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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.

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

9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

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

Dance Class

Saturday

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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NOT FROM THE RECTORY



Readers of a certain age will remember the BBC music panel show'Juke Box Jury' which ran from 1959 to 1967 and the Jewish Museum in London has been hosting an exhibition which recalls this era under the tile 'Jukebox Jewkbox'.

The starting point was the Edison phonograph of the 1870's designed really to record sound and play it back. It was a German Jewish immigrant to the USA - Emil Berliner - who developed the gramophone from this and brought music entertainment into the living room with records carrying that most famous company logo 'His Master's Voice' featuring the dog of the artist Francis Barroud's late brother sitting in front of an Edison phonograph.

The music of the synagogue, music sung by the cantor, was popularised along with Yiddish theatre and Jewish folk song and perhaps the most recorded of all Christmas songs 'White Christmas' was written by Irving Berlin – a Jewish American songwriter!

In the early days records were sold in a plain sleeve until Columbia developed the bespoke record sleeve in the 1940's and the exhibition included 500 such sleeves as well as an original 1956 Rock Ola Jukebox and a Dansette portable record player: here we have an Anglo -Jewish product which became one of the fashion icons of the 1960's and was created by Jewish immigrants from Russia to England working in the cabinet making trade.

The Jewish Museum is well worth a visit and is just a short bus ride from King's Cross on the 214 which continues up to Highgate Village passing as it does the house where the young John Betjeman lived – and where as he wrote in 'Summoned By Bells' up West Hill he walked 'red-capped and jacketed to school' and where he met his 'first and purest love, Miss Peggy Purey-Cust'!

> Stuart Hadley Assistant Priest in the South Cliff Group of Churches

Barkston and Syston Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 12th September 2016. 8 members of the Parish Council were present, together with District Councillor Ian Stokes.

Many highways matters were discussed, and the Council received an update from the Area Surveyor in relation to matters which had been referred. Works were being arranged to hopefully remedy the problem with the LCC drainage near the garage, and this was awaiting funding.

The major patching scheme for Church Street and Honington Road had been measured and costed, and was to take place in late December this year.

The accessibility of parts of the villages by wheelchair or mobility scooter had been referred to the Area Surveyor for consideration of the legal requirement of such provision, but this was still being researched. No reply had been received, and the Clerk was asked to remind the Area Surveyor.

LCC had advised that they did not own the picnic area on Station Road, and it was not maintained by the Countryside Section. The Clerk had made enquiries and established that the land was not owned by either SKDC or the Environment Agency. Further enquiries were to be made to establish ownership and with the aim of ensuring that the area was tidied.

The Area Surveyor had said that the hole in front of the Almshouses would be dealt with during the major scheme for patching later in the year.

The issues raised in the letter from a local resident about weeds at the side of and on pavements, and chippings on footways, had been referred to appropriate officers for action.

Proposals to stop up Heath Lane, Barkston (from the top of Minnett's Hill to the airfield) and Green Lane, Syston (from Whippenstall Hill westwards to the park gates) had been discussed.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism: Amelia Daniella Grace Woodland 28/08/16 and Joshua Peter Richard Calveley 2/10/16 (Hough on the Hill)

Holy Matrimony: Hamish Hei-Man Yeung & Katharine Grace Ryan

27/08/16 (Syston)

Rest in Peace: Wyn Bush 23/08/16 (Hough on the Hill)

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- P.S. I'm pleased to say that my condition was not Cardiac related, but most likely a chemical reaction from a fishing lake! But I would like to say a big thank you to the paramedic, the ambulance crew, the A&E team at Lincoln and to my (trained LIVES first responder) wife.
- P.P.S. The ambulance crew had to come all the way from Lincoln another example of why we need local people to help themselves.

BARKSTON & SYSTON SCHOOL FAIR

FOBS Christmas Fair
Barkston & Syston school
Friday 9th December. 3pm -5pm.
The choir and bell ringers will be performing.
All welcome.



An objection had been raised on the grounds of the loss of a circular walk and access to the countryside for riders/pedestrians, and also access for adjoining landowners. The County Council had now confirmed that bridleway and footpath access would be retained, as well as landowner access.

A risk inspection had been carried out on the children's play area, and no significant issued had been reported. Regular checks were made on safety. A report was also made following the six monthly risk inspection of the other Parish Council owned assets, and again no significant issues were reported.

Following a discussion on the financial update, it was agreed to consider any costs associated with the Neighbourhood Plan (if pursued) and safety improvements to the top of the War Memorial at the budget meeting in January 2017. The Clerk was asked to obtain a report on the Memorial's condition before the meeting.

