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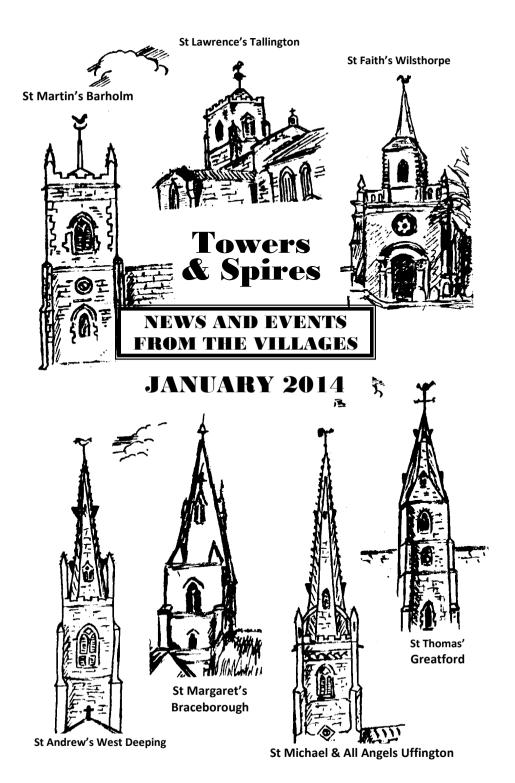
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WILDLIFE GARDENING IN JANUARY

Winter flowering shrubs bring a welcome display of colour and scent to the garden at this cold dark time of the year. Their flowers are often quite small, but as few other plants flower at this time, there is less need to look showy to attract any pollinating insects that may be about. However, the real selling point about many winter shrubs is the intense scent of their flowers. This means that any insects that are about will use up less of their valuable energy stores in searching for the nectar as they can more easily find it. And to the gardener - prepare for your nostrils to be invigorated!

A good place to plant these shrubs is near to your house or parts of the garden you visit the most. Let's look at some favourite winter flowerers.

Christmas Box (*Sarcococca* spp.) is a very popular choice. It is small and evergreen with glossy green leaves and looks insignificant for much of the year. But come winter, it develops small white flowers that put out an awesome perfume. It is widely available from garden-centres and nurseries.

Wintersweet (*Chimonanthus praecox*) can take a number of years to settle in after planting before it flowers, but it is worth the wait. Native to China, it is considered by many to be one of the finest winter garden plants. It has unusual flowers with an intense spicy fragrance. The outer petals are pale yellow and the inner ones streaked with purple/maroon, borne on naked stems.

Witch Hazel (*Hamamelis* spp.) grows best in an open, sunny, but protected position on acid/neutral soil. It bears striking spidery flowers with a spicy perfume. Depending on the species, flowers can be dark yellow, orange or red. Young plants can be damaged by hard frosts, so may need to be protected using horticultural fleece.

Last, but not least, Winter-flowering Honeysuckle (*Lonicera x purpusii* and *L.fragrantissima*) grow to about 2 metres tall, and bear pairs of scented white flowers, sometimes followed by red berries. The former as the cultivar 'Winter Beauty' is one of the best. **Tim and Donna**

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

24th November 1st December UffingtonDaisy Lillian FeethamUffingtonJames Isaac Naylor

The Rectory, Uffington

Happy New Year!

1 hope you've all enjoyed your Christmas, and that you're all set for the fresh start of a New Year.

I've had a number of conversations lately about the 'extra' services that anyone can ask for - people don't always realise they're available, so as I haven't written about them for a while, I thought it was time for a reminder of some of the great variety of services we can provide – and just like all the 'normal' services, you don't have to come to church regularly to ask for one.

For example, if you really want to make a fresh start to the New Year, did you know that the Church of England can provide individual confession and absolution? Not many take the opportunity, but it's always available to anyone who needs it. Or how about if you've started the New Year in a new home? There's a service of blessing for a new home to mark the occasion and get you off to a good start. Other things can be blessed, too - from a new extension to a new tractor to a replacement wedding ring to a present for a christening or confirmation - all you need to do is ask. I've got a whole book of blessing services - you'd be amazed what's included – and we can always write new ones.

