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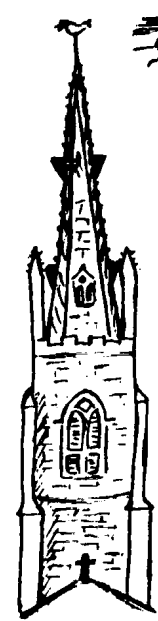
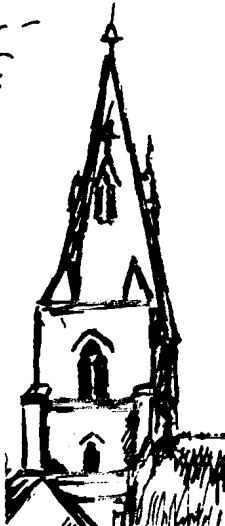
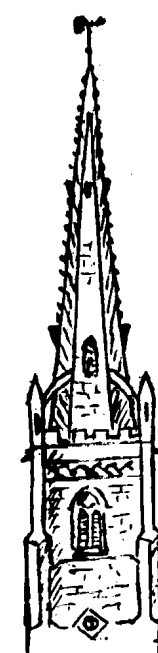

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WILDLIFE & GARDENING IN NOVEMBER

The three Owl species that we are most likely to see in and around our group of villages are the Tawny Owl, the Little Owl and the Barn Owl. All are useful in helping to control rodents such as mice, rats and voles.

The Tawny Owl is the one with the well-known, long, quavering hoot, sometimes described as *hoo hoo-hoooo hoo-ho-ho*, although it has other calls including a sharp '*kee-wick*'. It starts hooting at dusk, but tends to hunt when it is quite dark. Like all owls, the Tawny Owl has excellent eye-sight and hearing. They can see well in low light levels, and their hearing is so good that they can accurately pin-point prey by sound alone. In fact, their ears are slightly asymmetrical in size, shape and position, and so by turning and twisting their heads they can better 'fix' a sound.

Tawny Owls tend to be found in copses, parks and well-wooded gardens. During the day a roosting owl can be mobbed by smaller birds, but at night the tables are turned, and it may hunt roosting birds or those sitting on eggs, as well as frogs, mice, rats, earthworms and beetles. Tawny Owls nest in holes in trees or buildings, or in an old Magpie nest or squirrel drey.

The Little Owl is small (only 8-9 inches long) and chunky, flat-headed and short-tailed. It can be seen perched on posts in daylight, when it is often mobbed by smaller birds. Like the Tawny Owl, it occurs in parkland, areas of old trees and outbuildings, as well as farmland. It mainly eats small rodents and large insects, and small birds and earthworms. The call of the Little Owl is loud and plaintive, described as a rising '*keeeooo*' and it also has a short '*kip kip kip*' call.

The third owl, the Barn Owl, (similar in size to a Tawny Owl at 13-15 inches long) tends to occur in farmland and open ground. It often hunts well before dark, especially in the summer when it has a family to feed, or in winter when there is snow or hard frost on the ground and not many prey animals about. It can be seen hunting along roadside verges, hopping over hedges, and with its white underwings and white face it is unmistakable. The noises the Barn Owl makes are very different to the other two owls, and are described as hissing, snoring or shrill shrieks! Like the others, the Barn Owl hunts mice, rats and voles.

For more information, see The Hawk and Owl Trust on: <http://hawkandowl.org/>

Donna and Tim

The Rectory, Uffington

Dear All

It's really rather ironic that we haven't had any services of wholeness and healing in the group recently, because I haven't been fit enough to take them...

I was quite surprised, when I looked back in my records, to see that we've been having services of wholeness and healing in church since the beginning of 2005 – I hadn't realised it was that long. I've taken communion to people at home ever since I got here, of course – Mark or I can always come to see anyone who can't get to church, just let us know – and that has often involved prayers and anointing for wholeness and healing. Healing has a long tradition in the Church, right back to New Testament times, and it's both about the dramatic and the everyday. Bible stories tell us about miraculous healings, and miracles are documented throughout the history of the church, but usually healing is about giving us the strength to cope from day to day – with illness or incapacity, with grief, with fear, with the burden of caring for someone else.