A request for a seat at the Hough Road/A607 junction had been received, and it was agreed to consider this at the budget meeting.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2016 at 7.45 pm at the VILLAGE HALL.

Malcolm Hall Clerk to the Council

FARM AFRICA

A big 'thank you' to the harvest congregations at Brandon and Syston for supporting so generously this year's 'Farm Africa' appeal with the purchase of sweet potatoes as a result of which we have sent a cheque for £27 towards their 'Give Hunger the Boot' campaign helping farmers in developing countries to grow crops which are drought and disease resistant.

The Revd Stuart Hadley, Associate Priest, The South Cliff Group of Parishes, Diocese of Lincoln

ST NICHOLAS CLOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Coffee Mornings

We are holding regular Coffee Mornings in the Community Centre on the last Wednesday of each month, 10.30 a.m. -12noon.

This is just a social gathering for which there will not be a fixed charge but any donations of cakes or biscuits would be most welcome. The MacMillan coffee morning raised £172.20. The November will be in aid of Dogs Trust when any old towels, bedding or cushions for dogs welcome.

The next dates are Wednesdays, Nov 30th and Dec 28th.

A big thank you for your support. We are very grateful.

Mary Holland and Janet Trickett

ST NICHOLAS KNITTING CIRCLE

Coffee Morning

Friday 18th November, 10am Community Centre, St. Nicholas Close in aid of Jacobs Well Appeal.

BARKSTON AND SYSTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE Harvest Supper

The annual Harvest Supper was held on Saturday 1st October and was attended by 44 villagers. The supper, prepared by local ladies, was eaten with relish and we then sat back to be entertained by Terry Carey who sang all of our old favourites and some newer ones.

Our thanks go to each and all who participated, Joan, Cora & Sue for the baked potatoes, Vicky's & Carol's salads, Judy's famous coleslaw, Pat's butter, Anne's bread cobs, our four magnificent bakers - two Margarets, Janet and Michelle, their apple pies were all scrumptious, Wendy's flowers once again were super and so seasonal.

Thanks also go to our waiter & waitresses, Terry, Lillian & Emma and to the army of volunteers who set tables, cleared up and helped in every possible way, not forgetting those of you who contributed with Rachel towards raffle prizes, and, of course Carol's help in leaving the hall spic and span.

Elizabeth Cole Chair

IT WON'T HAPPEN TO ME!

(or my family, relatives, friends, neighbours etc.)

Unfortunately, it happens in the UK on average EVERY MINUTE. I am talking about a cardiac arrest – a heart attack, or an associated condition.

And it happened to me! A relatively fit, 68 year old or so I thought. I woke up at 2a.m. with chest and stomach pains, was sick and the other as well! When I woke my wife up, she immediately took charge of me, checked my blood pressure which was sky high, checked my heart rate, and had the defibrillator and oxygen on standby, and then rang 111. The result was an ambulance was sent and I finished up in Lincoln A&E.

She was able to help me, reassure me and make an informed assessment and could potentially have saved my life if things had got worse, because she is a trained LIVES volunteer. In fact, she is the ONLY trained LIVES volunteer we now have in our community of over 300 homes.

Being a LIVES volunteer is not only about responding to a cardiac arrest. In 3 years volunteering, our local team have not had to respond to a full-blown cardiac arrest, but they have helped people who have fallen over, shown potential cardiac symptoms, suffered asthmatic & diabetic problems and we have invariably arrived before the ambulance or para-medic because we respond to local calls. Sadly, our local team has now shrunk to just one person – hence my call for more volunteers.

LIVES provides full training consisting of 3 days to reach Level 2. After that, the LIVES volunteer can log on to do the hours that are convenient for that person. It could be 2 hours a week, 2 hours a month or whatever suits the individual, and there is always support and continuous training to refresh skills or to go further if you wish.

And it can happen to you! So will you give up a few hours to help to look after your family, relatives, friends and the people of Barkston, Syston, Honington and Belton and help keep them alive should an emergency situation arise?

JOCELYN'S HALF MARATHON FOR HONDURAS

I have dusted my running shoes off and on the 19th November I will be taking part in my first ever half marathon in Victoria Park, London. It is with great reason that I have decided to do this - I am hoping to raise funds for Miqueas 6.8, the orphanage in Honduras where I spent a year working in 2013/4.

Miqueas 6.8. is run by the incredible Melody and Jacob. They welcome the most vulnerable children of Honduras allowing them to escape the countries cycle of poverty and injustice. It still amazes me how well thought out and individualised the organisation is to truly changing the lives of the children in their care. The children are provided with a great education, food and clothing as well as the comfort of an incredibly loving, safe and nurturing home.