I've mentioned blessing a wedding ring when the original has been lost - the marriage itself can be blessed, too. That could be a renewal of vows for a silver, ruby or golden wedding, a re-dedication after a rough patch, or a blessing for a couple who didn't get married in church but would like a religious ceremony now - whether they've been married a few days or weeks or for years. And did you know there are services celebrating the gift of a child, which can be used if you're not sure about baptism (christening), but also if you've adopted a child and would like an official celebration, or if the baptism was held elsewhere and you'd like a celebration here, too.

There's a variety of services, too, for people who are ill. Anyone unable to get to church can always have communion brought to them at home, of course, but there are also special prayers and anointing for healing, to be used with or without communion, and services for particular occasions - like the one for someone too ill or frail to get to a funeral. And then there are the one-offs to mark all sorts of special occasions - retirement, engagement, the starting of a new group or the closing down of an old one, sending someone off on a special journey. The possibilities are endless.

Most of those services could take place in church - but none of them has to. I've renewed marriage vows at a silver wedding party, taken services in homes and halls, and blessed things all over the place. Whether you're celebrating or in more sombre mood, why not let the church help you mark the occasion - we're here to help.

Yours in Christ

Carolyn Kennedy.

WEST DEEPING

West Deeping Walkers. Sunday January 12th is led by Annie and Clary (01788 343263), 26th January has been re-arranged for Sunday 2nd February, Emma and Keith (01778 345506) Meet outside Village Hall at 1.45pm. Contact: Annie, as above, or email snewbigging@talktalk.net

Bible Studies. Tuesdays in January, 2.45 for 3pm at Cromwell House, followed by tea. Contact: Susanna Aldred on 01778 380014.

Coffee Morning. Saturday 18th January. 10.30am-12noon, for St Andrew's Church. West Deeping Village Hall. There are home-baked cakes and preserves for sale and organized activities for children.

Rambling Readers. Friday 3rd January 7.45pm and Friday 31st January 7.45pm. The Christmas meeting is at 28 King Street, for the end of January we'll be at the Village Hall as usual. If you are interested in reading a new book each month, supplied by Lincolnshire Libraries, call Elizabeth Noble 01778 344674.

Carpet Bowls Club. The January Wednesday sessions have been cancelled. For the Thursday evening dates see centre pages. Chairperson: June Thomas (01778 343434).

TALLINGTON

Church Flowers

12th/19th January - Mrs S Taylor 26th January - Mrs C Bamford

St Lawrence's Church: The Parochial Church Council wish to thank all those who came to the Coffee Morning and/or gave raffle prizes. They are delighted to tell you that a total of £192 was raised towards the Church funds.

200 Club: The winners were: No 69 Mrs Linda Freeman £15; 110 Miss Gemma Stent £10; 45 Mr Nicholas Bradley £5.

Social Evening: The Fish and Chip Supper held in November was very well attended and enjoyed and although there was very little difference in the marks of the Quiz teams it was finally won by the smallest team!

The first Social Evening in 2014 will be held on Friday 31^{st} January from 7 pm. If you are new to the Village it is a very good way to meet your fellow residents and make new friends.

Another Fish and Chip Supper, with Quiz, is planned for our evening in February.

Mobile Library Service: The Mobile Library will be in Church Lane on Thursday 16th January between 10.00 and 10.30 am.

Flying the Flag: The Flag was flown on Thursday 12th December to celebrate the 18th Birthday of Imogen Isaacs.

Please remember you, too, can celebrate any occasion by Flying the Flag. Just 'phone Wally Knox (740268) and he will raise the flag for you on your chosen date. The cost is only $\pounds 5$ which helps with the running costs of the Village Hall.

 $Parish\ Council:$ The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 14^{th} January 2014 at 7.30 pm

READINGS FOR JANUARY

	Psalm	ОТ	NT	Gospel
5th January Epiphany	72	Isaiah 60:1-6	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
12th January The Baptism of Christ	29	Isaiah 42:1-9	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
19th January Epiphany 2	40:1-12	Isaiah 49:1-7	1 Corinth. 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
26th January Epiphany 3	27	Isaiah 9:1-4	1 Corinth. 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23
2 nd February Candlemas	24	Malachi 3:1-5	Hebrews 2:14-18	Luke 2:22-40

Usually, the readings for communion services are the NT and Gospel, and for Morning or Evening Prayer the Psalm, OT and NT. The colour in church is white, up to and including Candlemas.



