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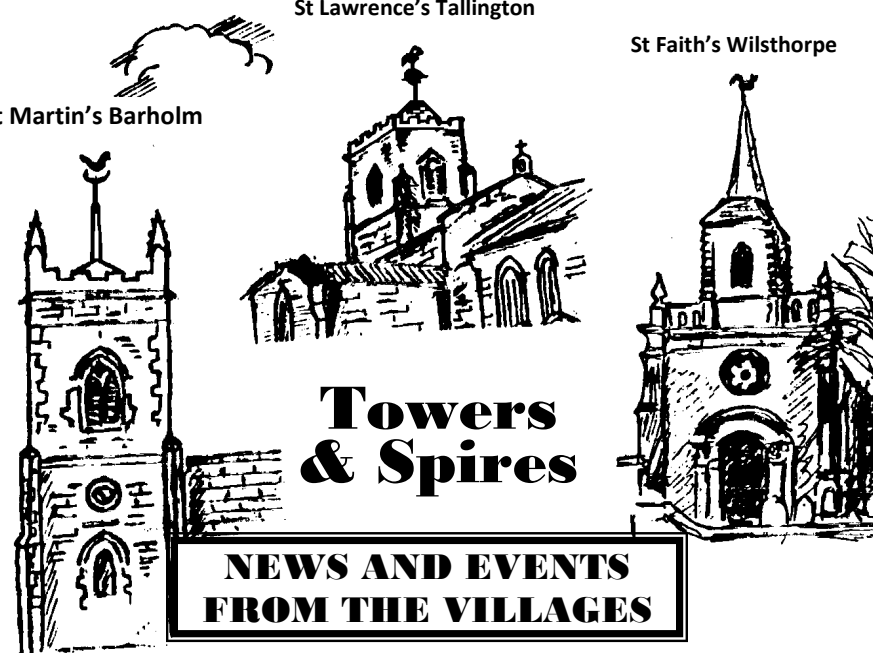
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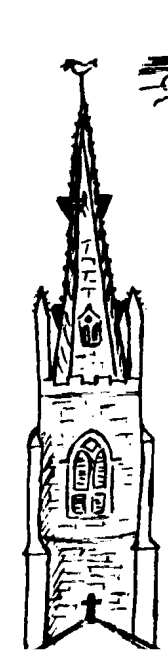
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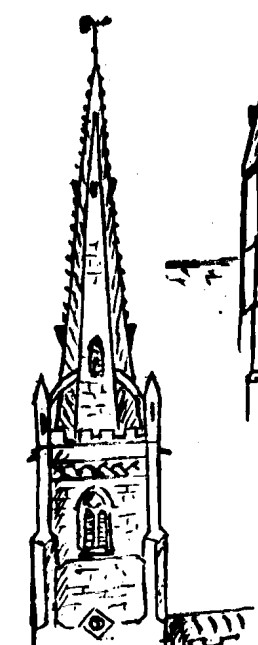
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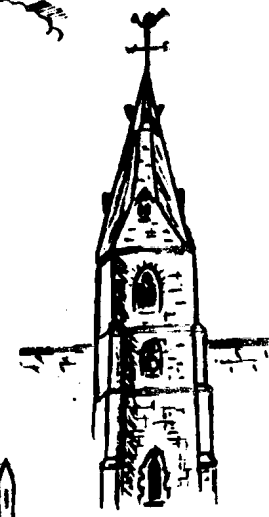
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WILDLIFE GARDENING IN MAY

Carol Klein from TV's Gardener's World reckons if you can have just one shrub or small tree in your garden, it should be hawthorn. She has a good point - in late spring and early summer, hedges are alight with its beautiful white flowers, known as 'may blossom' that are a magnet for insects seeking nectar. In fact, hawthorn is estimated to provide food for more than 150 different types of insects. In autumn these are followed by attractive red fruits (haws), which are valuable food for birds and can be used for winter decoration.

There are two species of hawthorn native to these Isles. Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*) is widespread in hedges, and occasionally is allowed to grow into a small tree. Midland Hawthorn (*C.laevigata*), which is less common, is especially found in ancient woodlands, on heavy clay soils. The plant can be grown in sun or partial shade in any soil type. It characteristically has spiny branches, and in autumn the leaves can change to attractive colours.

