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Barkston and Syston Village Hall Regular Bookings

Monday: Parent and Toddler Group, 10.00-11.30 a.m.

Short Mat Bowls 2.00—4.00 p.m.

Tuesday: Dance class 12.00—4.00 p.m. Wednesday: Dance class 12.00—9.30 p.m. Thursday: Yoga 10.00—12 noon

Yoga 10.00—12 noon Short Mat Bowls 2.00—4.00 p.m.

Saturday: Dance class 9.00—4.00 p.m.

Rainbow, Brownies and Guides meet weekly, more information is

available at girlguiding.org.uk

Cardiac Group meet every second Tuesday of month 2.00 -3.00 p.m. Macular Society, WEA Courses and Lincs Trust for Nature Conservation

The Hall is available for hire for, children's parties, family parties, wedding receptions and christenings.

Bookings—Carol Bradford 01400250744

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Mobile Library dates

The library will be in West Street between 11.00 p.m. - 11.30 p.m. on the following Monday 11th May, 8th June, 6th July.

Items for inclusion in the next issue of 'In Touch'

Please send to Wendy Card by 25 June 2015, on Telephone 01400 250462

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NOT FROM THE RECTORY



In May we celebrate two of the red letter days of the Christian year. First comes Ascension Day, when we remember Jesus' departure from earth into heaven, followed ten days later by the great feast of Pentecost, which is often called the birthday of the Church.

During the six weeks between Jesus' resurrection on the first Easter Day and his ascension, he appeared to his disciples on many occasions. The accounts of those appearances in the Gospels have a mysterious, supernatural quality, but leave us in no doubt that he really was present in the flesh – on one occasion he even ate a piece of broiled fish to convince his terrified followers that he wasn't a ghost. The effect of those encounters on the disciples was electrifying, transforming them from a raggle-taggle bunch of frightened and demoralised men and women into a movement that was to change the world.

The culmination of the transformation came at Pentecost when they experienced the coming of the Holy Spirit, filling and empowering them, and giving them the confidence they needed to go out and proclaim the gospel message to all and sundry.

The world they faced was even more dangerous and hostile than our world is today. But they were so utterly convinced they had met with the risen Jesus and that his spirit remained with them, encouraging and helping them, that they were prepared to sacrifice their lives to tell the world all about it. In the centuries since then, countless millions of others have followed suit.

The Christian story, of which we are a part, has always been a story of ordinary men and women bearing witness both in words and in the way they live their lives, that Jesus is alive and is among us, helping us through any dark and difficult times we have face. 'Do not be afraid' and 'Shalom' (peace be with you) are phrases that are frequently on Jesus' lips in the Gospels. And they are not just words – courage, joy and peace are qualities he imparts. Which is why – despite all the worrying things that are going on in the world – we can celebrate Pentecost with a sense of confidence and hope.

With best wishes.Lilian

Heartfelt thanks for all the cards and 'get well' messages after my recent accident. They were quite overwhelming and much appreciated. I'm making progress and hope to be back on my feet in a few weeks time.

With best wishes, Lilian

'Thank you' from Rev Alan

Just a short note to thank everyone for a wonderful send-off and for your kind words, gifts and cards. Your generosity was overwhelming. I plan to spend the Amazon vouchers on a digital SLR camera and accessories so I can take up a hobby that I have wanted to for ages but somehow never got round to.

I am settling in well to my new home and enjoying a sustained period of rest and relaxation. In due course I look forward to working on a voluntary basis, as so many retired priests do. In the meantime I have many happy memories of my time with you, for which I am also grateful.

I hope it will not be too long before my successor is in place, but know that until then you will be well looked after by Rev June Freshney, Rev Stuart Hadley and others - my thanks go to them too.

With blessings and all good wishes,

Alan

Rev Alan Littlewood, 26 Alexander Road, Lincoln LN2 4FA Tel. 01522 535977

Friends of Barkston School

On Friday 8th May Barkston & Syston CE School will be having a textile collection organised by Bag2School to raise funds for the school. If you are having a spring clear out & have any of the following: Clothes, Shoes (tied together please), Handbags, Belts, Hats and Soft Toys.

Please bag any items up and bring down to school before 9 a.m. on Friday 8th May, or leave bags in the bike shelter the evening before. Please note bedding, curtains and household linen are not accepted. Bag2School aim to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill, and also raise awareness amongst children of the benefits of recycling.

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Thank you

Helen and I would like to say thank you to everyone that supported our Glad Rags and Handbags ladies night at The Stag at the end of March.

