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Barkston and Syston Village Hall Regular Bookings

Monday **Parent and Toddler Group** 10-00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. **Short Mat Bowls** 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. **Dance Class Tuesday** Noon - 4.00 p.m. Wednesday Vitality Fitness 9.45 a.m. - 10.45 a.m. **Dance Class** Noon - 9.30 p.m. Thursday Yoga 10.00 a.m. - Noon **Short Mat Bowls** 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. 9.30a.m—10.15 a.m Friday Move it or lose it 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. Saturday **Dance Class**

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides meet weekly. For more information contact girlguiding.org.uk.

The Cardiac Chat Group meet each second Tuesday of the month, 2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m..

The Macular Society meet alternate months.

The Lincs Trust for Nature Conservation meet every second Friday of the month (Oct - April) 7.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m..

Bookings for private functions - Carol Bradford 01400 250744

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Mobile Library dates

The library will be in West Street between 12.30—13.00 on the following Mondays, Nov 18th and Dec 16th 2019

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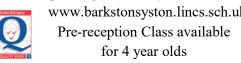
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South Cliff Villages Group NOT FROM THE RECTORY



The Lincolnshire steeplechase – the last word!

I have faithfully reported on the churches as viewed from the carriage window of trains in Lincolnshire: from Grantham to Skegness; from Peterborough via Lincoln to Doncaster; from Doncaster to Cleethorpes via Scunthorpe and the extension to Barton on Humber; and from Grimsby to Newark via Market Rasen and Lincoln.

There was one further journey to make to complete the exercise and it was on what a national newspaper has called the 'ghost train' which Northern Rail run 'connecting faded seaside resorts with quiet market towns'. Although there is now a regular service between Sheffield and Gainsborough Central the onward journey on the 'Brigg Line' can only be undertaken on a Saturday when three trains a day in each direction are time-tabled for the duty

With careful planning there was a train from Grantham to Retford in good time for the onward departure from the low level platform 4 on the single carriage but a well patronized train which was soon passing the power stations at Cottam and West Burton as it headed into Lincolnshire over the River Trent sharing the line briefly with that taken by the Doncaster – Lincoln service before branching off north and into Gainsborough Central alongside the refurbished Marshall's Yard.

The parish church of All Saints in Gainsborough, is very different to most of the county's churches being built between 1736 and 1744 in the Classical style albeit attached to the Perpendicular tower of the former church.

The onward journey stops at Kirton in Lindsey, the little town 'tumbling down the side of the Cliff' complete with its church 'with its grand and impressive Early English tower' clearly visible from the carriage window. The train navigates the Cliff through a tunnel and emerges into Brigg with its church of 1842 with 'lofty nave and tiny chancel and thin tall tower.'

The landscape of north Lincolnshire is notably different: still agricultural fields to either side of the railway but with processing plants, storage silos and cranes along the sky line. The train took the junction at Barnetby at speed with the line from Doncaster/Scunthorpe joining from the left and the line from Lincoln/Market Rasen joining from the right. The old village church has been 'long abandoned..but [is now] beautifully restored' with a new church [1926] by William Bond containing the 12th century lead font from the old church.

The distinctive dock tower of 1852 indicated the approach to Grimsby station and the opportunity for a visit to the Minster Church of St James which, unusually for a Saturday, was open and displaying art works by North Lincs artists. The church is a

'grand medieval building...cruciform..from the early thirteenth century'. The church was bombed in the Second World War, so much of the glass is post war - the windows in the Lady Chapel depict the Magnificat while the triple lancet windows of the east end depict the fishing industry of the town and are a memorial to the men who served and perished on the sea in the Second World War.

There was time for a pot of tea in the servery at the west end of the church before catching the return service to Retford and the onward connection to Grantham and home.

With every good wish to you for the coming Christmas festival and the approaching New Year

Stuart Hadley [Rector of the South Cliff]

Quotations, apart from the first one from the national newspaper, are from Henry Thorold's 'Lincolnshire Churches Revisited' [1993]

Findlay's Fighting Fund Christmas Fayre

Sunday 1st December 2019 Barkston & Syston Village Hall 10 a.m.—3 p.m.

Stalls include Jewellery, Cakes, James hand sewn gifts, Handmade Cards and much more. Refreshments will also be available.

Findlay is a typical sports loving 13 year old from Grantham; but unfortunately is confined to a wheelchair due to having Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. The fighting fund was set up to buy vital equipment as and when Findlay's needs change.

Carol Reah & Tracey Topham

FRIENDS OF BARKSTON CHURCH

The recent Harvest Supper was a most enjoyable evening. This year the meal was followed by a quiz, most ably run by Sophie and James, who we thank very much for all their hard work. We hear that next year's quiz is on the drawing board.