In addition to the native species described above, there are also various ornamental hawthorns that can effectively grace our gardens. Of these 'Paul's Scarlet' is probably one of the best known. This is grown as a specimen tree, about 4 to 8 metres tall, and has double deep-pink flowers and glossy leaves. If you prefer pink flowers that are softer and not so bright you could try 'Rosea Flore Pleno'. However, both these hawthorns only bear a few fruit. A good fruiter, on the other hand would be 'Prunifolia' which is a compact tree, with bright red good-sized fruit.

It is worth pointing out that hawthorn (and other apple-like bearing fruit members of the rose family) can be affected by fireblight, which is a bacterial disease that can infect plants, especially at flowering time and in warm wet weather. This causes dieback, and control comprises pruning out affected stems back to healthy wood. **Tim and Donna**

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS – TRUESDALE WARD

Dear Residents

The Local Government Boundary Review Commission has made its final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for SKDC. It has confirmed that Greatford will be included in the Truesdale Ward and as from 2015 the ward will change its name to Casewick. The District is receiving more Solar Farm applications; it has just refused one from Claypole because the Church is Grade 1 and loss of agricultural land Grade 3b. Finally the Enterprise Week was a great success, with an evening Networking Event attracting 100 business people. If you have any problems relating to District please do not hesitate to contact us. Rosemary Woolley, 01778 560634, Email- rh.woolley@southkesteven.gov.uk Kelham Cooke, 07940 187 426, Email-k.cooke@southkesteven.gov.uk

From the Honorary Priest

Dear Friends

As I write this (on Maundy Thursday), Carolyn is hoping to resume work (gradually) from Easter Day, though it is likely to be some time before she will fully fit and fully active: we continue to wish her speedy progress.

When I last regularly contributed this column (some three years ago) I wrote several times about the need for our parishes to become rather more self-sufficient in ministry – against the backdrop of the expectation that cuts in clergy numbers would mean that Carolyn would not be replaced as and when she moved on. Now, three years on, that aspiration of increased involvement in ministry is being realised: we have three people who, having completed the necessary training, have become Authorised Lay Ministers. They have launched a number of new initiatives (particularly the Youth Church, House Group and Casewick Cafe in Uffington), as well as taking over the Home Communion and several services during Carolyn's – for which I am most grateful. We have another person nearing the end of the Lay Reader's course who should be licensed as a Lay Reader in the autumn, and two others who, having embarked on the Parish Foundation Course, may well move on to become Authorised Lay Ministers. So we are moving in the direction recommended in a report to the Bishop of Lincoln last year that in future there should be generally be locally based teams of lay and ordained ministers (led by a stipendiary priest) working collaboratively to increase the numbers and commitment of Christian disciples in all the communities of Lincolnshire.

The last three years has also seen an end of the continued reduction in clergy numbers in Lincolnshire, and Bishop Christopher is now planning to increase numbers (possibly by as many as 50 over the next five years), using the historic financial resources of the Diocese to cover the cost in the short term. These plans now envisage the continued presence of a stipendiary priest for our group of churches.

More broadly, the Bishop is backing initiatives to help church-goers in Lincolnshire to become more *faithful, confident and joyful*. He wants parishes to work more collaboratively with their neighbours (eg by sharing knowledge, skills, ideas and resources) – something we already do in part in our group, but in the coming months our seven Parochial Church Councils and the Group Council will explore what more we can do; as well as thinking about the Bishop's aim of widening community involvement in supporting church buildings. Developing these initiatives may not be easy, but in the weeks after Easter when we can continue to celebrate the miracle of Christ's resurrection, we can all be encouraged to see how we can better respond to the love of God as faithful worshipping communities and as confident disciples of Jesus Christ, joyfully serving and witnessing to him in the world through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Yours in Christ

Martin Brebner

READINGS FOR MAY

	Psalm	NT	Gospel
4th May 3 rd Sunday of Easter	116	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Luke 24:13-35
11th May 4 th Sunday of Easter	23	Acts 2:42-end	John 10:1-10
18th May 5 th Sunday of Easter	31:1-5, 15-16	Acts 7:55-end	John 14:1-14
25th May 6 th Sunday of Easter	66:7-end	Acts 17:22-31	John 14:15-21
1st June 7 th Sunday of Easter	68:1-10	Acts 1:6-14	John 17:1-11

During the Easter season, the Acts' reading is always used at all services, so the readings are the New Testament lesson and the Gospel passage. The liturgical colour throughout the month is white.