The church services we started nearly eleven years ago have generally been quite small and quiet, but very much valued by those who have attended them. Until I was incapacitated, we were holding them every two or three months, usually on the fourth Sunday, and we are starting again on the 22nd of this month at 6pm at Uffington. During the service, people will be invited to come forward for prayer and anointing with blessed oil – and the prayer can be for themselves or on behalf of someone else. It doesn't have to be for something major, it doesn't have to be dramatic, and it's for anyone who could do with support or wholeness in their life, for whatever reason – you might particularly think of coming if you find this a difficult time of year, as so many people do, and you'd like some strength to help you get through the Christmas season and into the New Year. It's a communion service, but you don't have to be confirmed or a regular churchgoer to receive prayer and anointing – and if you'd like to just come and watch, you can do that, too. All are welcome.

Yours in Christ

Carolyn Kennedy.

WEST DEEPING

BRACEBOROUGH & WILSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met at Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Village Hall on 5th October.

Concern was expressed during the public forum about the pole mounted transformer, installed by Western Power on behalf of Anglianwater, just east of the track to the pumping station at Wilsthorpe. C.Cllr Martin Trollope-Bellew reported after the meeting that LCC Planning department believed that no planning permission was required as they have permitted development rights. Waste collection and the reporting of waste problems had been difficult during the construction of the sewerage scheme.

A resident was concerned about the old drain/dyke at Wilsthorpe becoming blocked with silt and asked whose responsibility it was to clear. Susan Burgoin reported the proposed visit to the church at Wilsthorpe by the Bishop of Lincoln.

The clerk reported that no action had been taken regarding the damaged verge at Quincey's Lane. It had been agreed by SKDC and owner of Holland House that the current fence would be removed and replaced with a low fence & hedge by the end of October. The road at Wilsthorpe had been resurfaced but the passing places had not been done. The overgrown bracken at the junction Coked Hat/Main Street had been cut back, the hedge had been done from Walnut Cottage to Village Hall.

A discussion took place about the grant request from the Village Hall Committee towards new heat pumps. It was agreed that more information was required.

Cllr Morriss reported that if you saw any pot holes or roadside breakup you could report them direct by using the app 'fill that hole'.

D.Cllr Barry Dobson reported on the fence at Holland House, the planning permission obtained for Lidl convenience store at Thurlby/Bourne, SKDC had still not received any communication for the proposed solar farm at Wilsthorpe Farm, the District Council were undertaking a review of their own carparks, finally he reported on the district new community fund.

C.Cllr Martin Trollope-Bellew reported that any extra money obtained from the on-street parking fines would be used for transport issues, if any fracking took place it would be in the north of the county, all the District Councils and County Council had signed a notion of interest relating to devolution. The Boundary Commission would be sending out its first draft in November. The Fire & Ambulance Service and Lincoln Castle have both received awards.

The date for the next meeting is Monday 14th December 2015 at Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Village Hall at 7.30pm. Please note that the November meeting has been cancelled.

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

Rosemary Woolley, Clerk to the Council

St Andrew's Church. All Age Service Sunday 22nd November at 10.30am. If you have any ideas or requests, or would like a special prayer please tell Allen 01778 344208, or Ian 01778 380014.

Coffee Morning. Saturday 7th November. West Deeping Village Hall. 10.30am-12noon. Call in for tea or coffee and a chat. Raffle, cake/produce stall. Funds raised are for the village hall.

West Deeping Walkers. Sundays. 8th November, 2pm, local walk. 22nd November - leader tbc. Meet outside the Village Hall. 1.45pm. Contact: Annie Newbigging tel: 01778 346805 email: snewbigging@talktalk.net

Bible Studies at Cromwell House. Tuesdays. November 10th and 24th. 2.45 for 3.00pm followed by tea with our hosts Susanna and Ian. Contact: Allen Calvert 01778 344208.

Rural touring. Friday 13th November 7:30pm. West Deeping Village Hall. My Dearest Girls: The Letter's Books. Francesca Millican Slater's latest production based on the real letters sent between a group of six Shropshire women between 1917 and 1920. Against a background of war the women tell each other stories of their everyday life; as farmers, office workers, factory hands, nurses and teachers. There is gossip and a hint of scandal, reprimands and reprisals, tales of dancing for royalty, fiancés on the front line and how to feed 100 chickens whilst on rations. Tickets £9 Tel: 01778 380197 or email tickets@westdeeping.co.uk

Coffee Morning. Saturday 21st November. West Deeping Village Hall. 10.30am-12noon. Call in for tea or coffee and a chat. Donations for St. Andrew's Church. Raffle, cake/produce stall. All are welcome.

