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West Deeping Walkers. Sundays. 6th December, led by Emma and Keith 01778 345506 20 December, local walk. 3 January, led by Annie. Meet outside the Village Hall. 1.45pm. Contact: Annie Newbigging 01778 346805 email: snewbigging@talktalk.net

Bible Studies at Cromwell House. Tuesdays. December 8th. 2.45 for 3.00pm followed by tea with our hosts Susanna and Ian. There will be a break for Christmas, starting again on Tuesday 12th January. Contact: Allen Calvert 01778 344208.

Coffee Morning. Saturday 12th December. 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.

Carols & Entertainment around the Xmas Tree. Sunday 13th December. West Deeping Village Hall, 4pm-5.30pm. Mince pies and mulled wine/cider. Raffle for village hall funds. Guest stars are the village based Lincolnshire Poachers. Potential performers – singing, acting, reading, or playing an instrument, particularly children, should contact Melanie 01778 380197. Entry free.

Children's Christmas party. Tuesday 22nd December, 2.30 pm. Village Hall. Fun, entertainment and tea. Friends, grandchildren and parents welcome. Hope you can come! Phone Elizabeth for info 01778 344674

Rambling Readers. Friday 1st January 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.

The West Deeping Crib is now circulating in the village: Alice Jones has knitted new woolly sheep. Any queries call Ruth Bowman 01778 346428.

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

Merry Christmas!

Well, here we are again – the year has done its usual vanishing trick, and Christmas is well and truly on the way. Even I have started Christmas shopping – and looking for bargains to stretch the pennies Here in the group we've got lots of (free!) Christmas services and events planned for all age groups, and life this month is looking very busy for us all.

The first special services this season are the **Christingles** – a weekday one in Uffington, and a Sunday in Greatford (for days and times of these and all the December services, see the centre pages). If you've ever been to a Christingle, you'll know that it's a lovely service, especially for children (of all ages...). It's also a very important service for the Children's Society, as it supports their work both in prayer during the service, and by raising funds - if you'd like a money box to save some coins for them, please ask.

Also for children of all ages we have **Crib Services**, in Uffington and West Deeping – come along, hear the Christmas story and help us put our cribs together ready for Christmas (and do look on your village pages to see if there's a travelling crib that could visit your house, too).

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

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

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

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Winter is a good time to get your garden tools in order. Give some attention to their maintenance now and they'll be in good shape for when gardening starts in earnest next spring.

When cold weather arrives and the lawn stops growing, your mower can be put into temporary storage. If it is time to get it professionally serviced then do this well before spring arrives. Otherwise, before it is stored, run down the fuel for petrol mowers, and then disconnect the spark plug lead. Using a stiff brush remove grass and debris from rollers, blades and underneath the deck, along with the grass box. Put some grease on height adjusters. You may need to change the engine oil or at least ensure it is sufficiently topped up. Make sure electric mowers are unplugged from the mains before you clean them. Especially check any plastic covers for cracks. Store your mower in a place where rodents are not able to chew any plastic cables!

Keep your tools properly stored inside, and out of the rain. Larger hand tools can be stored off the ground, and away from direct moisture using hanging racks. This will also prevent damage to any sharpened metal parts. Smaller tools can be hung using a pegboard system.

For larger wooden handled tools, if needed, clean the wood with a damp cloth, but avoid soaking with water as this could encourage splitting. When the wood is dry, apply boiled linseed oil using a rag (make sure you wear protective gloves when applying linseed oil). Clean and dry metal parts and apply a coat of general-purpose oil using a rag.

Clean and dry smaller tools, and oil any moving metal parts. The blades of cutting tools such as secateurs should be sharpened with a fine metal file, or using a sharpening stone. Ensure you sharpen the blades correctly (a basic gardening book will show you how). Remove any rust from blades using wire wool, and then using a rag also apply a film of general-purpose oil. **Tim & Donna**

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Uffington Walk and Talk - all welcome. The last walk of the year takes place on December 11th. A walk has been planned starting in Ferry Meadows, following the River Nene to Alwalton, then back via Landy Green Way to Ferry Meadows. (just over 5 miles) It has been suggested we park in the car park near the Visitor Centre and cafe. This is accessed from the A605 - Oundle Road (near Notcutts Garden Centre) Please meet at 9.55am. If you need further information please contact Sheila 01780763825 or Janet 01778560620

Casewick Cafe Pudsey Bear 5p Challenge. Pudsey contained £43.35 and was won by the 'Log Man'. Total collected was £87.85. Many thanks to everyone.