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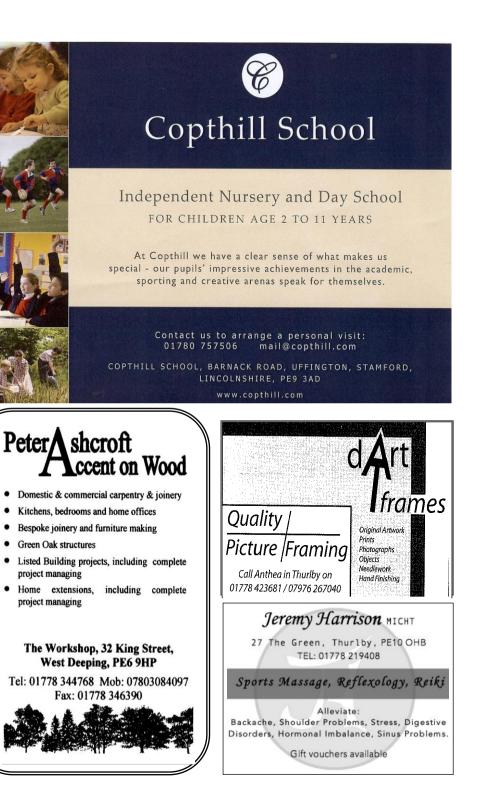
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Church Flowers: Bridget Everitt Church Cleaning: Cazz Anders and Sarah Rodrigues

Church Cleaning and re-decoration: Our thanks to everyone who assisted with cleaning and sorting out after the re-decoration of the Church. A great deal of work was involved in removing and replacing the plaques and pictures and repainting all the flower stands. The congregation are very pleased with the result.

Church Services: The Christingle Service on 8^{th} December was enjoyed by those who came and sang heartily with Tim Grace playing the organ. The services in January 2014 will be Holy Communion on January 12^{th} at 9.00am, and Morning Service at 9.00am on January 26^{th} .

Bell ringing practice: Wednesday 8th January 2014.

Carlby & District WI: This WI has members attending from Carlby, Bourne, Thurlby, Wilsthorpe, Braceborough and Greatford. The Christmas Dinner Party on December 3rd was well attended and the village hall and tables were beautifully decorated. The meal served by Lucy's Kitchen was delicious and enjoyed by us all. There is no meeting in January and he next meeting is on Tuesday 11th February at Carlby Village Hall at 7.30pm and will be a talk by Dorothy Wood of Grantham entitled 'From Bus Pass to Student Card.' New members and visitors are always welcome. For further information please telephone 01778 590180.

Christmas Lunch: The villagers who attended the Christmas lunch on December 4th would like to thank Steve and Alex at the Hare and Hounds for so generously providing such a wonderful meal. Despite several guest being unable to attend at the last minute, a fabulous time was had by all and everyone enjoyed a celebratory glass or two of fizz, delicious food and sparkling conversation. The decorations looked lovely and the Christmas music added to the party atmosphere. A big thank you also to Lisa Cuthbert and Chris Harris who helped so much with the setting up, serving and clearing up afterwards.

Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 14th January 7:30pm at Greatford Village Hall. All residents are welcome to attend and raise any issues of concern. The agenda for the meeting can be found on the website: http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Greatford.

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 January 16th and February 13th 2014 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.

Date for your Diary. Friday March 14th 2014 at 7pm in Greatford Village Hall. **"SING FOR YOUR SUPPER" In aid of Thorpe Hall** - Concert performed by Braceborough Community Choir followed by fish and chip supper (BYO drinks) and sing along. Tickets only, more details to follow.

UFFINGTON

Uffington Group Youth Church. Uffington Group Youth Church meets about once a month for a mixture of activities and is for youngsters (aged about 10 to 16/17), who attend any of the churches in the Uffington Group. The aim is to show you that church can be fun! We started in summer 2012, and have done a range of things including: joining in churchyard working parties, going on a tower tour at Peterborough cathedral, visiting Peterborough Climbing Wall, going for a walk in the Peak District and to the seaside at Hunstanton (the Sea-Life Centre and the beach!), carol-singing, Bible Study and preparing church Family Services, thinking about what remembrance means and how fossils fit in with ideas of creation, visiting Longthorpe Tower and 10-pin bowling, amongst other things! There is a new set of posters in Uffington church with pictures of what we've been up to. We would welcome new people and are open to your ideas about things to do. If you'd like to know more, please contact any of: Geoff and Donna Radley (01778 561950) or Les Baillie (01780 765908)

Uffington Parish Council. Report from, Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 20th November, 2013 in the Village Hall.

