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From the Rectory

There is no 'From the Rectory' piece in this edition as the Reverend Alan's wife, Monica, is extremely unwell. As a consequence, Alan is taking indefinite compassionate leave. Anne and I hope that everyone will join us in wishing them both the very best outcome.

In order to support Alan through this challenging period and ensure everything within the Loveden Deanery runs smoothly Laura Widdowson, the Deanery Administrator, will take all of Alan's telephone calls and e-mails. Her hours of work are 10.00am – 1.00pm, Monday to Friday and her e-mail address and telephone number have been substituted for Alan's details on the front cover of this edition of 'In Touch'

The Deanery office does have an answer machine facility so if you call out of office hours then please leave me a message and Laura will call you back as soon as possible.

Bob Campbell-Barr



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Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be held in the Community Centre, St Nicholas Close, Barkston at 2.15pm on Wednesdays 13th March and 17th April. Everyone is welcome

Joy Bristow

Barkston PCC

Electoral roll

Every 6 years we have to review the list of members of St. Nicholas' church. If you are currently on the roll, or if you would like to be included on the roll, you will need to fill in a form. These can be obtained from Peter Bouch, 7 Thorold Gardens (251710), Carrie James (251137) or Cora Townson (250780)

Spring Cleaning

If you could spare an hour or two to help us spruce up the church, please meet in church on Saturday 23rd March at 2.00pm. Please bring your own duster.

Church AGM

Monday 29th April, 7.00pm in Church.

Gift Aid at Lincoln Cathedral

Lincoln Cathedral is now promoting a 'gift aid' scheme for UK taxpayers. If you gift aid your entrance fee (normal rates £6.00 adult or £4.75 concession), you will be given a free annual pass, as a 'thank you'. This pass allows free entry into the Cathedral for a whole year and includes ground, roof and tower tours when available.

Cora Townson, PCC Secretary

Prayer and Praise

Prayer and Praise at the home of Joy Bristow, 38 West Street, Barkston, (01400 250339) will be held on Mondays 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March and 15th April at 4.00pm.

Services of Wholeness and Healing

Wholeness and Healing services are held on the second Thursday of each month at St Nicholas' Church, Barkston at 7.30pm. 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.

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Chris Farrar is County Councillor for Honington Parish. (Telephone 01522 789125 or e-mail cllrc.farrar@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

Both will be happy to deal with any matters of concern.

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Items for inclusion in the next issue of `In Touch' to Anne & Bob
Telephone 01476 562154 or e-mail intouchbelton@btinternet.com
<u>by Friday, 19th April</u>, please.

Syston PCC

The AGM will be held on Thursday March 21st 2013, at 7.30pm, at Hamble-cotes, The Drift, Syston. Following last year's very successful fund raising campaign Syston parishioners might like to come and see, or even become involved, in how Syston Church is run. All are very welcome to attend.

Maryan Nussey. Sec. Syston PCC.

Syston Open Gardens

Syston PCC is organising an 'Open Gardens' day on 14th July. Anyone willing to open their garden to help raise funds for the church should contact oan Wilkie on (01400) 250529 by 31st May.

There will be a Songs of Praise service afterwards in Syston church at 5.00pm.

Friends of Barkston Church

The next event will be our annual Bingo evening, to be held in the Village Hall on Friday lst March at 7.00p.m. Tickets are available from Margaret Elnor, Jill Hawkins or Barkston Garage priced at £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for children.

Boxes will be put in the Church and in the Centre for prize donations, which will be received with our grateful thanks.

Margaret Elnor (01400) 251886

Friends of Barkston School

Indulgence Evening

FOBS will be holding an 'Indulgence Evening' at the School on Friday 26th April between 7.00pm and 9.30pm

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Entry is only £3.50 and all tickets bought before the event will be entered into a prize draw on the night. Tickets can be bought from the School or from Carol Reah so please join us in this fundraiser and support your local school.

Carol Reah (01400) 250618

Belton and Manthorpe Parish Council

The Parish Council met at Manthorpe Village Hall, on Thursday 14th February. Seven Councillors and two members of the public were present.

Matters pertaining to Belton were as follows:-

Belton Old School – Village Hall: Work starts in two weeks time and should be finished by mid May. It will be managed by the National Trust and a liaison committee with village representatives will be formed to look after the running of the hall. It was suggested that maybe the Parish Council should look at holding some of the meetings there so that people from Belton could attend the meetings.

Speeding Through Belton. No better in either Manthorpe or Belton. It was suggested that a presence by Community Police may help.

Crime Levels in Belton. There have been a couple of GPO underground cable thefts in Belton recently and they are being dealt with by the Police.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Excess Road Water - A607 Belton.

S. Thompson reported that excess water on the A607 was still running along the right hand side of the road from just past the bridge towards Barkston and across the road into Mr Pell's field. Mr Pell has been in touch with Highways but heard nothing back yet.

Also, villagers had reminded her that the piece of concrete path from No.8 Main Street north towards Chandlers had still not been repaired although it is believed to be in hand and will be done when money is available. Highways have made it clear that the path will follow the line of the existing path.

