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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. **Creation Station** 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. Tuesday Dance Class Noon - 4.00 p.m. **Wednesday Vitality Fitness** 9.45 a.m. - 10.45 a.m. **Dance Class** Noon - 9.30 p.m. 10.00 a.m. - Noon Thursday Yoga **Short Mat Bowls** 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. 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 alternative 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

County Council Representatives

Ray Wootten is County Councillor for Barkston, Belton and Syston Parishes. (Tel: 01476 400183 or e-mail cllrr.wootten@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

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The Reverend Stuart Hadley, **Rector Designate** of the South Cliff Villages Group



What links Barkston and Marston [apart from the road passing beneath the ECML and the Nottingham Skegness cross country railway linel?

What links Barkston and Marston with eight items to be found in Wales and what links Barkston and Marston with a father and a daughter?

The answer we learned earlier this year lies in a father and daughter pairing of stained glass artists, Christopher and Veronica Whall, in whose honour a present day family member is undertaking a pilgrimage to visit and record the work of his great-great uncle and cousin which we understand can be seen not only in the UK but as far afield as New Zealand.

It was quite a pilgrimage for Nick Owen to make as he intended coming by public transport to our two churches from Loughborough but we explained that once he had got to Barkston he was on his own as regards public transport though in the event one of the readers of this article provided the transport on to Marston.

Christopher Whall [1849-1924] is described as the son of a clergyman who grew up in Huntingdonshire and is the author of 'Stained Glass Work' [1905] and his work can be seen in seven churches in Wales. His daughter was Veronica [1887-1970] who continued the family business of Whall & Whall to its close in 1953 and she also has a work [Crossing the Red Sea & the Baptism of Christ] at a church in Wales.

Our first Christopher Whall window will be at Barkston as this is where the public transport runs out and the window in question (as you face front) is on the left hand or north wall up in the chancel and depicts the Annunciation and was placed there in memory of Kathleen Elizabeth Clements who was the wife of the Reverend E M Clements, Rector of Barkston with Syston, and who – so it is recorded - after 38 happy years spent among her many friends passed to her rest April 13th 1920 aged 68.

Across then to Marston and the second of the Christopher Whall windows is the first window you see as you enter the church immediately on your left in

the west wall by the baptistery and this window commemorates the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897.

One commentator has explained that Christopher Whall was highly regarded in his lifetime as being eminent in his field and was one of the greatest practitioners of Arts and Crafts stained glass. He turned down the offer of a knighthood believing it to be incompatible with the lifestyle of a practising craftsman and in the view of this same commentator sees this modesty as clearly shining through his work 100 years after it was created and installed.

Our visitor was most impressed by a collection of recipes on sale at Barkston including one for Grantham Gingerbread and we have explained to him that this is now commercially manufactured so if anyone is going to Loughborough and would like to take him a box please get in touch as we do not think they would travel well in the post!

Regards Stuart

BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting preceded the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 8th May 2017. After the minutes had been read, the one member of the public present expressed pleasure at the Parish Council's decision to (subject to legal requirements) take over and maintain the picnic area on Station Road. He suggested that in recognition of the old name of the village – "Barkston-le-Willows", some willow trees should eventually be planted, and he would be happy to contribute towards the cost. A Parish Councillor suggested that in fact such trees would not be the most appropriate for the area and were not favoured by the local fishing group, as they were in effect weeds, which dropped branches which then grew, causing blockages. He suggested alternative species and said that he would consult the Lincs Rivers Trust for further advice.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council followed the Annual Parish Meeting. All members of the Parish Council were present, together with County Councillor Ray Wootten. Both District Councillors submitted apologies.

Councillor Maryan Nussey was re-elected Chairman and Councillor Alan Card was re-elected Vice-Chairman for the next 12 months.

All Council policies were reviewed and confirmed for the ensuing year.

Many highways matters were discussed, and the Council received an update

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from the Area Surveyor in relation to matters which had been referred. The Council asked the Clerk to ensure that the County Council were aware of matters which had been raised in the past but on which no action had vet been taken.

A local resident had written to the Council, asking them to take up an accessibility issue with the County Council. This related to difficulties for residents in wheelchairs/mobility scooters in crossing the A607 to access the Village Hall. It was agreed that the Clerk and Councillor Alan Rowell would accompany the resident on the route, the better to understand it before a reference to the County Council.