UFFINGTON CRICKET CLUB

Uffington Cricket Club would like to remind you all that it is the grand opening of their new pavilion on Saturday May 10th. The club would like to thank all members of the village and surrounding communities for the generous donations especially with regards to the Buy a Brick campaign which has been really important in raising vital funds to get the pavilion finished. On May 10th the ground on Greatford Rd will be hosting a 6-a-side tournament for all the companies who gave generous time and effort in building the pavilion. The tournament will start at 12 noon and run through until 7pm with bar and barbecue running all day and on until 9pm. There will be kids games and a bouncy castle plus plenty of space for a picnic and an afternoon in the sun (hopefully!!!). The pavilion will be officially opened by Jonathan Agnew of BBC Test Match special between 2 and 5pm. The club look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

STAMFORD FOODBANK

Uffington Church began helping the Stamford Foodbank operation at the start of this year, with collection boxes for items at the back of the church. The Foodbank is very grateful for your donations, expressed in this recent letter from Jean Asher. **Sue Naden**

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Your generous help ensures that Stamford Foodbank continues to grow, thanks to the food and money donations which we receive, combined with the invaluable support of our team of volunteers. Every week people in need of the Foodbank's support come through the door at the centre and are very grateful for the bags of food which we are able to provide. The numbers using our service have risen over the past twelve months, reaching a new peak at the start of March. Since the Stamford centre opened, additional foodbanks have opened in Bourne, Deeping, Oakham and Uppingham. Together with the foodbanks already operating in Grantham, Peterborough and Corby, this means that the local area is well served and demonstrates that there is a growing need. We operate under the guidelines recommended by the Trussel Trust. Anyone facing a crisis and in need of food can obtain a food voucher from one of many front-line care agencies such as the Citizens Advice Bureau, schools, churches, the Evergreen Trust or other voucher-holders on our list. Clients receive three days of nutritionally balanced, non-perishable food in exchange for their voucher. In addition, Stamford foodbank supplies basic toiletries as well as soap powder, washing up liquid and pet food if needed.

Currently we are seeking to improve our stocks of **tinned or instant potatoes, tinned puddings, jam, tinned carrots, coffee, custard, sugar, fruit juice and milk** but we are always grateful to receive any non-perishable food, even if it is not on our recommended list. Thank you very much for your continued support. **Jean Asher**

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4th May – Scarecrow Weekend

11th/18th May – Ann Teesdale

25th May - Free

Uffington Women's Institute - Wednesday April 2, 2014. Members were welcomed to the annual meeting by President Maggie Carter, and the minutes of the last meeting were taken as read. The President reported that the Centenary Baton event will take place at Bourne Corn Exchange on June 9, from 1pm-5pm, with entertainment (at a cost of £1,100) by the Gershwin Gang jazz band. Each WI attending will bring strawberries and cream for its own members, a raffle prize, and a table decoration. The baton will be brought to the event from Langtoft in a pony and trap. Tickets are £5 each, with 15 allotted to each WI. As a fund-raiser, the hit film 'Philomena' will be shown at Rippingale village hall on April 22 at 2pm, with tea and cake. Seven tickets are available for Uffington members. Sheila Croft gave a report on the Spring Council meeting at Spalding, which she attended with Pam Norwood. Maggie Carter recounted the Make Do and Mend talk at the Bourne Home Economics meeting earlier in the week, which had been much enjoyed by the Uffington contingent. Members were reminded that the Lois Parker Bursary for a course at Denman College was still on offer, worth £300 to each Federation. They were also asked for help in making cakes for the WI stall at the village's annual Scarecrow Festival over the first weekend in May, and selling raffle tickets for the event in Morrisons' supermarket. The appointment of the auditor was proposed by Sheila Croft and seconded by Alison Dodsworth. The financial statement was proposed by Gillian Johns and seconded by Penny Seymour. A bill is still awaited for hire of the village hall. The WI representative on the village hall committee, Vanessa Kimberley, is to look into this. Secretary Pauline Earley gave the annual report detailing the branch's 2013-14 events, highlights of which included a Roaring Twenties-themed barbecue, a visit to Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter, a home-cooked Harvest Supper and an insight into the 2012 Olympic Games from a Gamesmaker. It also hosted a very successful Hereward Group meeting at Cophill School. There being no further elections, Maggie Carter agreed to take on a sixth term as President, and was thanked for her sterling service - and her good humour - by Gillian Johns. She in turn thanked the committee for their support, especially Sally Baker, who annually hosts the July barbecue. The committee was re-elected en bloc, with the exception of Jenny Peear, who stood down. Her place will be taken by Vanessa Kimberley. The Competitions Cup for 2013-14 was presented to Chris Redfern. Other business: A jewellery sale by members Pam Norwood and Penny Seymour raised around £50 for the Dogs Trust. Margaret Walker suggested that members wear badges with their first names on them to make recognition easier, an idea which will be adopted. Following the business meeting, there was a costume jewellery 'swap-shop', a tasting of hot cross buns (ranging from high-end to budget retailers), and an amusing 'guess the famous initials' quiz devised by Margaret Walker. The competition for a decorated hard-boiled egg was won by 1 Brenda Francis, 2 equal Carol Chapman and Joan Hickman, and 3 Penny Seymour. The next meeting is on May 7 and is the Annual Resolutions Night, followed by felt poppy-making. The competition will be What I Wore Then.

