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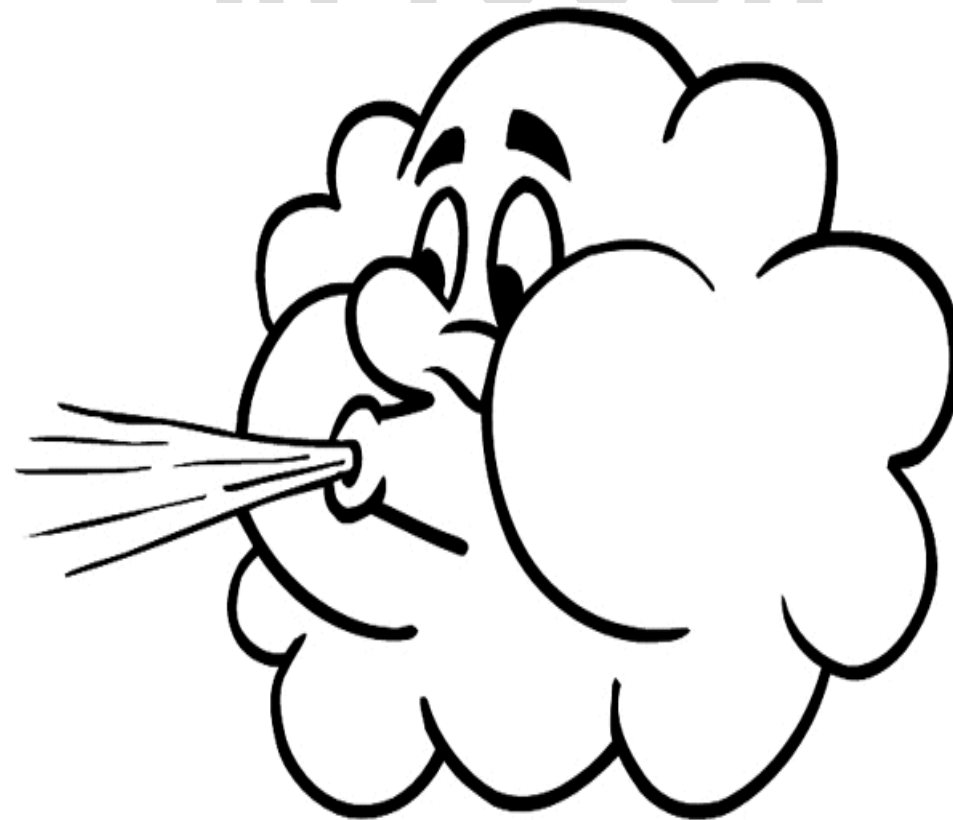
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Barkston and Syston Village Hall Regular Bookings

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

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

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

County Council Representatives

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

Post Office, St Nicholas Close, Barkston

Mondays 9.00am—3.00pm Thursdays 9.00 a.m. - 12 noon
Contact Tel No: 01636 704516

Mobile Library dates

The library will be in West Street between 12.30—13.00 on the following Mondays, Mar 9th 2020.

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

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A Dickens of a day out!

The late arrival into Grantham of the 09.21 LNER Kings Cross service meant that the present writer and his wife were obliged to break into a fair trot to reach St Pancras station in time for the 10.52 Javelin [Hitachi Class 395] train to Rochester using the High Speed line via Stratford International and Ebbsfleet before switching to the North Kent and Chatham main line for Gravesend and Strood then crossing the Medway to enter our destination.

The cathedral at Rochester stands immediately opposite the railway station with the Norman castle to its right and the Medway to the right of the castle. The cathedral we see today was built by Bishop Gundulf between 1077 and 1130 although the cathedral has a much earlier foundation as far back as 604 just a few years after Augustine had landed in Kent and settled at Canterbury.

Coffee is served in the crypt which is home also to the most beautiful chapel dedicated to St Ithamar – born in Kent and in 644 became the first Anglo-Saxon bishop in England when he was consecrated Bishop of Rochester.

The crypt is also home to the ‘Textus Roffensis’ which contains the earliest written copy of the first code of English law and was written in Rochester in the 1120’s.

Anthony Wilson Thorold, born 13th June 1825 in what is now the Old Rectory at Hougham, was the son of the Reverend Edward Thorold [Rector of the family living of Hougham cum Marston] who in turn was the younger son of Sir John Thorold 9th Baronet of Syston Park. In 1877 Anthony Wilson Thorold was consecrated Bishop of Rochester at a time when the diocese was re-constituted to

accommodate the population of south London and the suburbs across parts of Kent and Surrey. Hougham has the travelling case of the Bishop of Rochester and henceforth Anthony Wilson Thorold signs his letters 'A W Roffen'.

The High Street of Rochester is a single straight Roman road which carried what we might call the A2 over the Medway and on towards London. The Crown provided a good spot for lunch with fine views west over the river while a short riverside walk brought us into the grounds of the Norman castle and so back to the cathedral. The High Street had the usual mix of charity shops and cafes plus an excellent second-hand bookshop so we were able to equip ourselves with a good copy of 'The Mystery of Edwin Drood' – Dickens last novel [unfinished at his death in 1870] and which is set in Rochester thinly disguised as Cloisterham.