Money is required in order to provide this life changing and amazing environment and any donation, no matter how small would be greatly appreciated! Donations will be spent on the day to day costs that allow the orphanage to continue its fantastic work: buying school uniforms, household supplies, paying school fees or staff wages...the list goes on!

If you would like to sponsor me in my quest to run a half marathon for Honduras, any donation no matter how small would be greatly appreciated. Donations can either be sent/taken to my house (The Old School House, Syston) or donated on the just giving page I have set up: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/miqueas

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me (jocelynstrawson@hotmail.co.uk) if you have any questions or if you would like to know what the money will be specifically used for.

Please also take a look at the Miqueas 6.8 website for more information on the orphanage and to appreciate what an amazing place it is.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Jocelyn Strawson

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

One of the highlights of last month for me was licensing Richard Holden as the new incumbent of Skegness. As I arrived for the service, my mind took me back to the ceremony on the seafront that I took part in several years ago, during which I blessed the new flood defences. Those defences are a constant reminder of the power of nature and our own vulnerability in the face of it.

Earlier this year I was privileged to represent the Church of England at an international consultation on climate change. When I heard that the organisers had chosen Fiji as the venue my first reaction was a feeling of tiredness at the prospect of such a long journey! Being there, however, was a real eye-opener. It was a fantastically challenging and interesting experience and I was reminded again of the intimate connection between God, humankind and the environment. The fragility of that beautiful part of the world, where climate change threatens their islands and their way of life.

I have returned to the diocese with a renewed sense of the importance of planning and working together if we are to meet the challenges of global warming.

We share with our Polynesian brothers and sisters a real and profound sense of connection with the natural environment, and I hope it will be possible for us to forge links that will enable each of us to learn from the other about caring for this world that God has given us.

> Christopher Bishop of Lincoln

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Annual Concert in aid of the Rainbow's Children's Hospice will be held in Barkston Church on Friday 3rd December at 7 p.m.. We are always pleased to welcome new people who are willing to take part.

Forms are available from Pat Haynes - 250291, or Margaret Elnor - 251886. Please come along, take part, and enjoy the evening.

Margaret Elnor & Pat Haynes

THE SERVICE ROTA SOUTH CLIFFE VILLAGES GROUP

Village	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Date	6th November	13th November	20th November	27th November	
BARKSTON		10.45 Rem/SH	11.00 FS/LH		
BELTON	11.00 HC/JC				
BRANDON			9.30 HC/SH		
CARLTON SCROOP with NORMANTON		18.00 EP/VicR		9.00 HC/BL	
CAYTHORPE		10.15 Rem/ValR	18.00 CW	10.00 HC/BL	
FULBECK	10.00 HC/MC	10.00 Rem/BL	10.00 HC/ValR		
HONINGTON					
HOUGH ON THE HILL		9.30 MP/BW	9.30 MP/BW	9.30 HC/JC	
HOUGHAM		9.30 HC/Rem/ LH		17.00 EP/SH	
MARSTON	9.30 HC/LH	10.45 Rem/LH	9.30 MP/VicR		
SYSTON	9.30 MP/BG	9.30 HC/SH	9.30 HC/JC		

IN ADDITION

Tuesday 1st Nov Evensong at Hough on the Hill for Feast of Title at 7.30 p.m. with the Lafford Choir.

Friday 2nd Dec Friends of Barkston Concert for Rainbows at 7.00 p.m.- SH.

Thursday 15th Dec Lessons and Carols at 7.00 p.m. at Syston - SH.

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	Christmas Day	Other Barkston
4th December	11th December	18th December	24th December	25th December	<u>Services</u>
	11.00 HC/SH	11.00 Carols/LH	14.00 Crib/SH	9.30 HC/SH	Wholeness and Healing 7.30 p.m. St Nicholas
11.00 HC/JC					Church Dates Nov 10th, Dec
		9.30 HC/SH			15th
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10.00 HC/BL		10.00 HC/BL	19.00 Carols/BL	10.00 HC/ValR	St Nicholas
			18.00 Carols/SH		Knitting Circle Community Centre
	9.30 MP/BW	16.00 Carols/BW			St Nicholas Close Barkson2pm—
	9.30 HC/JC	17.00 Carols/JC		10.30 HC/JC	4pm Dates Nov 28th,no Dec. Jan 23rd.
9.30 HC/LH	15.00 Bede/LH	17.00 Carols/ VicR	16.00 Crib/LH 23.30 HC/LH		Monday 14th November Service of Thanksgiving
9.30 MP/Vic R		9.30 HC/JC	23/30 HC/JC		(Bishop Christopher)
Friday Dec 1	6th Lessons	& Carols 6.3	0pm Brando	n /SH	^J 6pm at Caythorpe

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