Quiz Night: Saturday 21st November 7pm. West Deeping Village Hall. A team quiz, maximum 6 to a team. Bring your own drink and nibbles. £7.50 per person (includes Fish & Chip Supper). Prizes for winners & losers. To book a table Tel: 01778 380197 or email tickets@westdeeping.co.uk

West Deeping Heritage Group. Wednesday 25th November. West Deeping Village Hall. Refreshments from 7pm for a 7.30pm start. 'We will remember them.' Rev'd. Martin Brebner has been researching the Roll of Honour for the Uffington Group of parishes, going far beyond the memorials in the local churches (even to the battlefields) in the quest for photographs, service records and commonwealth war graves. Between 2014 and 2018, on the anniversary of each of their deaths, a commemorative address in their native parish church brings home the part played by our villages' young men. Admission £2.50 (on the door). For more information: 01778 344768 and www.wdheritage.wordpress.com

Rambling Readers. Friday 27th November 7.45pm at 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 will meet on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday evenings in the Village Hall now the new floor is completed. Chairperson: June Thomas 01778 343434.

The Church Wardens of St Andrew's would like to extend very big thank you to everyone who made the Harvest Festival service in October such a joyful occasion. The church was beautifully decorated and we all enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch afterwards. The talented 'Combined Harvesters' led our worship and everyone gave generously. We were able to donate food to Stamford Food Bank as well as sending £864 to a dedicated fund for Syrian refugees at World Vision.

Allan Crowson would like to thank all those people who so generously donated to the Cycle Ride & Stride on September 12th. The total, divided equally between St Andrew's Church and The Lincolnshire Churches Trust was £307.

THE WEST DEEPING CRIB.

The Travelling Crib is a collection of knitted figures that make up a Nativity Scene. Every year in December every family in West Deeping is invited to give a home to the crib and share The Christmas Story with your family. You will get to keep The Crib for a few days and then pass it on to the next family on the rota. **Your child or grandchild is able to keep one of the woolly sheep as a memento.** One reason for the Travelling Crib is to get to know more people in the village. You may receive the crib or deliver the crib to people you have not met or don't know very well. West Deeping is a small village; we all lead busy lives and don't always find the time for our neighbours.



So if you have children or grandchildren who would like to look after The Crib please contact Ruth Bowman, 29 King Street, West Deeping

tel. 01778 346428,
email: andrewandruth@hotmail.com

or use the West Deeping Facebook page.

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

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
1st November All Saints' Day	24:1-6	Isaiah 25:6-9	Revelation 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44
8th November 3 rd Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday	46	Micah 4:1-5	Hebrews 9:24-28 Romans 8:35- 39	Mark 1:14-20 John 15:9-17
15th November 2 nd Sunday before Advent	16	Daniel 12:1-3	Hebrews 10:11-25	Mark 13:1-8
22nd November Christ the King	93	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37
6th December Advent 2	Canticle: Benedictus	Malachi 3:1-4	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6

Colours in church: All Saints Sunday is white/gold, then it's red or green for most of the month. The colour is purple from Advent Sunday onwards, with no flowers in church. Readings for the group service on the 29th November to be confirmed nearer the time.

GREATFORD

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Church Services:

Holy Communion on November 8th at 9am; **Morning Prayer** on November 22nd at 9:00am.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the **Churchyard clean-up** on 17 October. **The Big Christmas Church Clean** in church will be on Friday 18th December at 10am and everyone is welcome to come and help.

Bell Ringing: Greatford practice night Wednesday 18th November. A quarter peal was rung at Greatford on 10th September to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth becoming the longest reigning monarch of the United Kingdom. The quarter peal rung on 17th September was to congratulate Alexander Guest (a ringer – now off to Warwick University) for excellent A Level results; to congratulate Kay Maddison on getting her Masters in distinction in Health/Leadership and Management (a friend and ringer in Sydney); and to mark the Golden Wedding of Lois and Cyril Webb (31st July).

Carlby & District WI: At the meeting held on 13th October there was an informative talk from David Hare the former window dresser at John Lewis. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th November at BRACEBOROUGH Village Hall at 7.30pm. The talk will be 'Christmas Flower Arranging' with Jackie Rawden. New Members and visitors are always welcome. For further information please telephone 01778 590180.

Greatford Village Fete: Now we have been able to count proceeds of the Fete it is clear that it was not only hugely enjoyable but also financially successful, raising over £1,100 for the upkeep of the village hall. This record sum was due in no small part to the very kind donation of a barrel of beer from Steve Rigby, landlord of the Hare & Hounds. Thank you again to all involved, and special thanks to Cazz Anders for organising the Produce Show, which looks set to blossom in years to come.

Mobile Library: The van will call at Greatford opposite the phone box on Mondays 2nd and 30th November from 12:00noon to 12:30pm.