Uffington Scarecrow Weekend is almost upon us. There is still time to make a cake and make a phone call with your offer of help. Just a couple of hours of your time on the Sunday or Monday will make a tremendous difference to the events success. There has been a lot of planning in the past months and with your help we can hold our heads high again! Look forward to receiving your call on 01780 765005 or 01780 239463. To get us all into the spirit of the weekend please join us at the Corn Shed in Casewick Lane at around 7pm on Friday evening 2nd May for a social gathering, hosted by the Cricket Club.

Uffington Continued elsewhere:

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Uffington Parish Council Report from Parish Council Meeting held on Wed, 9th April, 2014 at the Village Hall.

It was reported that the illuminated "Give Way" sign is now in place on the Greatford Road/Charters junction.

The feasibility study for the Tallington Rail By pass in on hold until after a meeting with Rail Track and LCC.

The Allotment water supply taps now require non return valves to be fitted. The Clerk has asked Adrian Walker the plumber to do the required work.

SKDC have repaired the wrong Lindsey Road street name plate, the Clerk to inform them of this and ask them to return to repair the proper one.

C.Clr. M. Trollope-Bellew reported that the amount of redundancies at the Peterborough and Stamford Hospital Trust would not be as bad as envisaged.

Due to the recent demolition of the Lodge wall LCC be asked if the 30 mph sign could be moved to before the bend to the east and also put rumble strips on the western approach to this sharp corner.

Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership have informed us that a trial is starting at Ancaster regarding moveable speed information signs both passive and reactive. If the trial is successful there will be an invitation for communities to join the scheme. The Parish Council thought a reactive sign would be beneficial but as there will be quite an expense it was suggested that we contact Tallington to see if they would be willing to share this equipment.

There was no objection to the following applications

Single storey front extension at 17 Lindsey Road

Construction of tennis court and fencing at The Lodge Casewick.

The demolition of porch and conservatory and erection of 1½ storey extension to existing dwelling at Ryehill Greatford Road had received permission.

Various pot holes in Casewick Lane and Barnack Road have been reported to LCC.

The Boundary Review confirmed that the council seats will be reduced to 56 from 58 and the Truesdale Ward will be known as the Casewick Ward. There has been an increase in applications for Solar Panels at SKDC and CCTV cameras to be erected in the most popular fly tipping areas.

SKDC Enviroment Department to be requested to advise there drivers not to reverse up the Casewick Lane without a banksman as this is a very dangerous manoeuvre.

The Play Area plans are progressing but unfortunately as we are outside the 10 miles area for any grants from the land fill companies. Cummings would supply volunteers to erect a fence and the Chairman, Paul Genever, stated that he would supply the oak to make the fencing to surround the play area and dispose of the spoil when the construction of the play area takes place.

Date of next meeting Wednesday, 21st May at 7.30 this will be the APM and the AGM of the Parish Council.