Delighted to say that we raised £613 on the night for Breakthrough Breast Cancer. It was a fun evening with excellent food (thank you Mike and Sam) and as well as doing a brisk trade in handbags on the night, we were subsequently able to donate a further 150 of them to The Cancer Research shop to raise more money.

We would also like to thank William Parkin (Syston) who ran the Belvoir Half Marathon this April in support of us and raising over £600 more!

If you attended or donated to us, thank you very much, as ever we have had brilliant support from the community for our fundraising. Your goodwill will help carry us forward when the blisters begin to rub on our 24 mile hike for the charity in a couple of weeks!

Linda Painter 01400 251422/Helen Lane 01400 250542

Playing Field

The Playing Field AGM will be held on Thursday 21 May at 7.30pm in the Pavilion. The AGM will be followed by a Management Committee meeting, any village organisation that wishes to have a representative on the Playing Field Management Committee should contact myself prior to the meeting.

As previously reported the Management Committee are focusing on a programme of works to refresh the equipment in the Children's corner. To date some funding has been secured from the Parish Council and through donations, it is hoped this will allow development of part of the Children's corner with further fund raising to develop the rest. Anyone interested in finding out more or supporting this is welcome to attend the AGM, or alternatively contact myself or another member of the committee prior to the meeting.

Simon Kelly-Secretary(Playing Field)

Barkston and Syston Parish Council

The Parish Council met on Monday 9th March 2015. All Members of the Parish Council were present together with one member of the public and the District and County Councillors, Councillors Scott and Wootten.

No matters were raised during the public forum.

Highways matters were discussed, and the Council received an update from the Chairman and Vice-Chairman following a "walkabout" last week with Area Surveyor, Mark Heaton. The illegal use of bridleway no. 4 continued, and it was reported that 2 motorcycles had been spotted a week ago and eight on the day before the meeting. It was agreed to continue to monitor the area and record photographic evidence of any unauthorised use.

Consultation in regard to the double yellow lines around the Church Street/ Church and Honington Road corner was expected to start within the week. Most of the issues previously raised had been discussed during the course of the "walkabout", including the flooding at The Stag corner; refurbishment of the kerb and path outside the Bede Houses; flooding at the garage and the Hough Road corner; cleaning the dyke and drains at the foot of Minnetts Hill; surface dressing the Main Road and resurfacing of Honington Road between Minnetts Hill and the Playing Field. The road to Barkston Gorse was to have more stone put down. The damaged grit bin on the lower slope on Minnetts Hill had been replaced, and the overhanging vegetation on the Syston bypass had been trimmed back.

The Council considered a quotation which had been received for an additional street light at the end of West Street, but agreed to take no action as there was no budget at the present time.

A request for consideration to be given to better accessibility for wheelchair and mobility scooter users in certain parts of Barkston was received and passed to the Area Surveyor for investigation, with a request that consideration be given to funding under the Disability Acts.

The bus shelter had been installed. The Chairman read a letter of thanks from two local residents.

Councillor Rowell advised that the dead trees in the Burial Ground had been removed by himself and Councillor Card. Both Councillors were thanked.

The Show is held in Barkston Village Hall and is an opportunity for everyone to get involved with a traditional Village Show and to show everyone what you have produced over the year. With your exhibits of vegetables, fruit, floral displays, preserves, cakes, photographs, crafts and children's classes, there is something for everyone.

There are 23 different cups to be won so collect your schedule from the Barkston Garage, Barkston P.O. and the Village Green opposite, the Stag in May. If you are new to the villages and not quite sure what to do please ask a committee member or phone Vicki 250057.

Good Luck and we look forward to seeing you laden down with your exhibits

Vicki Strawson Secretary

Children's Society Spring Raffle

For Lent this year we decided to support the Church of England Children's Society Spring Raffle and we are taking this opportunity of thanking all who contributed - not only from the Barkston & Hough parishes but also from Heydour and Caythorpe - to the magnificent sum of £190 which we have sent to support the work of the Children's Society with disadvantaged and vulnerable young people.

Thank you from Lilian and Stuart

Christian Aid Week

Advance notice of Christian Aid Week from 10 to 16 May - look out for various initiatives in our parishes including a quiz sheet for £1, coffee and cake in Barkston church served from 10.15a.m. on Sunday 10th May [before the 11a.m. service of Holy Communion] and also coffee and cake served after the 9.30 a.m. service of Holy Communion on Ascension Day Thursday 14 May at Hough on the Hill

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The Clerk briefly reported on a training seminar on matters connected with internal and external audit, VAT and the management of risk, which had been organised by the Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils, which he had attended with Councillor Jackson. It was agreed to look into the management of risk in more detail, particularly at the Playing Field, and report back to the May meeting.