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WILSTHORPE

Sunday 1st November – Holy Communion at 10.30am – everybody most welcome.

St Faith's Church – 300th Anniversary

On the 11th October the Bishop of Lincoln, Bishop Christopher, lead the special service to commemorate the 300th Anniversary of St Faith's Church. The service was very well attended and the church was full. Bishop Christopher gave an interesting sermon and remarked that it was 150 years since a Bishop of Lincoln had been to Wilsthorpe and on that occasion it was also a Bishop Christopher [Wordsworth, nephew of William Wordsworth] with his wife Susan, also the name of the present Bishop – what a coincidence!! Everybody enjoyed the service and the refreshments served afterwards. The exhibition was slightly reduced for the service but did include christening robes and photos of the christenings, including one from 1936. The exhibition has been a great success and visitors have found it most interesting and remarked that for such a small community, Wilsthorpe has certainly enjoyed a varied and sometimes intriguing history. The exhibition will remain open into the beginning of November.

24th December – Candle Lit Christmas Eve Carol Service with Dressing the Crib at 4pm. More details will follow in the December issue of Towers and Spires but if, in the meantime anybody would like more information please do not hesitate to contact either Peter at Wilsthorpe Cottage or Susan at Corner Cottage.

Paperback Books for sale! There are several books for sale in St Faith's Church, 50p each, or 3 for a £1. This is proving most popular and the selection is frequently refreshed!

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 7th December at 7.30pm at Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Village Hall. [Please note there will not be a meeting in November]

CASEWICK & DOLE WOOD WARDS

Dear Resident

Cllrs Rosemary Woolley & Barry Dobson visited the Caythorpe Recycling Centre during October. This was part of a review of SKDC's Waste Operational Collection Policies to reflect the changes in national and regional policy. The District Council announced earlier in the year a Community Fund which offers financial assistance to local projects. These can include provision of outdoor facilities; work on community buildings, enterprise projects and events that support communities within South Kesteven.

If you need any help, advice or information please email
skcommunitygrants@lincolnshirecvs.org.uk 01507 613080.

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

UFFINGTON

Church Flowers

Nov 1st – Jane Fairham

Nov 8th – Remembrance Day

Primary School Nativity - You are warmly invited to attend the Uffington School Nativity which will take place on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th December in Uffington Church starting at 2pm. The Tuesday performance will be particularly suitable for families with pre-school children (Wednesday's 'quiet' performance is for adults only please).

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

Date	Event	Sponsor(s)
21 st Oct	Trafalgar Day	Graham Creedy

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 WI. When we think of Jane Austen's dishy Mr Darcy, we tend to imagine him dancing the night away somewhere like Stamford's Assembly Rooms. But perhaps we should start imagining him at Stamford Races - that was a favourite outing for the great and the good in Austen's day. At their October meeting, Penny Rowley gave members of Uffington WI a colourful account of the racing aristocracy who frequented the town's racecourse, built in 1717 on the road between Easton-on-the Hill and Carpenters' Lodge. Known for centuries as 'the sport of kings', racing had become increasingly popular among the gentry in the 1700s. It helped to be rich – as the saying had it: 'You can make a small fortune at horse racing – but only if you start with a large one'. There seem to have been enough wealthy punters willing to take their chances. Stamford Racecourse, paid for by John Cecil, 6th Earl of Exeter, stayed in business until 1873, attracting some of the best-known jockeys in the country, such as Jem Robinson, six-times winner of the Epsom Derby, and Fred Archer, dubbed 'The Tin Man' due to his fondness for cash. The second week in June was Stamford Race Week, when the Midlands gentry would descend on the town in huge numbers, staying at the George and Stamford Hotels. Their grooms put up at the Bull and Swan in St Martins, from where it was possible to walk the horses from their stables up the hill to the racecourse. Penny Rowley's talk didn't require an interest in racing to be appreciated. It was a fascinating glimpse into a vanished world where fortunes and reputations could be won and lost in heart-stopping moments – right on our own doorstep. She was thanked by Sara Pattinson. At the business meeting which preceded the talk, the President, Maggie Carter, outlined letters received over the past month. These included details of next summer's NFWI annual meeting in Brighton, an appeal for donations of household goods by a women's refuge in Boston, and a request for suggestions for events and outings by Lincolnshire South WI Federation. The members' photograph to celebrate the WI Centenary, which will eventually go on display in the village hall, will be taken at the start of the December meeting. The national annual subscription to the WI, due next February, will rise slightly to £37.50. Members have been asked if they can help with catering for teas when the village celebrates the Queen's Birthday celebration in June 2016. A competition for a saucer of hedgerow fruit was won by 1 Vanessa Kimberley, 2 equal Mary Johnson and Brenda Francis, and 3 Alison Dodsworth. The speaker at the November meeting will be quiltmaker Pat Lowe, and the competition will be for a string of unusual beads.

