of the finger post at King Street/Baston Road was being repaired. There are still concerns about the type of materials being burnt on bonfires and the associated problems it causes.

C.Cllr Martin Trollope-Bellew gave an update on the Task and Finish Group which is looking into the removal of both District and County Councils to form a Unitary Authority. He also reported that there may be another Library review.

D.Cllr Barry Dobson introduced himself and said that he was a member of the Planning Committee and Communities Policy Development Group.

The date for the next meeting is Monday 6th July at St Faith's Church, Wilsthorpe at 7.30pm. All welcome.

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

Rosemary Woolley, Clerk to the Council

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Uffington Walk and Talk - all welcome. The walk planned for 10th July starts in Barnack. Walk from Barnack to Pilsgate, follow the 'new' path to Burghley Park. Leave the park through Bottle Lodges and return to Barnack via Burghley golf course. (Approx 6.75 miles). Park in the Hills and Holes car park, off Wittering Road. Meet at 9.55am. Contact: uffingtonwalkers@yahoo.co.uk

Uffington Cricket Club Fixtures for July

1 st XI	5th	A	Kettering	19th	H	Bretton
	26 th	A	Newborough			
2 nd XI	5th	A	Long Sutton	26th	H	Bourne
Under 9's		H	Mkt Deeping	A	Spalding	
Under 11's		A	Moulton Horrox			

On Sunday 12th July the Chairmans Team will be taking on a Club Team starting at 2pm. This will be followed by a BBQ. All welcome.

UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Report from AGM of Uffington Parish Council held on 13th May, 2015 in the Village Hall.

The retiring Chairman, Cllr. P. Genever welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated the new Parish Councillors on their election and commiserated with those that had not been elected he also thanked District Councillors Woolley and Cooke for being re-elected on to SKDC. As the present Chairman was retiring after 37 years (first elected as Chairman in May, 1978) he asked for nominations for a new Chairman. Cllr. Brown was proposed by Cllr. Dodsworth and seconded by Cllr. Babbs as there were no further nominations he was duly elected. Cllr. Brown thanked Cllr. P. Genever for all his work for the Parish Council and the village and hoped he would enjoy being on the "back row" for a change.

Vice Chairman – Cllr. Babbs	Pro:	Cllr. Mulvaney	Sec	Cllr. P. Genever
Lord Lindsey Trust – Cllr. Brown	Pro.	Cllr. Dodsworth	Sec	Cllr. P. Genever
Village Hall Committee – Cllr. K. Genever	Pro.	Cllr. Babbs	Sec.	Cllr. Brown

Tallington by-pass - A representative from ECML (Network Rail) had declined an invitation to this meeting stating that the earliest they would be able to attend would be late June. Clerk to notify them that the next meeting would be on 24th June, 2015. C. Cllr. M. Trollope-Bellew stated that there are two options regarding the bypass on the table but everything is still at the negotiating stage.

Speed Sign – There was a consensus of opinion that the reactive speed sign was being effective.

Play Area – Mr. Ian Ladds of ILA at Glinton had been met by Cllr. Thurston and the Clerk whose quote had been accepted at the last Parish Council Meeting. He had agreed to forward us with a plan of the layout and whatever is ordered it will take about 8 weeks to be made. The Clerk had spoken to AON the Parish Council Insurers who assured her that when the play area is in operation it is well covered.

Mrs. B. Smith had sent the Parish Council a thank you card for the Uffington Book written by N. Sheehan given to her for all her years of writing up the Minutes.

Election – A copy of the Declaration of Result Poll for Uffington had been put on the Notice Board.

Planning Permission had been received for 1st Floor ext. 19 Somes Close.

There was no objection from SKDC for the following tree work

Pollarding and reduction in height of a Birch and Cypress tree at the Old Rectory

Removal of various trees and a reduction in height of an Ash tree – 45 Main Road.