Allotment – Please contact Yvonne Genever at Croft Farm if you are interested in renting an allotment which has recently become vacant.

WILSTHORPE

Holy Communion is at 10.30am on Sunday 6th December. Please do come along and join us, where you will be made most welcome.

Harvest Festival Update – This was held on Sunday 25th October and was very well attended with everybody staying for coffee and refreshments. The dry goods were taken to Bourne Food Bank [a thank you card is in the church]. They were very grateful for our offerings, so again thank you to all who donated, it was very much appreciated.

History of the village and church – The exhibition has been extremely successful, with lots of complimentary comments in the visitors book. A huge thank you to Rita for all her time and effort in collating this fascinating history of Wilsthorpe. The exhibition will be archived for future generations to enjoy.

Hopefully the grass cutting season is nearly at an end and we would like to extend our thanks to Geoff Burgoin for keeping the churchyard and front grass cut and all looking very neat and tidy and well cared for all year.

Saturday 19tDecember – We will be decorating the church for Christmas, any help would be greatly appreciated. The church will be open all day but if you require any further information please contact Susan at Corner Cottage [560720] or Rita at Wilsthorpe Cottage [560491]

Carol Service – Wednesday 24th December [Christmas Eve!] The Candle Light Carol Service and Dressing of the Crib will be at 3pm, followed by coffee, soft drinks, mulled wine and mince pies. Everybody is most welcome. Last years' service, which was so well attended and made even more special because the children had helped decorate the church and then take part in the service. A lovely way to start Christmas!

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!

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Waste whether household or commercial is a growing problem that all councils are trying to control. SKDC is responsible for collection of the waste and in so doing it collects some 3.5 million bins each year. It all generally happens seamlessly but there have been issues with non-collection of some bins. Out of all the collections that SKDC make, they receive just 180 or so complaints during the year & it is a good indication that the operatives are doing a good job.

If the silver bin contains anything other than clean recyclable waste, it will not be emptied; also, if the green bin contains anything other than green waste, it will not be emptied. So please make sure that you follow the rules by putting the correct waste in the appropriate bin. A new system of tagging will be rolled out soon so that households will be informed as to why the bin was not emptied.

A CCTV camera is mounted at the rear of many of the collection vehicles to record progress to allow management to monitor the procedure throughout the tour.

Waste collection is the responsibility of SKDC but disposal, by law, is handed over to LCC. This works remarkably efficiently and it is one less thing for SKDC to worry about, reducing wear and tear on their vehicles as well as operative hours. Last month, we were invited to tour a recycle plant to see first-hand how recyclable waste was managed and the first stop in the process was the control point. At the beginning of the process through the recycling plant, a sample of waste is taken randomly from the incoming material prior to sorting. The man inspecting these samples was dressed in full protective clothing and breathing apparatus, we soon discovered why, when to our surprise used disposable nappies, food waste and other unsavoury items that belonged in the black bin appeared in the sample. This non-recyclable waste is proportioned and a charge apportioned directly to each district council irrespective if it was their waste or not. That means the most contaminated proportion is used as the calculator.

Plastic bottles, aluminium cans and glass bottles are separated automatically and it was fascinating to watch how this happened at lightning speed. It was also interesting see that final sorting and control was done by operatives and not machines. In one section of the process, we saw twelve operatives standing on either side of a wide conveyor picking the waste that hadn't been automatically separated. Large bins were available to remove larger items that the plant cannot be recycled, such as vacuum cleaners and other electrical items that belong in the household refuse sites. Large vacuum tubes positioned above the belt whisked away plastic bags to a baler ready for reprocessing.