We also thank Pat for all her efforts with the catering, and a delicious meal was had by all. Thanks are also due to Rachel, Les and Mave for the help they gave, and to Tom and Janet for the posters and tickets. Last but not least we do appreciate the potatoes given by the Ingamells family, and thanks to everyone who gave a dessert.

Replacement of Carboy

We would like to record our thanks to Margaret and Peter Bouch for kindly providing a replacement for the broken carboy.



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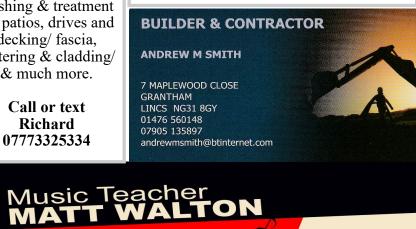
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Your Village Needs You!

Can you give up a few hours of your time each month? We are looking for volunteers to join our village's Community Speed Watch team.

What is Community Speed Watch?

Community Speed Watch is a scheme to allow trained volunteers to address speed concerns in their communities. Volunteers work in



association with the Police and Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership. Warning signs are displayed on the approach to a speed check area, and volunteers wearing high visibility clothing use a speed detection device to record a vehicles speed. Registered keepers of vehicles exceeding the speed limit will be sent letters of advice from the police.

Who can be a volunteer?

Anyone who is over 18 can volunteer and full training will be given. Community Speed Watch teams will comprise of a minimum of three trained volunteers, so you will never be expected to work alone.

How do I find out more?

If you would like to find out more about the scheme or would like to register your interest as a volunteer, please email the Clerk, Malcolm Hall, on starlight_hall@hotmail.co.uk

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all those who attended or generously donated to the recent Cheese and Wine Evening held at Moatlands, Syston. A very pleasant evening raised £360 for the Syston Church Fabric Fund.

Syston PCC

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism 8th September 2019 Francis Jung-Jing Yeung [Syston]

Rest in Peace 11th September 2019 Penelope Margaret Grosset [Bodney, Norfolk]

BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on 9th September. All members of the Parish Council were present, together with Councillor Ray Wootten (County Council) and PCSO Blackshaw (Lincolnshire Police). District Councillors Mrs Rosemary Kaberry-Brown and Ian Stokes sent apologies.

A member of the public attended for the public forum and asked for an update on issues he had raised in connection with speeding on the A607 and parking on Church Street. The Clerk had prepared and circulated to all members a report listing action taken and proposed in regard to the issues raised, and the Clerk gave further information in regard to questions raised, particularly in relation to parking on bus stops. Bus stops had their own protection in law, but the Traffic Regulation Team could consider further action if necessary.

The meeting was advised of a case in a nearby village where a persistent speeder had been recorded by the Community Speedwatch (CSW) team and as a result would be targeted by the Police. PCSO Blackshaw advised that the CSW scheme was about educating motorists rather than ticketing, but that the checks could result in tickets being issued, as mentioned.

Further discussion took place in relation to parking and enforcement, and it was confirmed that enforcement would be by the County Council's contractor. The member of the public said that he was delighted with the results of the recent checks by the Lines. Road Safety Partnership (LRSP), and asked that these continue, with additional checks by the Police.

Following reports of vehicles parking on the Village Green, signs had been placed asking that no parking take place, and the owners of The Stag had also placed similar notices in the pub.

The Clerk updated the Council following reference of many highways related matters to the County Council, and was asked to send reminders where issues had not been completed.

These included the white lining work in the area of the central refuge on the A607, the completion of the waiting restriction orders for West Street and Church Street and the programming of action in regard to the area in front of The Bedehouses in Barkston.

Other matters had been completed – speed reduction on the A607 at Manthorpe (on which the Council had commented), agreed and in force; street nameplate re-siting, the Drift, Syston – done; pothole, West Street, Barkston – done; footpath, Main Street to The Drift, Syston; patching of Church Lane and clearance of adjoining footpath of moss – all done, and pothole the Drift, Syston – repaired.

The Clerk was asked to request the County Council to carry out repairs to Barkston Gorse Road so that users of the area could access parking on it, instead of parking on the West Street grass verges and passing places, and also obstructing signs relating to the farm.

The Council discussed the Clerk's report on speeding on the A607 and parking on Church Street, which had also been raised during the public forum. The report set out the results of the recent speed checks undertaken by the LRSP, and also set out were the results of discussions held by the Clerk with the Clerks of Belton & Manthorpe and Long Bennington Parish Councils. Some detail of the scheme operated in Long Bennington and three nearby parishes was given, and the Clerk said that Belton & Manthorpe had agreed to the CSW scheme, in partnership with Barkston and Syston. Belton & Manthorpe had agreed in principle, subject to sharing of costs and responsibilities.