Play Area – As Cllr. Mulvaney was not at the meeting nothing to report; hopefully more information will be available at the next meeting. Mr. Woodman is still wanting to see the result of the survey to see if it was representative of the village, but as explained under the Date Protection Act this is not possible. The Chairman, Cllr. Genever pointed out that people against the project would have been more outspoken than people in favour and therefore the overwhelming 3-1 in favour made it possible for the project to go ahead.

One-Way System. The decision by LCC Highways not to erect a "Stop" sign to replace the "Give Way" sign at the Charters/Greatford Road junction was thought to be short sighted. C.Cllr. M. Trollope-Bellew had also tried to get a "Stop" sign but with no luck. It was also reported that there had been some near misses with cyclists going the wrong way on the "One Way" system. Cyclists should obey the rules the same as the motorists. LCC to be written to suggesting that the best solution to this was to do away with the cycle lane altogether.

LCC's Boundary Commission is delayed for a year as they are doing Lincoln City who has an election in 2015. The SKDC's review will be in place for the 2015 Election.

Planning Permission has been received for the retention of the temporary classroom at Uffington Primary School for a further 5 years. Also for a first floor extension over garage and convert garage to reception area – 13 School Lane

There was no objection to the reduction in height of 4 silver birch trees – Bertie House and reduction in height of 2 trees on Bertie Arms boundary.

The Parish Council had complained that the stone slip veneer approved on 93 Main Road had not been applied but the walls painted instead. SKDC Enforcement Team is investigating this.

C.Cllr. Trollope-Bellew reported that the County had agreed to cap the Precept up to a 2% increase. Library Consultation – 20000 people had responded but this only equates to 3% of the population which was not as overwhelming as had been suggested. A decision regarding the Library Service will be made on 3^{rd} December, 2013. Government grants to County for 2014/15 is to be 33% less than for 2010/11 a drop of £146M this grant makes up to 80% of the income of the Council therefore savings will have to be made.

The Chairman admitted to Highways that he had split the grit bin on Casewick Lane and would reimburse the Council accordingly. Next meeting Wednesday, 8th January, 2014.

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

Date	Event	Sponsor(s)
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Uffington Continued Elsewhere

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Church – School News - We have recently formed a committee of school staff, governors and members of the PCC to develop the partnership between the church and Uffington School.

On 26th November, we celebrated our first whole school Eucharist. As a school, we spent some weeks focusing on the different elements of the Eucharist in RE before the service which took place in Uffington Church. This was a real Church: School project with members of the congregation working in school and joining the children and their families for the service. Although the service was quite long - it takes quite some time to bless ninety-five children! - the children were enthralled (for many it was the first time they had taken part in a Eucharist service). The following quotes offer a flavour of the impact of the service:

'I felt throughout the service that I could really connect to God. My favourite part of the service was when we all shook hands and said "Peace be with you". For me it felt like a very special service. I felt very calm and peaceful after I took my blessing.'

'The Eucharist was really fun and yet it felt serious. I was sitting in one of the big chairs and it made me feel special.'

'I felt happy to be around other people and I liked the blessing. Thank you for preparing this lovely service. I thought it was brilliant.'

'I felt the service was special because everyone played a part. When Rev Carolyn was behind the altar, the church felt extra special.'

'I really enjoyed the Eucharist service because I learned what happens when you have a blessing and communion. My favourite bit was the blessing because I felt that I was part of the Church and part of God.'

'My favourite part was when we did the questions and answers - it was a great idea. I don't usually go to church but the Eucharist was amazing!'

'I really liked when we got blessed because it was a fresh start.'

On 3rd December, the children once again visited church; this time for the annual Christingle service. On the morning of the service, the younger children met with Liz, Les and Geoff to make their Christingles in the Casewick Chapel, while the older children made theirs in school. As always, we were really pleased to welcome so many parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters and friends to this special service.