Uffington Continued Elsewhere:

Uffington Continued:

Uffington Walk and Talk - all welcome. The walk planned for Friday 13th November is "Maxey Watermill" Ref Bourne book walk no 2 (approx. 5.5 miles). This is a walk from West Deeping to Market Deeping, returning along the side of the River Welland. Meet at 9.55am. Park on King Street in West Deeping near the junction to 'The Lane'.

Uffington Carol Service. Each year, a group of local people form a choir in order to lead the worship at the carol service in Uffington Parish Church. Choir rehearsals take place on Wednesday evenings at Cophthill School (by kind permission of the Teesdale family). New members are always very welcome. People do not have to be able to read music as all the carols and other pieces are taught painstakingly by the choirmaster, Tim Hurst-Brown. Rehearsals begin on Wednesday 25 November at 7.30pm, and the carol service will be in Uffington Parish Church on Sunday December 20 at 6.00pm. Tim would be absolutely delighted to welcome new choristers: further details may be obtained from David Genever on 01780 765005.

Village Hall Committee Meeting. 12th Nov at 7.30pm

Bonfire Night. 7pm Friday 6th November. Right fork off Greatford Road past the allotments. Donations to the Village Hall. All are welcome.

THE BISHOP'S LETTER

It has been a productive year for some of Lincolnshire's farmers. I do not profess to be any kind of agricultural expert, but as Bishop of Lincoln I felt a real sense of pride when I heard recently of Tim Lamyman - one of our own, farming on the Wolds - and his new world record wheat and oilseed rape yields. That will make an awful lot of bread, biscuits and cake, for which the country, and I especially, am very grateful. In the south of the diocese, I see fields bursting with pumpkins, and I look with satisfaction at the Brussels sprouts, some of which will inevitably end up on our dining tables at Christmas.

But while some farmers are celebrating a fabulous harvest, and the rest of us gratefully look forward to our Christmas feasts, others continue to feel the pinch of the impact of national and international markets on our relatively small part of the world. Lincolnshire's dairy farmers might be wondering if their long hours will ever be profitable again. Cereal growers might wonder if costs will ever stop rising, while the value of their crops and hard work remains depressed.

The harvest festival was once a genuine thanksgiving to God for the success of a small scale crop, and food for the cold winter months. Now crops have been bred to be more reliable, techniques and land stewardship more scientifically advanced, and sales more predictable (even if prices are low), has God become less relevant? What is it that we're *really* celebrating at the harvest festival?

For me, the harvest festival should be a vital part of our calendar to remind us all that the world we have inherited is a wonderful place, that our land provides all the food we need, and that our work is done not only to feed our families, but also to the glory of the God who made us, and who made the land of which we're custodians for a fraction of a fraction of history. Please remember, and pray for, those who don't have enough to eat, those who are anxious about the future, and for your own stewardship of the gifts you have. And let's also celebrate how fabulous Lincolnshire and its farmers are at producing food. +Christopher Lincoln:

BRACEBOROUGH

Holy Communion, Sunday 1st November, All Saints Day at 9am, St Margaret's Church - Please come along and join us. Everyone welcome.

Saturday 7th November @ 9.30am – Church Maintenance morning. Please come & help with the regular tasks if you can. Gutters, downpipes & drains, electrics, grass & weed control etc all to be checked.

Saturday 28th November – Auction of Promises. In aid of Village Hall funds for improved heating in the hall & the Bell Tower project at church. More than 30 lots have been promised already but keep those promises flowing, please! If you haven't yet responded to the flier you still have time, so please consider what you might offer. The more lots we have, the more fun & successful the evening will be. Please let James (560417) know the details of the promise(s) you are going to make. Don't forget to put this date in your diary.

Christmas Eve Carol Service at St Margaret's Church - 6pm December 24th. Normal service will be resumed this year! Mark will be leading our service of popular carols, readings and festive music. Any individuals or groups who would like to sing, play a musical instrument or read please call 561153. Young people and offers to play contemporary pieces are particularly welcome. Come and help fill the church with people, music and happy faces.

Help design a new Altar Frontal for St Margaret's. All designers, embroiderers, seamstresses and anyone remotely interested or able to contribute in any way are invited to put forward suggestions for the design and preparation of a new church altar frontal. Are you perhaps on a design course at school, college or uni? Please let us have your ideas and advice. Our current frontal is the only one we have & has been in service for rather a long time. Here is an opportunity to help make church even more welcoming & to make a personal contribution yourself. Contact Lyn on 561153.