Between the cathedral and the railway station stands the Huguenot Museum where the story is told of the Huguenot refugees who found a safe haven in Britain following the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685 and their persecution in and escape from France. One of the skills the Huguenots brought with them was as weavers of silk and they established themselves in the district of Spitalfields to the east of the City of London

Spitalfields silks were widely exported and a pre-eminent designer of the silk was a 'local lass' Anna Maria Garthwaite born 1688 in the rectory at Harston where her father the Reverend Ephraim Garthwaite was rector, granddaughter to the Reverend Ephraim Garthwaite of Barkston and great-granddaughter to the Reverend Miles Garthwaite of Fulbeck . Anna Maria in fact created over 1,000 designs for woven silk over a period of three decades and has been called the 'pre-eminent silk designer of her period'.

All this was accomplished in time to catch the returning Javelin at 17.29 to St Pancras and the onward 18.33 LNER service to Grantham on which we enjoyed complimentary drinks and an early evening meal! With every good wish. Stuart Hadley (Rector)



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BARKSTON AND SYSTON CRICKET CLUB

The club held its presentation night at the Stag with a meal followed by a race night. We would like to thank everyone who supported the club last season by sponsoring the club, whether by sponsoring shirts, matches or balls, without these people the club could not survive

Last year's trophy winners:

Batsman of year J GOODE
Bowler A JAMESON
Captain's player A JAMESON
Players' player J GOODE
Most catches DOM MODD

This season, yet again, we will be playing in Div 2 of the Lincoln league after finishing 6th last season. As always we are looking for more players from 13 years and upwards to come and join us, every season it becomes more difficult to raise a team. We really need more village people to come forward and support the club either by playing, sponsoring or helping out with the juniors, if we don't get this support the club will soon become another loss to the community which I am sure no one wants.

We are going to do outdoor nets on the following dates: Sundays - March 15th, 22nd, and April 5th at 3p.m. then moving to Wed nights from April 8th at 6p.m. everyone is welcome from 13 years old upwards no matter what ability. These sessions are free of charge.

The club are looking for sponsors again this season: Club / shirt sponsor please contact business advertisement board £100 (board to be supplied by sponsor), match sponsor £50, and ball sponsor £25.

JUNIOR CRICKET

This year we are running the **ALL STARS** programme aimed at 5-8 years olds from Tues 19th May for 8 weeks, also new for this year we will be running the **DYNAMOS** cricket programme aimed at 9-11 years old on the same nights. These programmes are part of the ECB play cricket scheme. To take part payment is online by going to ecb club spark, please support your local club on these evenings, food and drinks will be available.

If anyone wants to: help out on these evenings; wants to sponsor the club, or needs more info about playing please contact me, **Nigel Parker**, on the following:

mobile 07947754361 or email nigel.d.parker@btinternet.com

BARKSTON & SYSTON PLAYING FIELD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

29th APRIL 2020
7.30 p.m.
PAVILION

Everyone very welcome.

BARKSTON & SYSTON PLAYING FIELD

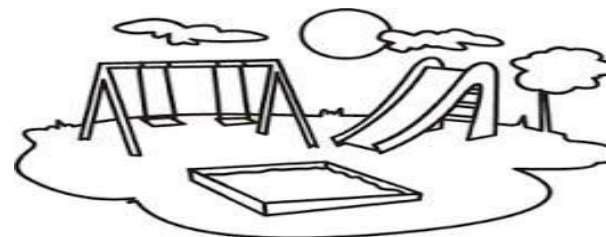
THANK YOU AND A PLEA FOR HELP

As someone who has seen the village grow and change over the years I would like to express my gratitude to all who have made this village community what it is today.

With regard to the Playing Field it has now come down to a very few people putting in a lot of time and effort to keep it going for the village. A special thank you to Maxine, Nigel, Daniel and Liam without whom the maintenance of the field would not be in the excellent condition it is today. Simon Kelly for all his work in obtaining the new children's corner and doing all the necessary background administration work. Mrs Kelly for all the years she has kept the books in order. Also a big thank you to the local farming community who readily give their help when needed. Last but not least John Kelly and Alan Card for keeping the pitch marked out for the Football and other odd jobs that need doing.

As you can see it is down to very few keeping the Playing Field available for all.

We are desperate for new volunteers to take up the reins on the committee and hope you can find time to join us at the AGM.



Janet Sharpe

BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on 13th January. Eight members of the Parish Council were present, together with Councillor Ray Wootten (County Council). Parish Councillor Peter Connor and District Councillors Mrs Rosemary Kaberry-Brown and Ian Stokes sent apologies. There were no members of the public present.

The Clerk, as usual, updated members on the progress with various matters in connection with roads and footpaths, which had been raised at previous meetings. In particular, it was noted that enforcement of the waiting restrictions did not appear to have taken place, despite requests and several reminders to the Police and County Council Parking Services. The Clerk was asked to remind the relevant authorities about the need for enforcement, and also to contact the County Councillor responsible for highways.