History of Peterborough Cathedral. There will be a Winter Lecture by Rev David Bond in the Village Hall on Saturday 25^{th} January 2014 on the History of Peterborough Cathedral. Tickets £10 to include tea & cake, proceeds to the Village Hall Roof Fund. To help with catering purposes please ring Michael Crowe on 01780 762490.

Uffington WI. Members heard about the ups and downs of life breeding a dairy herd of Ayrshire cows when Leicestershire farmer's wife Jane Barnes spoke at their December meeting. The talk was followed by the customary Christmas bran tub, and by cheese, wine and mince pies. A picture quiz was provided by Margaret Walker. Hostesses were Jenny Hardy and Gillian Johns. A competition for a hand-made Christmas cracker was won by 1 Jenny Peear, 2 Sue Naden and 3 Carol Chapman. Members were urged not to forget to fill in the voting slip in the current issue of the WI's monthly magazine to choose a national resolution to be selected later in the spring. There is no regular WI meeting in January, but a meal at the Burghley Park Golf Club has been arranged for January 8th for those who wish to go.

Scarecrow Meeting - It is hoped to have a Scarecrow Committee Meeting to put the wheels in motion for this Scarecrow Weekend on $4^{th}/5^{th}$ May on Wednesday 22^{nd} January at The Homestead, Greatford Road at 7.30pm. If you would like to join in this great fund raising event please give David Genever a ring on 765005.

BRACEBOROUGH

Sunday 5th January. Holy Communion at 9am - Please come along and join us for Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome.

St Andrew's Night Pot Luck Supper. - Raised £340 towards Village Hall funds. Many thanks to all those who helped on the night & by providing food. A special 'thank you' to Judy & Cheryl for their sterling work throughout the day in the kitchen. Thank you ladies.

A huge 'thank you' to Maggie & Owen who have very generously sponsored the construction and fitting of two new doors to the Porch entrance. What an improvement. Now the stone is redundant!

Dates for the Diary

New Year's Eve Party 8pm in the Village Hall - Bring a contribution to the food table and your own drinks. Admission by ticket only. Music & then chimes at midnight.

Sunday 23rd February. Sunday lunch at the Village Hall - Back by popular demand! In aid of St Margaret's Church. 2 course traditional roast pork lunch. 12.30pm for 1pm.Licensed Bar, Raffle. Tickets on sale in January. Adults £8. school-age children £4. Contact Jean or Malcolm.

26 April - Hot Potato Syncopators - Concert. More details next month.

July - Bracetastic Jazz & Blues event - Following on from the terrific success of 'Bracefest' this will be another day to remember.

Get your seeds ready and polish your jam jars, as your village needs you

Uffington Garden Produce Show is happening on Saturday the 13th of September 2014 at the Village Hall.

We are re-starting a village tradition - there has been a break of over 20 years.

There are 40 classes, including longest runner bean, comedy fruit or vegetable, Victoria sponge, jar of chutney and tallest sunflower. For the serious competitors, there are nine vegetable, six fruit, four flowers, fourteen produce and seven children classes.

It is open to all villagers, and relatives of villagers. All entries must be grown or produced by the exhibitor. There is an entry fee of $\pounds I$ for adults per class, and 50p for children.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners, and then the produce will be auctioned at the end of the day to raise money for the Village Hall roof.

For more information, email Liz Genever at liz.genever@eblex.ahdb.org.uk or talk to Liz or Kate Genever, Diane Brown or Ron Smith. Look out for the posters on the village notice boards.

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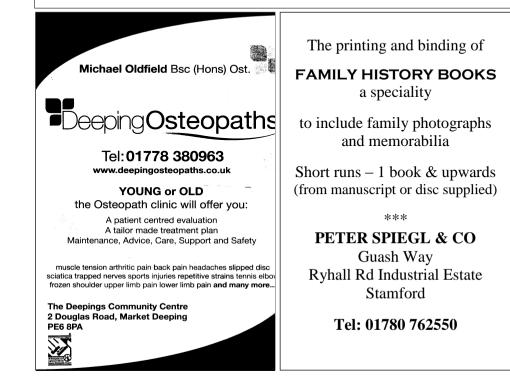
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Driving through Greatford will be difficult in the New Year, when Anglian Water start installing the new sewer – though it has been promised that access to property in Greatford will normally be maintained (albeit with delays). It is expected that roads will be closed as follows (and there will be extensive signposting of diversion routes):