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

Date	Event	Sponsor(s)
26 th March	For my beloved Mum, Betty Patterson on her 91 st birthday and on Mother's Day	Maureen, Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren
6 th April	Tim Brown's big birthday	The family
23 rd April	ST GEORGE'S DAY	PCC
23 rd April	21 st birthday of Jordan Kimberley	Nick, Vanessa and Laurence Kimberley

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF COPTHILL COMMUNITY CHOIR

A very big thank you must go to all members of the choir, who enthusiastically entered into the "Ocean of Copthill Choral Commotion".

It filled me with endless admiration as you attended weekly rehearsals with humour, energy and the joy of singing, even on the gloomiest January Thursday at 8.15. I was so proud that we achieved a real sense of community, shared the love of music and built up to a memorable and outstanding standard at the concert that, combined with the Upper School pupils, was full of colour, energy and has become a magnificent musical memory.

My flowers and the kind messages that you wrote in the card are reflected back to you all with the same feelings of warmth and love. It was wonderful to hear from one parent who said she could not read a note of music and had no idea what a "soprano" was, so was very nervous about joining the choir in January, but once she stepped through the door and practised with a CD in her car, she learned the songs without reading the music and left every practice with a big smile that stayed all day. Many working parents also just popped in and out of rehearsals for whatever time they could manage, without staying for the entire rehearsal...that's how flexible and informal we like to be!

It was also fantastic that two members discovered after many years that they had been at school together and two others were reunited after an encounter at Peterborough Hospital as patient and medical expert. It became a real family affair too, as parents from school brought parents and friends.....the whole experience was not just about music but about bringing friends and communities together, so Copthill was the origins for some really positive friendship and magic.

As we reflected our achievements over a final cup of tea, the feeling was that we should repeat the experience same time, same place again next year and hopefully spread the news that through singing, (and that doesn't mean you have to sing in tune or read music!!) great fun and friendship can be made. See you again in 2015 and in the meantime, thank you again for your warmth and joy in sharing in the love of singing. I am, as always, truly grateful.

Judith Graham

The members of **Uffington Community Choir** would like to thank Judith Graham for her time and patience at the rehearsals for the performance at Copthill School. We thoroughly enjoyed our "Ocean of Copthill Choral Commotion".

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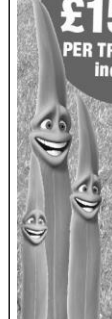
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Notes from Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council Meeting held on 7th April at the Village Hall.

Residents of both villages attended the APM with the main concern being speeding and lack of consideration from some drivers on the narrow roads which then caused damage to the verges and spring bulbs. Potholes, poor repairs and the time taken to deal with them was another highways issue. A resident asked that the dyke along Wilsthorpe could have the 'bottom' taken out as silt was gathering and impeding the flow of water. Extra street lights were requested on Main Street and Spa Road. Reports were received from Chairman of the Parish Council, County Councillor, District Councillor, Clerk, and representatives from St Margaret's & St Faith's Church and the Village Hall Committee. The Parish Council Meeting followed with the Clerk giving an update on Wilsthorpe Sewerage Scheme, Public Footpath No 6 and Highways Walkabout. The Council were informed that the application to fell two cedar trees at The Stables had been allowed with the planning application for The Orchard being withdrawn. Fly tipping was again causing a problem along the Greatford Road to Mill Farm. Due to the continued speeding vehicles it was decided that a number of passive signs should be purchased. Concern was expressed that residents from Wilsthorpe may be left behind in regards to the purchase and training for a defibrillator. It was agreed that the Council would give a grant of £400 plus a loan for the outstanding balance if required. Date of next meeting- Monday 12th May 2014 at St Faith's Church, Wilsthorpe at 7pm. For more information on the Parish Council please go to <http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/BraceboroughandWilsthorpe>
Rosemary Woolley, Clerk to the Council

WEST DEEPING

West Deeping Walkers. Friday 2 May 7pm. A supper will be held at 7 The Lane on Friday 2 May to organize the next 6 months' walks. Everyone brings a dish and something to drink. For more details or to confirm, call Jean on 01778 346779. Sunday 11 May is a local walk, 25 May tba. Meet at 2.00pm at the village hall. Contact: Annie Newbigging 01778 343263 or email snewbigging@talktalk.net

Bible Studies. Tuesdays, 6 and 20 May, 2.45 for 3.00pm at Cromwell House, followed by tea. Contact: Susanna Aldred 01778 380014.