A speed survey had been undertaken, from which it was noted that more than 58,000 vehicles had passed through Barkston both ways during the week of the survey, of which about 25% were exceeding the speed limit in varying degrees. Police speed checks had recently been carried out.

The litter issue on Marston Road, referred to at the last meeting, had been inspected by the Clerk, but no substantial litter had been noted. Members were, however, of the opinion that there was a significant amount, and instructed the Clerk to refer the matter to SKDC.

Damage to the verges on the A607 to the north of Barkston was reported to have been caused by SKDC refuse freighters and the Clerk was asked to refer this to SKDC. Discussion took place on the speed of traffic through Barkston, and a suggestion was made, for reference to the County Council, that a small roundabout be installed at the junction with Station Road, which would be beneficial in slowing traffic as well as ensuring a safer exit for vehicles from Marston Road.

A suggestion was made that there should be a 50 mph speed limit on the A607 from the existing limit on the edge of Grantham. There were a great many accesses off this road, many in dangerous locations, and there had been accidents caused by excess speed. Councillor Wootten agreed to request accident statistics to back up the Parish Council's claim. It was also agreed to ask for advance warning of the Barkston 30 mph limit.

The Clerk reported on his investigations into the ownership of the picnic area, from which it appeared that the land was unregistered. Acquisition would proceed as already authorised, and the Council noted that there would be some maintenance costs as well as the cost of acquisition.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 10th JULY 2017 at 7.45 pm at the VILLAGE HALL.

> Malcolm Hall Clerk to the Council

MOBILE LIBRARY

Please be advised of a time change to 12.30—13.00 in West Street

PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

As residents will be aware, last October the Parish Council commissioned Community Lincs to facilitate a drop-in event to raise awareness of Neighbourhood Plans, explain the process and gather information on the level of support within Barkston and Syston for such a Plan.

The report following this event identified that the number of attendees represented a small percentage of the community, and the Parish Council concluded that further engagement would be required to identify if there was a good level of support and interest in the development of a Plan in the two villages.

The Parish Council therefore asked Community Lincs to design a leaflet to be distributed to all households, which explained what a Neighbourhood Plan was; described and explained the potential funding approaches and pitfalls; highlighted that there would need to be input from residents; and included a survey asking residents if they supported the development of a Neighbourhood Plan and whether they would be willing to be involved in developing a Plan.

Distribution of the leaflet and mini questionnaire was undertaken towards the end of April by members of the Parish Council, and responders were able to return their questionnaire directly to Councillors or by posting in the box provided at Barkston Garage.

84 completed surveys were recorded, representing 28.6% of households across the Parishes. Of these, 59 (72%) indicated that they supported the undertaking of a Neighbourhood Plan and 23 (28%) indicated that they did not.

The Parish Council considered the report in detail, and noted that those in favour represented less than 20% of the total households in the villages. Therefore, in view of the fact that previous discussions had resulted in an agreement that there should be at least 50% of households in support of a plan for it to be taken further, agreed that no further action be taken.

Malcolm Hall, Clerk to the Council

ST NICHOLAS KNITTING CIRCLE

Thank you to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning on 5th May when we raised £153.57 to go to the Jacob Well Appeal.

Joy Bristow

EDUCATE A WOMEN

Many thanks to those who took a collecting box for the USPG's Lent collection this year to improve the education of girls in rural Malawi – thanks to your generosity we have sent a cheque for £143 to USPG.

The vast majority of girls in Malawi do not receive even a basic education and so on account of their gender alone do not fulfil their full potential but -according to an ancient African proverb – if we educate a man we educate an individual, and by contrast if we educate a woman we educate a family, a nation.

FROM THE REGISTER

Holy Baptism

20/5/17 Harry Michael Coupland [Barkston] 27/5/17 Florence Matilda Townson (Barkston)

The Faithful Departed

16/6/17 Margaret Cook (Londonthorpe)

The Revd Stuart Hadley, Rector Designate, South Cliff Villages Group

FRIENDS OF BARKSTON CHURCH

We are holding our annual Bingo Evening on Friday 15th September with a 7pm prompt start. Tickets are £5 for adults and £2.50 for children to include complimentary bingo tickets. More of these will be available at £1 a strip.

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Julie Coney, Belton PCC

CHEESE AND WINE/AUCTION OF PROMISES

The magnificent sum of £1580 was raised at the Cheese and Wine /Auction of Promises held in Syston on May 20th. Many thanks to all who bought tickets, gave donations, bid for promises and helped to put on this very successful fund raising event for Syston Church. We are very grateful to you all.