Pollarding Willow tree – 25 Main Road

Dist. Cllr. Woolley in her report stated that SKDC had had a successful Enterprise week and that she and Cllr. Cooke had been working with Tallington to get the best result regarding the bypass. Both these District Cllrs. thanked everyone for their support in the recent elections and would continue to work with the Parish Councils.

C. Cllr. Trollope-Bellew reported that £148M savings have been made but another £90M cut in Government funding will have to be found.

LCC have increased their share of the Council Tax by 1.9% 1st time in 4 years.

Libraries – Stamford is a 1st tier library will be open 48 hrs. a week.

The Boundary Commission has agreed that LCC should be reduced from 77 members to 71. for the 2017 elections.

Stamford Hospital – The Trust Board's main decisions were 1) Increase time in MIU (evenings and weekends) 2) Put in a static MRI Scanner instead of the mobile one at a cost of £850,000.

3) Build to procedure rooms on the site of Hirst Ward 4) Increase parking.

C.Cllr. Trollope-Bellew's full report can be found on the Uffington Web Site.

Date of next Parish Council Meeting Wednesday, 24th June, 2015 at 8pm.

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BRACEBOROUGH

Holy Communion – Sunday 5th July at 9am, St Margaret’s Church. Please come along. Everyone is welcome.

Pot Luck Supper – 16th May. Many thanks to everyone who helped deliver yet another successful village event. Our bonus this time was to be able to welcome Mark and Joanne to their first experience of the Braceborough community at work and for them to meet the village. Grateful thanks go to all those who helped set up, prepare and serve dishes, clear away and donate prizes for the raffle. A little over £500 was raised for Village Hall funds.

Update on the proposed works on Bell Tower & Bells of St Margaret’s Church. Many thanks to Frank, who made the new stay, and to Alan & Terry who so kindly gave their time to fit it and also grease and oil the bells. Their help and advice has been invaluable, as has that of Lois. We have now received the first budget estimate for the cleaning, repair and maintenance works required and are awaiting the results of a survey to learn whether the woodwork requires treatment. In the meantime advice is being sought from the diocese regarding grant aid possibilities.

Saturday 18th July Bracefest 2015. Our third Bracefest is now approaching. Make a note of the date & tell all your family and friends. This is an all-day festival starting at 2.30pm. Music begins at 3pm through until 11.00pm. BBQ served between 4.30 and 6pm when an ‘open mic’ opportunity will be available for musicians to play/sing an eclectic range of music. So, harmonies, blues, swing, jazz, songs from musicals and films can all feature. A licensed bar will operate throughout the day. The fabulous ‘Handful of Harmonies’ will open the event & feature again later & we are proud to announce ‘Denial’ as our headline band. Local band ‘In Retreat’ will feature, together with J&J and a guest band from up north. This event will sell out early, as have the last 2 years, so secure your tickets NOW from Jason, James, Malcolm, or Keith and bring a chair if you want a seat! Adults £8, Children £4, Family (2+2) £20.

Dates for your diary

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BARHOLM & STOWE

Rosemary & Chris would like to thank everyone who attended the Barn Dance held at The Old Hall in May. There is a special 'vote of thanks' to Tim Scrivener, C.Cllr Martin Trollope-Bellew 'Big Society Fund', Matt and Emma from the 5 Horseshoes and everyone who contributed to make the event such a success. It is hoped that a defibrillator will be purchased in the near future, a decision on where to place the equipment will be decided at a later date. If you would still like to contribute please see Rosemary.

Rosemary Woolley

Rev'd Mark, and St Martin's PCC thank everyone who came to the Church 'gift day', and also those who sent gifts but were unable to come. It was lovely to see you all and to have a chat. On Sunday 5th July, we celebrate the feast of St Martin, we wish to make it special this year, and so are planning a festal evensong at 6pm to mark the occasion. Please join with us and stay for refreshments afterwards.