Dog Fouling It was reported that this had recently become a problem again. Michael Coney has provided dog walks round his field for Belton dog owners, please use only the walk and not the open fields. A partially sighted villager has stepped in dog faeces on the village pavement and has found it most unpleasant. There is a Parish Council dog waste bin just inside the field just beyond No 8 and it is hoped that dog owners will use the bins provided and discourage others from allowing their dogs to foul the pavements.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.15pm.

The next meeting (the Annual Council Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting as well as the Parish Council Meeting) will be held on 16th May 2013 starting at 7.00pm.

Tony Hopwell

been received and he had accordingly sent a response to SKDC.

Further consideration of the proposed presentation by "Lives" was deferred to the next meeting, hopefully awaiting better weather.

Funding for broadband improvements was progressing, and Members were being kept advised by regular emails from OnLincolnshire. Councillor Wootten agreed to request an update from the County Councillor responsible.

Consideration was given to quotations for mowing for 2013, but this was deferred for further information from one of the firms submitting a tender. A quotation had been received for a health and safety inspection of the War Memorial, but this was also deferred pending investigations into the possibility of a grant from the War Memorials Trust.

The Council received the regular update on the finances so far for 2012/13 and the proposed budget for 2013/14. Having considered the update in detail, this was accepted. The budget was explained and considered in detail, and discussion took place on the inclusion of finance for Section 137 expenditure, i.e. money to finance expenditure on items they were not otherwise empowered to do, but which were in the interests of the inhabitants of the area. It was agreed to include an amount of £1,475 for this purpose and to set the total precept at £8,825, the same as the last financial year.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 11th MARCH 2013 at 7.45 pm at the VILLAGE HALL.

Malcolm Hall Clerk to the Council

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The Old School House, Syston between 10.45am and 11.15am on

Tuesdays 26th March and 23rd April.

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Barkston and Syston Parish Council

The Parish Council met at the Village Hall on Monday14th January 2013. All members of the Parish Council were present, together with County Councillor Ray Wootten and District Councillor Trevor Scott for part of the meeting. One member of the public attended.

The meeting commenced with the public forum. The member of the public thanked the Council for its support in regard to the recent wind turbine applications, and reminded Members that a further application (this time for one turbine only) had been submitted on the site at Carlton Scroop.

The Council received a report from the Clerk in respect of the need for Members to seek a dispensation from the rules regarding the disclosure of interests, to enable a decision to be made on the budget, and a precept to be set. All Members would have an interest, as they were in occupation of land/property within the Parishes, and a dispensation was the appropriate way to proceed. Councillors present signed a request for this to be done, and agreed to the Clerk's suggestion that he be appointed as the officer with authority to agree dispensation requests. An appropriate change to Standing Orders was also agreed.

Many highways matters were discussed, and the Clerk was asked to refer them to the Area Surveyor for action. The situation regarding Bridleway No. 4 leading to Marston, was again discussed, and the Clerk advised that the County Council were not prepared or able to take any further action, other than to erect suitable signs. The central refuge in Barkston was discussed and the Clerk was asked to request proper tarmac surfacing, as opposed to stone chippings for the finished surface. Some concerns from local residents were expressed, but the Council were reminded that following investigations, the only solution available was the present proposal for a refuge.

The Area Surveyor had advised that 20mph limits could not be imposed in The Drift, Syston, although further investigations were taking place to see if there were any other methods of speed reduction available. Other matters raised included the request for the new path on Honington Road, which was being put on a future schedule of works; surfacing of Church Street (programmed for the same time as the A607 improvements); damage to verges and kerbing in Syston (to be investigated).

The Council again considered the SKDC Supplementary Planning Document on Wind Energy and the Clerk reminded Members that he had produced a response based on the Council's previous objections to the turbines at Frinkley Lane and Carlton Scroop and had circulated it for Members to consider. No objection had

Barkston, Syston, Honington, Belton & Carlton Scroop Produce and Craft Show

Thanks to everyone who supported last year's show; it was very much appreciated.

At the A.G.M. held in November we decided to donate £100 to Barkston and Syston School.

March 20th is our next meeting when we will be discussing this year's show, which is on Saturday 24th August. If you have any suggestions for the classes please put a note through my door - Hambleton Farm, Syston - or tell a committee member.

Vicki Strawson

Barkston & Syston Village Hall

Diary Dates

FRIDAY 1st March - Bingo evening in aid of Barkston Church

FRIDAY 22nd March - Rummage sale, doors open 5pm. Admission free. The hall will be open from 9am on 22nd march for any unwanted items.

THURSDAY 28th March - Village Hall meeting 7:30pm in the hall

Tom/Janet Baker

St. Nicholas Knitting Circle, Barkston

Our next Knitting Circle meetings will be on Monday 25th March and 22nd April in the Community Centre, St. Nicholas Close, between 2pm & 4pm.

Joy Bristow (01400) 250339

Dog Fouling

Barkston and Syston Parish Council have received reports that dog fouling in Church Street, Barkston, particularly in the area from the War Memorial towards The Stag, is on the increase. Dog owners are strongly urged to clean up after their pets and to take the waste home or use the dedicated bin outside the Burial Ground.

Malcolm Hall Clerk to Barkston and Syston Parish Council

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