The Clerk recommended that the Council join with Belton & Manthorpe in a CSW scheme, subject to advertising for volunteers, but without commitment and subject to review at the next meeting. The future use of data collected during the checks was queried, and the Clerk is to check on this. It was decided not to pursue the 'Please drive carefully' signs any more, as these already existed at end of Barkston. Parking, particularly on bus stops, was discussed and it was agreed to remind the County Council when the waiting restrictions were implemented, so that enforcement could be carried out.

PCSO Blackshaw said that he would attend regularly and would also liaise with parking enforcement.

Various results and comments made in regard to planning applications were reported. As requested at the last meeting, the Clerk had registered the Council as a formal consultee in regard to the

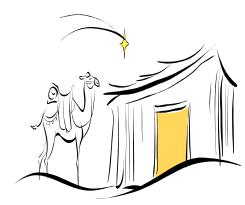
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ENTRY BY DONATION

WALK IN AID OF BARKSTON CHURCH

On a pouring wet day a dozen walkers took part in the South Lincs Walking Festival hosted by Millside Wigwams.

Hot refreshments in aid of Barkston Church were much enjoyed, ably provided by Pat Haynes and her friend Pat—very many thanks.

Watch this space for details of next autumn's walk when we have ordered much better weather.

Steve Elnor

ADDITIONAL CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 17th November, Marston, special Morning Prayer at 10.00 a.m. to remember The Reverend Lilian Hall.

Saturday 14th December, Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's, Marston from 10 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday 25th December, Christmas Day, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Fulbeck.

CAROL SERVICES

Thur 12th Dec. 7.00 p.m. Carols at Syston Fri 13th Dec. 6.30 p.m. Carols at Brandon

Fri 20th Dec 7.30 p.m. Lessons & Carols Barkston

Tue 24th Dec 3.00 p.m. Carols at Belton

4.00 p.m. Crib Service at Marston 5.00 p.m. Carols at Honington 7.00 p.m. Carols at Fulbeck

11.30 p.m Midnight HC at Hough on the Hill

RAFFLE & TABLE TOP SALE

WEDNESDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2019 2 p.m.—4.30 p.m. ST. NICHOLAS CLOSE CENTRE IN AID OF SAMARITANS Mary, Chris, Linda, Mavis & Marina

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ON MONDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.45 p.m.
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quarry at Sudbrook, and read the comments he had sent following consultation with members.

A quotation for minor repairs to the Bier Shelter was submitted and accepted, and it was noted that the hedge cutting had been completed. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission had written in regard to signs for Church Yards/Burial Grounds where there were war graves, asking for permission to place a sign. There are two war graves in the Burial ground, and the CWGC request was agreed. Clerk to research the history of the servicemen concerned, and arrange for its display at the Burial Ground in due course.

Discussions were still taking place with regard to the future format of the insurance at the Playing Field, although the items were insured. A recent safety inspection at the play area had not resulted in any issues being raised.

The County Council had advised that although the picnic area land was now formalised in their ownership, it needed to be declared surplus to their requirements, before formal transfer to the Parish Council. The Area Surveyor had advised that he was attempting to speed this process.

The Woodland Trust were asked to consider supplying some additional beech hedging to fill in gaps in the Burial Ground hedge.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2019 at 7.45 p.m. at the VILLAGE HALL.

Malcolm Hall Clerk to the Council

THANK YOU

Thank you to those who over the years have supported the work of the Mission to Seafarers. We have just sent a cheque from current supporters for £30 and have taken the decision—given the very few numbers of active supporters—to make this our final contribution to the work of the Society and to suggest to those who may continue to save their loose change that in future it is added to what we give in Christian Aid Week. Many Thanks Stuart Hadley (Rector)

THE SERVICE ROTA SOUTH CLIFFE VILLAGES GROUP

Village	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Date	3rd Nov	10th Nov	17th Nov	24th Nov	
BARKSTON		10.45 Rem SH			
BELTON	10.30 a.m HC/MC				
BRANDON			09.00 a.m HC/SH		
CARLTON SCROOP with NORMANTON		18.00 EP/VicR		18.00 HC/SH	
CAYTHORPE		10.30 a.m Rem/ValR	18.00 CW	10.30 a.m HC/SH	
FULBECK	10.30 a.m HC/SH	10.30am Rem/Cwd	10.30 a.m HC/MC		
HONINGTON					
HOUGH ON THE HILL	09.00 a.m MP/BW	09.00 a.m HC/SH		09.00 MP/BW	
HOUGHAM		17.00 EP/ CB		09.00 HC/SH	
MARSTON	9.00 a.m HC/SH	10.45 Rem CS	10.00 a.m MP/CS		
SYSTON		09.30a.m Rem/Cwd	10.30 a.m HC/SH		

In Addition: see church notice boards or web site www.southcliffchurches.uk

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