Thursday 10th December – 'Hark, Hark' with Coope, Boyes, Fraser and Freya at the Village Hall. A fantastic way to start Christmas! This will warm your hearts & souls and provide a wonderful winter's night out. This is an eclectic, funny and clever mixture of material provided by THE most accomplished group. There are traditional carols, stories, poetry & jokes threaded through with carols & wassailing – both Capella and accompanied by a bagful of instruments blown, plucked, bowed & struck. Rich in the Variety tradition, this is a show you should see. Book now with James on 560417. Adults £10, Children £7, Family (2+2) £30.

Sunday 28th February 2016 – 'Locust Honey String Band' in concert at the Village Hall. Hailing from the very heart of the USA's Blue Ridge Mountains these 3 young ladies play kick up a storm playing bluegrass & Appalacian music. This is one of the band's very few visits to the UK, so we are privileged to have secured them. Reserve your tickets now, with James on 560417.

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.

Continued elsewhere:

Braceborough Continued:

September & October 2015– 2 months of outstanding achievement by 3 Braceborians! Congratulations to Clare, Paul & Sarah for 3 special achievements this autumn. In September Clare yet again completed the Old Lincs Churches Trust Ride & Stride. This year was even more special for her– loads of local spires visited & a record £150 raised in sponsorship. Well done Clare. Every year you faithfully complete this event. Paul was at it all summer long– ask Cheryl! He bowled all around the region and skipped Blackstones 'Cs' to the Stamford & District Bowls League Division 1 Championship with a record total of points. Then, selected from more than 1000, he ventured to Suncastle Green in Skeggie, where he skipped his team to help Northants beat Northumberland in the UK National County Final – their first victory in the event since 1927, & 1st final for 50 years! Paul won on all his rinks and played a key role in this historic win. Fantastic stuff, Paul! Sarah went even further afield – Chicago, in the US of A – where she represented team GB in the Chicago Age Group World Triathlon Championships! Arriving in the very windy city Sarah discovered her hotel fully booked, so was billeted with the GB para and Olympic teams in the Fairmont – not too shabby, eh? The build up to race day was predictably tense, but the huge storm which blew in the day before intensified the already unfavourable weather conditions, resulting in a delay in entering Lake Michigan for the open water swim. 30 minutes later she jumped in off a pier with 74 others for her start! Bill followed the swim on a path to the 'easy to get out of' Queen's Landing, where HM landed on her coronation tour, (you see, Sarah keeps good company!) Sarah, thankfully, just responded to his frantic waving & calls in time to narrowly miss colliding with a boat – before being hauled out to run 450 yards to transition for the bike bit! Very technical, this section, with underground u-turns, horrid light but better temperature. Into transition again and off for her strongest element – pounding 10k round the course 4 times, slurping water, energy gels and responding to the 'come on team GB' calls from the cheering crowds. At last it was over the line in a PB. Asked for a quote Sarah said, 'Happy with that, thank you very much, but never, ever in all my years did I imagine I would represent my country in a sport. Even now it seems surreal.' Magic!

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UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Report from Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd September, 2015 in the Village Hall.

Tallington By Pass – Still awaiting decision from Network Rail as to their future plans.

Play Area – Work has now been completed and it is ready for use. Grant opening will take place on Sunday, 4th October at 2 p.m.

Village Hall Wi Fi – Launch date for this is Sunday, 18th October, 3p.m. – 5 p.m. in the Village Hall.

There will be a village celebration of the Queen's 90th Birthday, more information will be made available nearer the time.

Cycling on "One Way" System – C. Cllr. Trollope-Bellew reported that it was legal to cycle either way on this system so long as the cycle way is kept to.

Planning – There was no objections to the following applications:

Fell 1 Pine Tree and reduce Yew Tree by 20% - Warburton, North Stables Casewick.

Repollard two willow trees, prune 1 willow tree and remove broken branches – Connington, 85 Main Road.

Erection of Summer House- The Dovecote, Casewick – H & B Trollope

Approval was received for the following –

Repollard Ash Tree, 23 Greatford Road – Schofield.

Fell 1 Prunus Cerasifera – Moore, 7 The Charters

LCC Highways to be contacted regarding the bridge over the culvert down Casewick Lane that needs some remedial work.

Also LCC be contacted requesting them to cut the footpath on the North side of the school playing field and request the owner of 17 Casewick to trim the hedge on the east end of this footpath.