A letter had been received from a local resident in relation to issues connected to speeding through the village on the A607, the Community Speedwatch scheme and parking on bus stops. This was discussed thoroughly, and the Clerk was asked to request that consideration be given by the County Council to additional traffic regulations to prevent parking on bus stops; and in the meantime to ask the Police to organise regular checks to prevent such parking.

The Council discussed the latest position in regard to the suggested Community Speedwatch Scheme. Following publicity, eight residents had expressed a willingness to help in the scheme, which with the two from Belton & Manthorpe formed a useful group to run the scheme. Belton & Manthorpe had agreed to participate in the scheme, and the formal applications had been submitted from both Councils. The next steps would be a training session for the volunteers and the erection of warning signs at intervals along the A607. Following a discussion on the inclusion of a further reactive sign, and the purchase of wheelie bin 'reminder' stickers, it was agreed to take no further action.

Various results and comments made in regard to planning applications were reported. In regard to the picnic area, the County Council had now contacted the Parish Council in regard to completing the legalities connected with the transfer of the land.

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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in church at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 24th March 2020.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

Belton 2nd February 2020 Riley Shaun Whiting

May They Rest in Peace

Barkston 5th February 2020 Margaret Mary [Mollie] Balmer

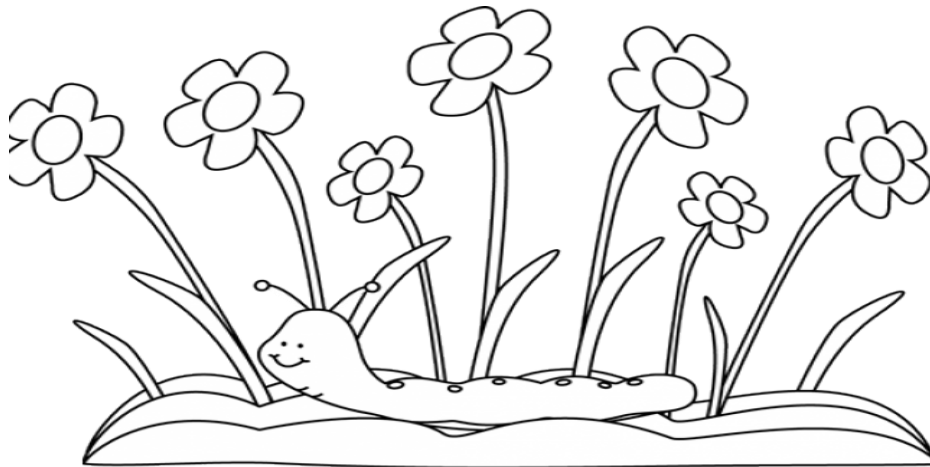
Honington 17th February 2020 Michael Robert Griffin

Friends of Barkston Church Bingo made £250.50 after expenses. A big thank you to Pat and her helpers.

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter Sunday being 12th April is the 2nd Sunday in the month which means there will be a service at Barkston, 10.30 a.m..

Would anyone wishing to donate towards flowers to decorate the church in memory of a loved one please contact Carrie James, Tel. 01400 251137



In view of delays, the two contractors who would be involved in improvement works had been contacted to see if their prices would hold, and these had been increased by a small amount. It was agreed that these could be met from balances.

It was noted that the appeal into the refusal of planning permission for development at 12 West Street, Barkston had been allowed.

The circulated financial updates and budget report were considered in detail, and it was agreed to precept for £12,720 for the next financial year, a decrease for the fourth year in a row, and a 3.9% reduction in the amount required from a Band D property.

The Council noted with thanks the efforts of Mrs Cora Townson in litter picking throughout Barkston. Any further volunteers would be welcome – please contact Mrs Townson direct.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 9th MARCH 2020 at 7.45 p.m. in the VILLAGE HALL.

Malcolm Hall
Clerk to the Council

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CONTACT THE CLERK

on starlight_hall@hotmail.co.uk for further information, or ring 01476 566984.



THE SERVICE ROTA SOUTH CLIFFE VILLAGES GROUP

Village	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Date	1st Mar	8th Mar	15th Mar	22nd Mar	29th Mar
BARKSTON		10.30 HC/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		10.30am HC/Val R	18.00 CW	10.30 a.m HC/SH	
FULBECK	10.30 a.m HC/SH		10.30 a.m HC/MC		
HONINGTON					10.30a.m HC/SH
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			10.00a.m FS/CS	
SYSTON		09.30a.m MP/VicR	10.30 a.m HC/SH		

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
5th Apr Palm Sunday	12th Apr Easter Day	19th Apr	26th Apr	
	10.30am HC/SH			
10.30 HC/SH				
		09.00a.m HC/SH		
	18.00 EP/Vic R		18.00 HC/SH	
	10.30 a.m HC/ValR	18.00 CW	10.30 a.m HC/SH	
10.30 a.m HC/MC		10.30 a.m HC/SH		
09.00 a.m MP/BW	09.00a.m HC/SH		09.00 a.m MP/BW	
	17.00 EP/CB		09.00 a.m HC/SH	
09.00 a.m HC/SH		10.00a.m MP/CS		
	9.30 a.m MP/Vic R	10.30am HC/MC		

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