Maryan Nussey on behalf of Syston PCC

BARKSTON, SYSTON, HONINGTON, BELTON AND CARLTON SCROOP ANNUAL PRODUCE AND CRAFT SHOW

The Show is on Saturday 2nd September. Just a reminder that the schedules can be collected from Barkston P.O., The Village Green opposite the Stag, and the Garage. Please help yourself.

Vicki Strawson

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Many thanks to all who worked hard through the week to collect the donations of the parishioners – perhaps by the traditional house to house collection or by serving ploughman's lunches or coffee and cake in church.

In all we are sending off from the South Cliff Villages Group a total of £679.44 [£643 in 2016] as part of the Grantham contribution to Christian Aid Week 2017 [£80 Gift Aided].

WEAR PURPLE FOR JUVENILE IDIOPATHIC ARTHRITIS JJIA

Many thanks to all who attended the coffee, cake and sandwich lunch at Hough on the Hill on 9th June [or who sent donations] which raised £192 for the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society for their research into and treatment of JIA

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ANGLIAN WATER

We may have some good news for those of your parishioners who have a private pumping station on their property, and have not yet registered it with Anglian Water. Currently, homeowners spend hundreds of pounds every year for electricity running costs, maintenance and repairs to look after these private pumping stations. They may even have been flooded if it's broken down in the past. As of 1 October 2016, many of these private pumping stations automatically transferred over to Anglian Water and became our responsibility. We have taken over all of the maintenance and the running costs too, saving customers hassle, worry and money.

We'd like to ask for your support in letting local residents know about this, and asking them to get in touch with us if they think they have a private pumping station. To help customers identify and report the pumping stations, further information can be found: www.anglianwater.co.uk/privatepumpingstation. We have also produced some posters which you can download here, that can be published in your parish magazines and newsletters, or placed on your parish noticeboards.

If you have any questions about this campaign, please reply to <u>privatepumpingstations@anglianwater.co.uk</u>. For any other queries, please contact our Public Affairs Team on <u>public.affairs@anglianwater.co.uk</u>.

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH

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Many thanks Carrie James on behalf of Barkston PCC Tel. 01400 251137 email carrie.james2@btinternet.com 14 West St. Barkston NG32 2NL

ST NICHOLAS CLOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE COFFEE MORNINGS

We are holding a regular Coffee Morning in the Community Centre on the last Wednesday of each month, 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon. This is just a social gathering for which there will not be a fixed charge but any donation of cakes or biscuits would be most welcome. The raffle in aid of Grantham Cat Rescue, raised £50. Thank you to all.

Janet Trickett & Mary Holland

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| Village | 1st Sunday | 2nd Sunday | 3rd Sunday | 4th Sunday | 5th Sunday |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Date | July 2nd | 9th July | July 16th | July 23rd | July 30th |
| | Trinity 3 | Trinity 4 | Trinity 5 | Trinity 6 | Trinity 7 |
| BARKSTON | | 11.00 HC/SH | 11.00 WFA/LH | | |
| BELTON | 11.00 HC/SH | | | | |
| BRANDON | | | 9.30 HC/SH | | |
| CARLTON SCROOP with NORMANTON | | 18.00 EP/Vic R | | 9.00 HC/SH | |
| CAYTHORPE | | 10.00 HC/Val R | 18.00 CW | 10.00 HC/SH | |
| FULBECK | 10.00 HC/MC | | 10.00 HC/MC | | |
| HONINGTON | | | | | 11.00 HC/SH |
| HOUGH ON THE HILL | 9.30 MP/BW | 9.30 HC/SH | | 9.30 MP/BW | |
| HOUGHAM | | 9.30 HC/LH | | 17.00 EP/SH | |
| MARSTON | 9.30 HC/SH | | 9.30 MP/Vic R | | |
| SYSTON | | 9.30 MP/VicR | NB Saturday | HC at 6pm 15th SH | |

| | 1st Sunday | 2nd Sunday | 3rd Sunday | 4th Sunday | 5th Sunday |
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| _ | Aug 6th | Aug 13th | Aug 20th | Aug 27th | |
|] | Transfig- uration | Trinity 9 | Trinity 10 | Trinity 11 | |
| | | 11.00 HC/SH | 11.00 WFA/LH | | |
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| | | 9.30 MP/Vic R | NB | HC at | 6pm Sat 19th SH |

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