Coffee Morning. Saturday 17 May, 10.30am-12noon. West Deeping Village Hall in aid of St Andrew's Church. There are home-baked cakes and preserves for sale and organized activities for children. Please mark the 3rd. Saturday of the month on your calendar as Church Coffee Morning.

Carpet Bowls Club. The group will meet on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday evenings in May except for 22 May which has been cancelled because the village hall is a polling station. See centre pages. Chairperson: June Thomas 01778 343434.

Rambling Readers. Friday 30 May, 7.45pm, West Deeping Village Hall. If you are interested in reading a new book each month, supplied by Lincolnshire Libraries. Elizabeth Noble is the organizer 01778 344674.

Successful events. The WD Village Hall Committee would like to thank everyone who supported the Tea and Tabletop Event on 29th March, also the people who made the very tasty cakes. We raised £200 for the Village Hall funds. Then on 5 April, there was a litter pick in the village run by West Deeping Walkers and again, thanks are due to the participants.

WILSTHORPE

First Sunday of the month is Holy Communion at 10.30. Everybody most welcome.

The plastering has been completed, an excellent job carried out by Dan Twiddy of Stamford. When the plaster has dried properly, a lime wash will be applied to the walls and then we can Spring clean! Any help would be appreciated with the painting and cleaning the church and tidying in the churchyard where necessary. If you can help or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact Susan at Corner Cottage [50720].

A huge thank you to James Shorrocks for treating the church doors – they look as good as new! Also thank you to Johnny Ward and Geoff Burgoin for their splendid work in the churchyard over the last 2 weeks.

17th May – We will be holding a Coffee Morning in Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Village Hall 10am to noon, in aid of St Faith's Fabric Fund. There will be a cake stall, bric a brac, books and a raffle. Donations of cakes, bric a brac and raffle prizes would be very welcome. For further information please contact Susan at Corner Cottage or Rita at Wilsthorpe Cottage.

2nd/3rd August 2014 – an exhibition will be held in St Faith's Church to commemorate the start of the First World War. If anybody living in Wilsthorpe who has a relative who served in the Great War or who passed on any experiences and would like them included in the exhibition, please do not hesitate to contact Rita [56049].

Theatre at West Deeping Village Hall Saturday 10th May 2014 at 8pm

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Social Evening: Our May Social Evening will be held on Friday 30th May from 7.00 pm and hoping for good weather will take the form of a Petanque Competition. Even if you have never played before you only have to aim a ball at a smaller ball and you might find that you are very good at it - it is always good fun. The Village Hall BBQs will also be available for you to cook your own food if you wish. The Social on Friday 27th June will be a Strawberries and Cream with Pimms evening held from 7.00 pm as usual.

Mobile Library Service: We are lucky to still have our Mobile Library Service but please note the changes to the time and day it will be coming at least until March 2015. Sadly we have also lost our usual Librarian and Driver but they have assured us that our new ones are very nice people. Please help to support them if you can. They have all had a very trying time not knowing whether they had a job or not and we have been fortunate to keep their services. The next visit will be on Monday 19th May in Church Lane as usual but between 11.15 and 11.45am.

Flying the Flag: The Village Hall Committee sponsored flying St George's Flag on Wednesday 23rd April to celebrate St George's Day. Remember you too can have either St George's Flag or the Union Jack flown to commemorate any special occasion in your life. Just 'phone Wally Knox on 740268 who will be delighted to raise the flag for you. It only costs £5 which helps with the costs of the Village Hall.

Annual Parish and Parish Council Meetings: The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th May at 7.00 pm when all the activities held in the Village will be reported upon. This will be followed by the Parish Council Annual General Meeting at 7.30 pm and the normal Parish Council Meeting. Please remember that all Residents are welcome at any of these meetings.

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Flying the Flag - Call James on 560417 if you want to fly the flag – births, birthdays, anniversaries and anything else you would like to celebrate. Union flag and St George's Cross available – or provide your own (but not the Jolly Roger – apparently that's not allowed!).

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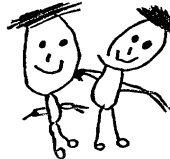
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Church Services: The Annual Church Meeting last month confirmed that the pattern of services would be continued for 2014. The services in May will be Holy Communion on May 11th at 9am. Morning service on May 25th at 9am. The organ needs playing regularly – if anyone would like to practise please contact the churchwardens.