13 th Jan to 6 th Feb:	Carlby Road (T-junction at Old School to north end of village).
7 th Feb to 14 th Feb:	Belmesthorpe Road (approximately Greatford village sign to Carlby
	Road T-junction).
17 th Feb to 17 th Mar:	Main Street (Carlby Road junction to Stowe Road junction).
18 th Mar to 25 th Mar:	Baston Road (Stowe Road junction to east end of village).
26 th Mar to 31 st Mar:	Stowe Road (Main Street junction to new pumping station site).
1 st April to 23 rd April:	Stowe Road (new pumping station site to south end of village and
	continuing along Greatford Road, Stowe to junction with Barholm
	Road).
Closures will then continue	e outside the village:
24 th April to 14 th May:	Barholm Road (junction with Greatford Road to Stowe crossroads on
	King Street).
15 th May to 6 th June:	Stowe Road, Langtoft (Stowe crossroads to Dickens Close).

AN OCEAN OF COPTHILL CHORAL COMMOTION

Dear Parents, local residents and friends,

The time has arrived again to start considering what to do after the Christmas Festivities(!) and how to shake off the "lanuary Blues". The answer is to sing - yes, scientific research has proved that it is good for us! It doesn't matter whether you are a regular singer or you haven't sung since school and only feel that you can let rip in the shower because everybody can sing and, when we join together to do it, we are part of a team achieving wonderful and uplifting results. The Copthill Community Choir will reform in January 2014 for the fourth consecutive year. Just ask somebody who has been involved before about the wonderful feelings of comradeship and pleasure that are evoked in every rehearsal and during the concert. This year the theme will revolve around the wonderful and mysterious sea world and we will join with the Copthill Upper School year groups to take an enchanted trip to the sea with songs from "Wade in the Water", "Blue Moon", "The Sailor's Hornpipe" and a compilation of "Little Mermaid" songs. You do not have to read music ... the only necessary attributes are genuine enthusiasm, a smile and the desire to have fun. Copthill Community Choir Rehearsals will take place in the School Music Room every Thursday morning between 8.15am and 9.30am on the dates listed below. You do not have to stay for the whole 75 minutes nor commit to attend every rehearsal. Please attend whenever you are available:- Jan 9th, Jan 16th, Jan 23rd, Jan 30th, Feb 6th, Feb 13th, Feb 27th, Mar 6th, Mar 13th, Mar 20th. Additional rehearsals will take place on the following dates:- Monday 24th March -1.00pm - 3.30pm & Wednesday 26th March – Dress Rehearsal - 1.00pm -3.30pm. Please don't worry if you cannot make these afternoons; I do understand work commitments! The Concert will take place on Thursday 27th March as the Finale to the afternoon's Upper School Music Revue beginning at 1.30pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at judithgraham@copthill.com or phone me on 01780 757103. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND MUSIC COLLABERATION AS ALWAYS. JUDITH G

Public Meeting

with Nick Boles MP

Friday 10th January 2014

Tallington Village Hall 4 - 5.30pm

Following letters written to him by concerned Tallington residents over the last year your MP Nick Boles requested a meeting with Network Rail to hear their assessment for an alternative to the level crossing and of the different options that might be feasible. That meeting took place as planned on Friday 13th December in Grantham.

Nick would now like to hear the views of local residents in person as to what should happen and has organised a public meeting on Friday 10th January 2014.

Nick would like to assure all residents that he has no preconceived ideas about the right solution for Tallington. This meeting has been arranged due to the recent level of concern following publication of the November Parish council minutes and the recent leaflet circulated to every home by Ken Otter. This is not a Parish Council meeting and all who attend will have a chance to speak, time permitting.

> Meeting arranged on behalf of Nick Boles MP by Philip Sagar, Avoca House, Tallington.

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INVITATION TO COFFEE & BISCUITS IN THE CASEWICK CAFE

We would like to give the village an update of what has been happening at the church.

Following the completion of the roof repairs, the children at Uffington School have been using the Casewick Chapel as a space for activities such as gym and school assemblies, and elsewhere in this magazine, there is a report from Helen Simms, Headteacher, on other links between the church and the school.