It is also important that the bins are not overly full. Each bin is specified to hold no more than 100Kg. If it is heavier than this, there is a danger that the bin will break when it is lifted onto the truck for emptying. The lip will break and someone could be injured. Basically, if you fill the bin normally, the weight will be fine but please do not stand on it to compress the load as this will almost definitely cause the contents to exceed the safe limit; please use clear bags if you have an excess of recyclable waste. Please note that there is no facility for additional black or green bin waste; only what is in the bin will be emptied providing it is within the weight limit. Doing our bit by recycling responsibly, we can help keep costs down.

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

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

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BRACEBOROUGH & WILSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 14th December at Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Village Hall at 7.30pm.

At the meeting councillors will set the precept for 2016/17. If an organization/group or committee within the two villages would like to be considered for financial support please contact the clerk giving details of amount required and what it would be used for by Friday IIth December. Please note that the money cannot be given to an individual, to qualify the project must benefit the community. Don't forget that SKDC have 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 or speak to your local district councillors.

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

Rosemary Woolley, Clerk to the Council

BARHOLM & STOWE

Residents of the parish enjoyed another village bonfire & fireworks on Saturday 7th November thanks to the generosity of everyone who provided food, donations, a special thanks must go to Martin, Jonathon, Chris, John, Anthony, Matt & Emma. Everyone involved had their fingers & toes crossed in the hope that the weather would not dampen the evening and luck must have been on their side as the rain stopped and a fantastic display of fireworks was enjoyed by all. Congratulations to Ben and family; who took the prize for best Guy Fawkes, (loved the shoes). **Rosemary**

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Holy Communion, Sunday 6th December at 9am, St Margaret's Church. Please come along and join us. Everyone welcome.

Christmas Eve Carol Service at St Margaret's Church - 6pm December 24th. Mark will be leading our service of popular carols, readings and festive music. Individuals, or groups who would like to sing, play a musical instrument or read please call 561153. Come and help fill the church with people, music and happy faces.

Help design a new Altar Frontal for St Margaret's. Didn't generate much of a response last month, so we are asking again!! Any designers, embroiderers, seamstresses and/or 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. Perhaps you are 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 28 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.

Pet Patrol. Requests have been received to politely remind pet owners to ensure their charges do not foul on private or communal property and that any waste is collected and removed. Thank you for your co-operation.

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.

GREATFORD

Church Flowers: Rachel Barron-Clark

Church Cleaning: Lois Webb and Carol Bettinson (for 2nd Sunday only) There will be a Big Christmas Clean on Friday December 18th at 10.00am, everyone is invited and welcome to come and help

Church Services: The services – which everyone is most welcome to attend – are: 13th December: Holy Communion at 9:00am; and also on 13th December: Christingle Service at 3:00pm - this is the only non-school Christingle service in the group and all children are invited to attend; 24th December: Carols and Readings at 6:00pm; 25th December: Holy Communion at 9:00am.
There will be no service at Greatford on the 4th Sunday of the month.

Becket Window: Greatford is immensely proud to have a new stained glass window commemorating St Thomas Becket, designed by the nationally renowned Helen Whittaker of The Barley Studio, York. This has been made possible by a most generous gift. Everyone is urged to come and have a look at this addition to the church (or look at the Facebook page of The Barley Studio). It is hoped that the new window will be dedicated during the Group Service on Sunday 31st January.

Bell Ringing: Greatford practice night Wednesday 16^{th} December. A peal or quarter peal may be attempted on Christmas Eve – to finish shortly before the Carol Service

Carlby & District WI: At the meeting held on Tuesday 10th November there was an enjoyable talk on 'Christmas Flower Arranging' with Jackie Rawden. The next meeting is on Tuesday 1st December at 7:30pm in Carlby Village Hall and is the Members' Christmas Party. New Members and visitors are always welcome. For further information please telephone 01778 590180.

Mobile Library: The van will call at Greatford opposite the phone box on Mondays 30^{th} November and 25^{th} January 2016 (no visit in December) from 12:00noon to 12:30pm.