LCC to be contacted reporting lights 124 & 130 on the main A1175 that are not working properly.

Cllr. P. Genever stated that he would personally report to LCC at Lincoln complaining about the poor state of the road in and around the village.

C. Cllr. Trollope-Bellew reported the following:

- It was proposed by the Dept. of Justice that the Magistrate Courts at Grantham and Skegness be closed with the only ones remaining open being Lincoln and Boston. Cllr. R. Woolley stated that SKDC were opposing this proposal due to the lack of public transport to either venue.
- The Boundary Commission were about to report about LCC's membership and it was believed would be singular and that possibly 4 -5 seats would be lost.
- The following sites were now being mapped for the possibility of fracking – Gainsborough in the north west of the county would be a preferred site and Melton Mowbray to our west and beyond.
- Lincoln Castle had received 22 million for a facelift, 15 million from the Lottery, 5 million from LCC and 2 million from private funding.
- Unitary Authorities were not now being proposed but it had been proposed that the seven districts and one county along with the fire and ambulance services were to be run under one umbrella.

Date of next meeting – 11th November, 2015 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

TALLINGTON

Church Flowers

1st/8th November – Mrs K Dodworth

15th/22nd November – Mrs L Pollock

29th - **Advent**

St Lawrence Church: Cycle Ride: Thank you to all who sponsored the cycle ride at the beginning of September. We raised £552.00. Half of this goes to St Lawrence and half to the Old Churches Trust. David and Anne.

Gift Day and Harvest Festival Evensong: The PCC would like to thank all the villagers who so generously donated to our Gift Day on 10th October. The Church received £900 which will help us pay our bills and keep the Church open for everyone in the village who wishes to use it. Thank you to those who were on hand to receive the gifts and provide refreshments on the day.

Coffee Morning: A coffee morning will be held in the Village Hall in aid of Church funds on Saturday 21st November between 10.30 and 11.20 am. Everyone very welcome.

Also a big thank you to all those people who helped to prepare and decorate the Church for the Harvest Festival. The Church looked beautiful with so many floral displays and much produce. Evensong was well attended and it was lovely to hear the harvest hymns so well sung and we were fortunate to have Tim Grace to play the organ for us. Thank you to all who provided the refreshments which were enjoyed by everyone.

200 Club Winners in September: No 88 Mrs Louise Isaacs £20; No 51 Mrs Amy Warren £10.

Social Evenings: The Harvest Supper in September was well attended and the delicious food enjoyed. There is no special event in November – just a get together to have a drink and chat with your friends.

Flying the Flag: Please remember that anyone can have either St George's Flag or the Union Jack Flag flown to celebrate any event at a cost of only £5 which goes towards the running expenses of the Village Hall and Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field.

Mobile Library Service: The Mobile Library will be in Church Lane between 11.15 am and 11.45 am on Monday 2nd November..

Parish Council: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th November 2015 at 7.30pm.. Everyone is welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings.

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From the Registers

Baptism

27th September Tallington Emily Jayne Towers

Funeral

9th October Braceborough Vic (Eric Victor) Capper (96)

We will remember them

During November we commemorate the centenary of the death on active service of a man honoured on memorials of in two of our parishes:

Captain the Lord Kesteven (Sir Thomas Carew Trollope) of the Lincolnshire Yeomanry, died on 5th November 1915. Thomas Carew Trollope was born in London on 1 May 1891, the second child of Robert Cranmer Trollope and Ethel Mary (nee Carew). Robert was the second son of John Trollope (a second cousin of novelist Anthony Trollope) who was Member of Parliament for Lincolnshire South from 1841 until 1868 when he was created Baron Kesteven, of Casewick in the County of Lincoln. Robert was a magistrate and lived with his family at Crowcombe Court, Somerset, but died in 1908. At the time of the 1911 census, Thomas was residing at Casewick with his father's older brother, John Henry Trollope (who had become the 2nd Baron Kesteven on the death of his father in 1874). The 2nd Lord Kesteven commanded the Lincolnshire Yeomanry. Thomas joined the Yeomanry in about 1910 and was promoted to Captain during 1915 and in the same year became the 3rd Lord Kesteven on the death of his uncle on 23 July. Thomas and about 500 troopers of the Lincolnshire Yeomanry sailed from Southampton for Salonica in the SS Mercian (a converted fruitship) on 27 October 1915. When the Mercian reached Gibraltar on 2 November its security may have been compromised as it had to signal its name and cargo in plain language before docking. After leaving Gibraltar on 3 November the Mercian was attacked by German U-boat U38. The ship was damaged but repairs were effected with the aid of volunteers from the Lincolnshire Yeomanry (some of whom, being Grimsby fishermen were versed in seamanship), and the Mercian was able to make port at Oran (Algeria), though 27 troopers had been lost at sea during the attack and another seven suffered wounds from which they later died. Lord Kesteven died of wounds in the Military Hospital on 5 November, and his body was repatriated and he was buried in Crowcombe, Somerset. There being no male heirs, the Kesteven barony died with Thomas. Thomas is commemorated on the parish war memorial in St Michael & All Angels' Church, Uffington and on a special memorial in St Martin's Church, Barholm.