Members of the congregation have been working with the children this term, and among other things they have made bread and Christingles in the Casewick chapel.

Another new initiative has been to offer coffee first thing on Friday mornings in the warmth of the chapel for mums, dads and grandparents dropping off children at Uffington school, and as a place for new parents to meet with other parents. (Toys are provided for younger siblings too). In response to several requests, the coffee mornings are being extended on Friday mornings to 12.30 for anyone in the village who would like to come along for a chat, or perhaps play a game of dominoes or even help knit squares for charity blankets. We would love to see you! The door at the side of the Chapel is unlocked at these times, so there is no need to walk all the way around from School Lane to the Church front door, but this too will be open as usual if this would be a quicker and easier route for you into the Casewick Chapel.

One area of the Chapel is also being used for an honesty-library. A selection of both Christian and general books will be available to borrow on a free basis. Please just fill in the Loans Book with your name and a contact address or telephone number, the title of the book and when you borrowed it.

We would be grateful for feedback on these ideas, or anything else to do with the church, please contact the churchwardens or leave a note in the Casewick Chapel.

Notes from Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Parish Council held on 9th December 2013 at St Faith's Church, Wilsthorpe at 7pm.

The Clerk reported that Lincolnshire Highways were happy with what Ashton Estates had done along the Carlby Road and Cocked Hat junction with cleaning out the dykes. Dog fouling notices had been erected in the parish. Residents at Braceborough had agreed not to park on the grass verge, Main Street.

It was agreed that the precept for 2014/15 would be increased by 2% to \pounds 2442.00. They also agreed to give grants to both Churches of \pounds 280.00 each for church yard maintenance and \pounds 40.00 to Baston CofE School for transport to swimming lessons.

The following planning applications had been approved:- Braceborough, Mead Lodge - pollard Willow tree, Village Hall-fell 3 Hawthorne bushes. The council gave no comments on the Lincolnshire County Council Minerals & Waste Local Plan consultation. They also agreed no objection to the Anglianwater application to construct a sewerage pumping station on land at Wilsthorpe but to include a S106 agreement for £500.00 towards painting of the Church. The reason being that it is the only community asset in the village.

Overgrown hedge along the Carlby Road (along the side of the grass field before the Cocked Hat turn) should be trimmed. Concern was again raised about the poor visibility as you enter the Main Road, Braceborough from Cocked Hat. It was suggested that white lines be painted at the junction to slow drivers down.

It is hoped that the questionnaire will be circulated in the New Year.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 3rd January 2014 at Braceborough Village Hall at 8pm. All welcome.

Rosemary Woolley Clerk to the Council

CHURCH SERVICES AND DIARY DATES FOR JANUARY 2014 VOLUME 28 NUMBER 10

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
5 th	6 th	7 th
Epiphany		
9am Braceborough HC	1.45 Tallington VH	
10.15am WDeeping MP	Whist	
10.30am Wilsthorpe HC		
10.30am Uffington HC		
6pm Barholm ES		
12 th	13 th	14 th
The Baptism of Christ		
9am Greatford HC	1.45 Tallington VH	
10.15am WDeeping HC	Whist	
10.30am Uffington MP		
6pm Tallington ES		
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19 th	20 th	21st
Epiphany 2		
9am Barholm HC	1.45 Tallington VH	
10.15am WDeeping MP	Whist	
10.30am Uffington HC		
1.45pm WDVH Walkers		
26 th	27 th	28 th
Epiphany 3		
9am Greatford MP	1.45 Tallington VH	
10.15am WDeeping HC	Whist	
10.30am Uffington FS		
10.30am Tallington HC		
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
		7.45pm WD Book Club at 28 King St	
8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th
2pm Tallington VH Welcome Club	8-10pm WD VH Bowls	4pm Tallington VH Public Meeting with Nick Boles MP	
15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th
2pm Tallington VH Welcome Club	8-10pm WD VH Bowls		10.30am WDVH St Andrew's Church Coffee Morning
22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th
2pm Tallington VH Welcome Club	8-10pm WD VH Bowls		Uffington VH Rev David Bond or the History of Peterborough Cathedral
29 th	30 th	31 st	
2pm Tallington VH Welcome Club	8-10pm WD VH Bowls	7pm Tallington VH Social Evening 7.45pm WDVH Book Club	