Carlby & District WI: This WI has members attending from Carlby, Bourne, Thurlby, Wilsthorpe, Braceborough and Greatford. The AGM in April was well attended and Margaret Hawkins of Carlby was re-elected as President. After tasty snacks there was a very entertaining talk from member Sarah Milne about her career as an air hostess. The next meeting is in Carlby Village Hall on Tuesday May 13th at 7:30 and will be a talk by Mark Walmsley entitled Mc Cain's – The Chip Story. New members and visitors are always welcome. For further information please telephone 01778 590180.

Bell ringing: practice Wednesday 21st May 7.30 – 9pm.

Annual Parish Meeting: Tuesday 13th May 7pm at Greatford Village Hall followed by the Parish Council Meeting at 7:30pm. All residents are welcome to attend and raise any issues of concern. The agenda for both meetings can be found on the website: <http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Greatford>.

Volunteer Wanted: Could you spare an hour each month to inspect the play equipment in the playing field? All enquires email to GreatfordParishClerk@outlook.com.

Mobile Library: Please try and use this service if you can as it is threatened with closure by the County Council. The van will call at Greatford opposite the phone box on Thursdays 8th May and 5th June from 11:30am to 12:00noon.

Flying the Flag: You can help to raise funds by having the Union Jack or the Flag of St George flown in honour of any special event. The Flags can be flown at the Village Hall in aid of Village Hall Funds or on the flagpole outside the Church in aid of Church Funds. Please contact Cyril Webb on 560437 in either case.

Dog Fouling: As well as the ongoing problem in the village, once again the churchyard has been fouled by dogs in spite of notices at each entrance. Please can everyone be vigilant to this offence.

Road Closures in Greatford: The work on the sewer is advancing and the current schedule of closures (and road works under traffic management, ie risk of delays due one way working, plant moving, etc) is as follows: Carlby Road: closed 21 April to 20 May, (road works anytime from 4 April to 3 June); Belmesthorpe Road: closed 21 May to 29 May, (road works 7 May to 12 June); Main Street: closed 30 May to 27 June, (road works 16 June to 11 July); Baston Road: closed 30 June to 7 July, (road works 16 June to 21 July); Stowe Road: closed 8 July to 11 July, (road works 24 June to 25 July). These dates may change, depending on the progress of work, but Barhale will endeavour to keep residents informed of any changes. Barhale will also endeavour to avoid interfering with events in the village (they are already aware of the Langtoft Run in May and a wedding in June), and the project manager (Rudi Smit) would be pleased to discuss any particular concerns – he can be contacted at the site office.

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4th	5th	6th
3rd Sunday of Easter Uffington Scarecrows 9am Braceborough HC 9am Uffington HC 10.15am WDeeping MP 10.30am Wilsthorpe HC 6pm Barholm EP	Uffington Scarecrows	2.45pm WD Bible Study Cromwell House
11th	12th	13th
4th Sunday of Easter 9am Greatford HC 10.15am WDeeping HC 10.30am Uffington MP 2pm WD Walkers 6pm Tallington EP	1.45pm Tallington VH Whist	
18th	19th	20th
5th Sunday of Easter 9am Barholm HC 10.15am WDeeping MP 10.30am Uffington HC 10.30am Tallington Baptism	1.45pm Tallington VH Whist	2.45pm WD Bible Study Cromwell House
25th	26th	27th
6th Sunday of Easter 9am Greatford MP 10.15am WDeeping HC 10.30am Uffington FS 10.30am Tallington HC 2pm WD Walkers		

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1st	2nd	3rd
	8-10pm WD VH Bowls	2pm Welland MU at The Meadows, Tallington 7pm WD Walkers Supper at 7 The Lane	
7th	8th	9th	10th
2pm Tallington VH Bingo 2-4pm WDVH Bowls	8-10pm WD VH Bowls		
14th	15th	16th	17th
2pm Tallington VH Welcome Club 2-4pm WDVH Bowls	8-10pm WD VH Bowls		10.30am WDVH St Andrew's Church Coffee Morning
21st	22nd	23rd	24th
2pm Tallington VH Welcome Club 2-4pm WDVH Bowls	7.30pm Group Council 8-10pm WD VH Bowls		
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