The Bishop of Lincoln would like the church across Lincolnshire to be faithful, confident and joyful. He has designated 2015 as the Year of Discipleship and there are all sorts of events and activities going on aimed at revitalising the Church and securing its future across Lincolnshire. As part of this Year of Discipleship, the Diocese has produced three special orders of service for Morning Prayer, one focusing on faithfulness, another on confidence and a third on joyfulness. These services are intended to be welcoming and accessible to everyone, whether you are a regular or occasional church attender. They last about 40-45 minutes, use every-day language and do not include Communion. Coincidentally last month we said farewell to Jim Pringle, who was retiring after many years of leading our traditional service of Matins on the second Sunday of each month. We were not sure how to follow him, and not confident we could live up to his high standard. With Carolyn also away recuperating from her operation, we decided to try the Diocese's special services as an experiment. The first of these services, on the theme of faithfulness, was held on 14th June. Les Baillie led the service with others from the congregation contributing and it was well received by those attending the service.. The next one, on the theme of confidence, will be on 12th July, starting at 10.30 a.m. and will be led by Liz Bender. Please do come along. We would really welcome your feedback on these services as, after we have completed all three of them, the PCC will be discussing with Carolyn our Rector what pattern of services we should adopt for the second Sunday in future. It would be very helpful to have a range of views to take into consideration in this discussion. **Les Baillie, Liz Bender, Geoff & Donna Radley**

WILSTHORPE

The next Service at St Faith's is Holy Communion at 10.30am on Sunday 5th July 2015. Please do come along and join us, where you will be made most welcome.

Wilsthorpe Open Gardens Sunday 14th June – despite the truly awful weather on Saturday, the hardy gardeners of Wilsthorpe carried on regardless and were ready for the Sunday opening! It really was worth all the hard work to see so many people arrive to visit the gardens, one couple came all the way from Norfolk and said it was well worth the journey. All the gardens were praised and the teas and homemade cakes served at Corner Cottage were thoroughly enjoyed. The plant stall, run with the help of Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, was filled to overflowing and kept busy all day. A huge thankyou to everyone who helped make this such a successful event.

2015 is a special year for St Faith's – the 300th anniversary of the present building. On October 11th, a special service will be held in the church close to St Faith's Day to be attended by the Bishop of Lincoln. More details to follow.

**CHURCH SERVICES AND DIARY DATES
FOR JULY 2015 VOLUME 30 NUMBER 4**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
5th	6th	7th
Trinity 5 9am Braceborough HC 10.30am WDeeping MP (please note new start time) 10.30am Uffington HC 10.30am Wilsthorpe HC 2pm WD Walkers 6pm Barholm ES St Martin's Day	1.45pm TallVH Whist	2.45pm WD Bible Study Cromwell House
12th	13th	14th
Trinity 6 9am Greatford HC 10.30am WDeeping HC (please note new start time) 10.30am Uffington MP 6pm Tallington ES	1.45pm TallVH Whist 2pm WD Welland Mothers' Union @ Mill Spinny	
19th	20th	21st
Trinity 7 9am Barholm HC 10.30am Uffington HC & Sunday Club 11.30am WDeeping All Age Worship 2pm WD Walkers	1.45pm TallVH Whist	2.45pm WD Bible Study @ Cromwell House
26th	27th	28th
Trinity 8 9am Greatford MP 10.30am WDeeping HC (please note new start time) 10.30am Uffington All Age Worship 10.30am Tallington HC	1.45pm TallVH Whist	

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st	2nd	3rd	4th
2pm TallVH Welcome Club Uff WI - Barbeque at the Greatford home of Sally Baker			
8th	9th	10th	11th
2pm TallVH Welcome Club			10.30-12noon Coffee Morning @ 28 King St WD
15th	16th	17th	18th
2pm TallVH Welcome Club			2-6pm WD Garden Fete @ Cromwell House
22nd	23rd	24th	25th
2pm TallVH Welcome Club 7.30pm WD Parish Council @ the Red Lion		7.45pm WD Rambling Readers @ 7 The Lane	
29th	30th	31st	
2pm TallVH Welcome Club		5pm Tallington Summer Party	