Flying the Flag: Mark any special event by having the Union Flag or St George's Flag flown at the Village Hall (for a contribution to Village Hall Funds) or outside the Church (in aid of Church Funds). Please contact Cyril Webb on 560437 in either case.

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

The end of another year is a good opportunity to see how far we've come. And it's been quite a year, both in the Diocese of Lincoln, and in our national life. We've had a general election, we've had people coming and people going, both nationally and in the diocese. Some projects have been completed, and others have begun.

December may bring us a reminder of how long our New Years' resolutions have fallen by the wayside, and how much bigger the challenge is for the next year. For me, the big thing is that we're heading in the direction I envisaged when I came to the diocese four years ago. We have resolved to build the kingdom of God in our part of England, and each year brings its new challenges to fulfil the work we're called to do.

We live in a broken world, where society strives superficially for perfection. But at this time of year, we celebrate God being among us, born in danger and poverty. It wasn't the perfect birth for a perfect God. It was a very real human experience, which serves to remind us that despite our imperfections and the challenges we face, we have a Gospel to proclaim.

The celebration of the birth of Christ is the chance to resolve to do the very best we can in the service of God. And while we can never be perfect, we have a perfect example in the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

I wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

READINGS FOR DECEMBER

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

	Canticle	ОТ	NT	Gospel
6 th December	Benedictus	Malachi	Philippians	Luke
Advent 2		3:1-4	1:3-11	3:1-6
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13 th December	lsaiah	Zephaniah	Philippians	Luke
Advent 3	12:2-6	3:14-20	4:4-7	3:7-18
20 th December	Magnificat	Micah	Hebrews	Luke
Advent 4		5:2-5a	10:5-10	1:39-55
25 th December			Hebrews	John
Christmas Day			1:1-12	1:1-14
27 th December			1 John 1	John
St John, Apostle &				21:19b-25
Evangelist				
3 rd January	Psalm 72	Isaiah	Ephesians	Matthew
Epiphany Sunday		60:1-6	3:1-12	2:1-12

The readings for Christmas Day are also used for the midnight services on Christmas Eve. Colours in church: Advent is purple, with no flowers;, then Christmas is white and gold (and flowers galore) – and the white and gold stays until we celebrate Candlemas at the end of January.

UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Report from Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, $11^{\rm th}$ November, 2015 in the Village Hall.

Play Area – The official opening by Lorriane Thurston and the youngest child attending the event was a great success. It seems that this area is being enjoyed by all, a must needed facility for the village for many years. The Play Area has now been fully paid for, made possible by various grants and donations, a big thank you to everyone involved.

Memorial for Ena Troop – This is in the process of being made.

Footpath north side of school playing field - The hedge and grass has now been cut.

Uffington River Bridge – This ancient monument bridge is in need of some TLC, Highways have been informed and have passed our concerns on to the appropriate department.

Uffington Conservation Area – Presently being updated by SKDC no doubt we will received a copy in due course.

Stamford Hospital Parking – The Parish Council had received notification seeking our views on the impact of car parking charges by Peterborough & Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust at Stamford Hospital in line with the charges at Peterborough City Hospital. It was agreed that the Parish Council would reply stating that they disagreed with this idea as most able people will park at Morrisons and just walk through the back way and that no one goes to hospital by choice.

Planning Permission has been received for the following:

Erection of Summer House at the Dovecote Casewick – H & B Trollope

Repollarding two Willow trees and prune one Willow tree - J. Connington

Reduce Yew Tree by 20% - North Stables, Casewick - C. Warburton.

Pot holes in and around the village have been repaired but there are still some outstanding. Highways to be notified.

Dist. Cllr. Woolley reported that a consultation was taking place regarding the size of the rubbish bins as some residents found difficulty in negotiating the large bins. Result of consultation would be reported.

The Georgian Festival was a great success with around 22000 people attending.

Dist. Cllr. Cooke stated that a concerted effort was being made to get more people on the Electoral Roll.

He would also contact the Clerk with details of a Contractor that supply and empty dog pooh bins for the play area.