Captain the Lord Kesteven will therefore be remembered at a ceremony during the 10:30am service at Uffington and also during the 6pm service at Barholm on Sunday 1st November.

After 5th November 1915 our parishes suffered no further fatalities until the early summer of 1916, so the next article in this series will not appear until next June.

UFFINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Roof Update. The good news is that the thatchers have given the roof a year's grace which means the new thatching can be done in 2016. Uffington can look forward to having a resplendent new roof by May Scarecrows 2016. Thank you all for support and patience. Our current funding raising is to address the acoustics of the hall. As at home and in business, there is always a list of jobs to be done and paid for, and future projects will involve replacing the cracked windows, resealing the wooden floor, sorting out the decrepit storage sheds and so on. So please keep supporting and enjoying this unique hall. Sincere thanks.

Vanessa Kimberley Secretary

Uffington Bonfire 7pm

Friday 6 November 2015

Past allotments, right fork on Greatford Road. Donations to Village Hall. All welcome.



**CHURCH SERVICES AND DIARY DATES
FOR NOVEMBER 2015 VOLUME 30 NUMBER 8**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
1 st	2 nd	3 rd
All Saints' Day 9am Braceborough HC 9am Uffington HC 10.30am WDeeping MP 10.30am Wilsthorpe HC 2pm WDVH Walkers 6pm Barholm ES	9.30am - UFFVH Yoga 1.45pm TallVH Whist	
8 th	9 th	10 th
3rd Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday 9am Greatford HC Tallington – No service 10.30am Uffington Remembrance WDeeping – No Service	9.30am UffVH Yoga 1.45pm TallVH Whist	2.45pm WD Bible Study @ Cromwell House
15 th	16 th	17 th
2nd Sunday before Advent 9am Barholm HC 10.30am Uffington HC & Sunday Club 10.30am WDeeping All Age Worship 2pm WDVH Walkers	9.30am – UFFVH Yoga 1.45pm TallVH Whist 2pm Welland MU @ Baston	
22 nd	23 rd	24 th
Christ The King 9am Greatford MP 10.30am Tallington HC 10.30am Uffington AAW 10.30am WDeeping AAW 2pm WDVH Walkers 6pm Uffington Wholeness & Healing	9.30am - UFFVH Yoga 1.45pm TallVH Whist	2.45pm WD Bible Study @ Cromwell House
29 th	30 th	
Advent Sunday 10.30am WDeeping – Group Service – HC	9.30am - UFFVH Yoga 1.45pm TallVH Whist	

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th
2pm TallVH Welcome Club 2-4pm WDVH Bowls 7pm UFFVH WI Pat Lowe – Every quilt tells a story Competition – A string of unusual beads	8-10pm WDVH Bowls 10am UffVH Parent & Toddler Group	7.30pm Uffington Bonfire Night	10.30am WDVH Coffee Morning
11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th
2pm TallVH Welcome Club 2-4pm WDVH Bowls 7pm UffVH Stamford Lace & Needlecraft 8pm UffVH Uffington Parish Council Meeting	8-10pm WDVH Bowls 10am UffVH Parent & Toddler Group	7.30pm WDVH Rural Touring	7.30pm UffVH Quiz Supper
18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st
2pm TallVH Welcome Club 2-4pm WDVH Bowls 7pm UffVH Stamford Lace & Needlecraft	8-10pm WDVH Bowls 10am UffVH Parent & Toddler Group		10.30am TallVH Coffee Morning 10.30-12noon WDVH St Andrew's Church Coffee Morning 7pm WDVH Quiz Night
25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th
2pm TallVH Welcome Club 2-4pm WDVH Bowls 7 for 7.30pm WDVH Heritage Group 7pm UffVH Stamford Lace & Needlecraft	8-10pm WDVH Bowls 10am UffVH Parent & Toddler Group	7pm TallVH Social 7.45pm WDVH Rambling Readers	