New model Financial Regulations, broadly similar to those already agreed by the Council had been circulated. It was agreed that these be approved in principle and that the details in the existing regulations be transferred over to the new document for circulation to members for the May meeting.

The Village Hall Committee had been contacted in regard to the SKDC offer to provide community broadband/wi-fi in the village hall, but were not in favour owing to the existing heavy use, and difficulty of fitting in the community broadband use. In the circumstances, the Parish Council decided to take no action.

The stock of sand and sandbags to help cope with cases of localised flooding had been received and stored in the Bier Shelter at the Burial Ground.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 11th MAY 2015 at 7.45 p.m. at the VILLAGE HALL. This is the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, and will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting.

Malcolm Hall, Clerk to the Council

DOG FOULING IN BARKSTON AND SYSTON

The Parish Council are concerned at the increasing number of incidents of dog fouling in Barkston and Syston. In the most recent incidents, a number of bags of waste have been found in verges alongside the A607 and West Street. These have been disposed of properly, but dog owners are strongly urged to:

TAKE THE WASTE HOME AND DISPOSE OF IT, OR AT LEAST PUT IT IN THE DOG WASTE BIN BY THE BURIAL GROUND GATE OR IN ANY NORMAL LITTER BIN.

SKDC Environmental Protection has been advised, and will be installing signs warning of the penalties for not picking up dog waste. They will also be monitoring the area, and are also encouraging residents to report any incidents that they witness so that prosecution can be considered.

Church Services for Mar-Apr 2015

Date	Barkston	Belton	Honington	Syston
3rd May 1st Sunday	10.30 am RW Morning Prayer	11am JC Holy Communion		
10th May 2nd Sunday 14th May Ascension Day	11.00am Holy Communion SH			
17th May 3rd Sunday	11.00am Family Service JB/LH			9.30 am JC Holy Communion
24 May 4th Sunday				
31 May Trinity Sunday.Ven. Dr. Justine Allain-Chapman	Honington	Honington	Honington 11.00am	Honington
7th June 1st Sunday	10.30am RW Morning Prayer	11.00am Holy Communion		
14th June 2nd Sunday	11.00am Holy Communion SH			
21st June 3rd Sunday	11.00am Family Service JB/LH			9.30am JC Holy Communion
28th June 4th Sunday				

Midsummer Deanery Service and Tea (bring your own) on Sunday 21st June from 4pm to 6pm at Marston & Hougham playing fields.

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Services of Wholeness and Healing

Wholeness and Healing services are held on the second Thursday of each month at St Nicholas' Church, Barkston at 7.30 p.m. These are quiet reflective services, where people have an opportunity to pray for any concerns, personal or of a wider nature. The service consists of two or three hymns, a meditation, prayers and opportunity to light candles, place written prayer requests on a Prayer Tree, receive the laying on of hands for oneself or for others, or simply to enjoy a time of peace and rest. Prayer is complementary to, and in support of the work of medicine and treatment. St Nicholas' Church is warm and has toilet facilities. Refreshments are served after the service. The next services will be held on May 14th, June 11th.

Prayer and Praise

Prayer and Praise at the home of Joy Bristow, 38 West Street, Barkston, (01400 250339), will be held on Mondays 4pm. May 11th & 18th, June 1st & 15th

St. Nicholas Knitting Circle, Barkston

Our next Knitting Circle meetings will be on Mondays May 18th, June 22nd in the Community Centre, St. Nicholas Close, between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. We knit for The Jacob's Well Appeal, Beverley, Yorkshire. Come and join us for a Knit or just a Natter.

Coffee Morning

In Community Centre St. Nicholas Close, Friday 5th June at 10.00am—11.30am. Raffle, Plants, Cakes, Books & Craft. Proceeds to Jacob's Well Appeal

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Vestry

A new carpet has been laid in the Vestry and the PCC would like to thank the donor and everyone who was involved in the work

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HC - Holy Communion FC - Family Communion FS - Family Service

MP - Morning Prayer **ES** - Evening Song **EP**—Evening Prayer

CS - Crib Service **RS** - Remembrance Service **SP** - Solemn Prayers

SH - Stuart Hadley LH - Lilian Hall JC - John Cook

JB – Joy Bristow PC - Peter Coombs DF - Di Fairhead RF - Dick Fairhead

JL - John Lord BL - Ben Lyte SM - Sheila Mitchell AS - Angela Sims

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