C.Cllr. M. Trollope-Bellew stated that Libraries in the County were being manned by volunteers and that in fact more libraries were being opened.

There was still no decision on when and if Devolution would be happening.

The County was still to make a further 30% cuts to services.

Date of next meeting Wednesday, 6th January, 2015.



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TALLINGTON

Christmas Party before why not give it a try this year? It is usually a great evening with some tempting finger food and an excellent raffle. Hope to see you there.

Facebook: A Facebook page has been created for the Village Hall which will be publishing the details of forthcoming events. For those of you who use Facebook please follow the link given and "like" the page:

www.facebook.com/TallingtonVillageHall

Mobile Library Service: The Mobile Library will be in Church Lane between 11.15 am and 11.45 am on Monday 28th December.

BIG LEARNER RELAY FOR CHILDREN IN NEED 2015

Tim Grace wishes to thank everyone from the Uffington Group of Churches who "sponsored a spot" on his tuition-car, in return for a donation to the "Big Learner Relay" 2015 for "Children in Need". The "spots" were to reflect those on the bandage worn by Pudsey Bear, over one eye! Groups of tuition-cars throughout the UK, driven either by pupils or instructors in convoy during each stage, followed their "leading-car", with Pudsey Bear attached to its top-box (aka roof-sign). He - and the top-box, were transferred from one leading-car to another, travelling 2800 miles in 14 days! By Friday 13th November - the BBC TV Appeal Night for "Children in Need" - our local Peterborough Group had raised £1658 - and the National total stood at £87207. Both have since risen higher to just over £2008 and £90000 respectively (including Gift Aid). In our first ever year (2014) we raised £65000 overall. What a great feeling to have taken part - one of seventeen driving school cars - between Peterborough and Kettering on Monday 2nd November! Once again.....A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL!

CHURCH SERVICES AND DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER 2015 VOLUME 30 NUMBER 9

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
		2pm Uffington Christingle	2-4pm WDVH Bowls 2pm Tall VH Welcome Club 7.30pm Uff VH - WI Speaker – Keith Downes – Magic & its history - With special effects Competition: A winter posy	8-10pm WDVH Bowls		
6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
Advent 2	/	5	2-4pm WDVH Bowls	8-10pm WDVH Bowls		14
9am Braceborough HC 10.30am Uffington HC 10.30am WDeeping MP 10.30am Wilsthorpe HC 1.45pm WD Walkers	1.45pm Tall VH Whist	2.45pm WD Bible Study Cromwell House	2pm Tall VH Welcome Club			10.30am WDVH St Andrew's Church Coffee Morning
6pm Barholm ES			16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th
13 th	14 th	15 th	2-4pm WDVH Bowls	8-10pm WDVH Bowls		- 2
Advent 3 9am Greatford HC 6pm Tallington Carol Service 10.30am Uffington Crib Service 10.30am WDeeping HC	1.45pm Tall VH Whist	4-6pm UffVH Children's Christmas Party	2pm Tall VH Welcome Club		7pm Tall VH Christmas Party	
3pm Greatford Christingle			23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th
4-5.30pm WDVH Carols Around the Christmas Tree			2pm Tall VH Welcome Club	Christmas Eve 3pm Wilsthorpe	Christmas Day 9am Barholm HC 9am B'borough HC	Boxing Day
20 th	21 st	22 nd		Carol Service	9am Greatford HC	
Advent 4 9am Barholm HC 10.30am Uffington HC (Said) 10.30am WDeeping Crib Service 6pm Uffington Group Carol Service	1.45pm Tall VH Whist			6pm Braceborough Carol Service 6pm Greatford Carol Service 11.30pm Tallington HC 11.30pm WDeeping HC	10.30am Uff HC 10.30am Wils HC	
27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th	31 st	1 st Jan 2016	2 nd Jan 2016
St John, Apostle & Evangelist 10.30am Tallington Group Service HC			2-4pm WDVH Bowls 2pm Tall VH Welcome Club	New Year's Eve 8-10pm WDVH Bowls	7.45pm WDVH Rambling Readers	