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# IN TOUCH



## The Magazine of Barkston, Belton, Honington and Syston

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**Barkston and Syston Village Hall Regular Bookings**

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

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**NOT FROM THE RECTORY**



**Not From the Rectory: Christmas is not cancelled!**

Precisely what we shall be allowed to do after ‘Lockdown 2’ in terms of Christmas with our families and in church remains to be seen. What we can say is that Christmas is not cancelled although it will be different and there is in general a sense of goodness around us at Christmas which brings hope and colour and joy at that time of the year when the days are their shortest

Throughout Lockdown [1 & 2] the Church shines as a beacon and nowhere more so does it do that in our cathedral city of Lincoln where we look up as darkness falls and see our great mother church bathed in light.

My guide to England’s cathedrals by train is in need of an update for no longer is it true to say that ‘direct train services from London to Lincoln are very few, considering the importance of the city and not necessarily convenient to the traveller’ for since autumn 2019 LNER, with its fleet of Azuma trains, provides a regular service throughout the day from King’s Cross via Stevenage, Peterborough, Grantham and Newark to Lincoln

Your intrepid guide was therefore able to enjoy [pre lockdown] a main line direct train service for the journey – of about 35 or 40 minutes – from Grantham to our city of Lincoln with one of the great churches of Christendom standing at the top of that appropriately named Steep Hill – though if truth be told, in order to gain the cathedral in time for the lunch time service, a taxi was called upon!

The service took place in the quiet of the shrine of St Hugh where

the eye can rise to contemplate the great east window and try to marry up the stained-glass panels with its corresponding biblical story. To the north of the shrine of St Hugh is the smallest of all the remaining chantry chapels – that to Bishop Robert Fleming, Bishop of Lincoln 1420-31 – notable for the magnificent ‘cadaver tomb’ below the window which gives a view into the chapel. On the top of the tomb lies the fine stone figure of the bishop while below at ground level carved in stone is the cadaver reminding us that however grand and important we are in this life - we will take nothing with us in death.

The cathedral boasts two very different but equally impressive libraries: a visit to the Medieval Library has been compared to taking a step back in time. This is one of the ‘chained libraries’ and retains three of the original lecterns that medieval scholars would have used to study manuscripts and theological writings. The collection includes writings of St Augustine and St Thomas Aquinas as well as the Lincoln Chapter Bible, thought to be the earliest English Romanesque Bible.

You step from the medieval library of 1422 into the ‘light, elegant and airy’ library designed by Sir Christopher Wren and housing the collection built up by Michael Honywood who was appointed Dean and given the task of restoring the cathedral after the damage it had sustained during the Civil War. The library cost £1,000 and was paid for in full by the new Dean. It is one of only two purpose-built libraries by Wren to survive, the other being at Trinity College, Cambridge.

No visit to Lincoln is complete without a browse through the independent bookshop more or less opposite the White Hart and of course Watsons lures one in for a refill of shaving soap from George Trumper – to choose between sandalwood and almond! Add to that a visit to Grayz just off The Bail for their delicious offering of Lincolnshire plum bread served with Wensleydale cheese – highly recommended once we are free to travel again.

Meanwhile in the words of Archbishop William Temple: Grant, O



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## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Holy Matrimony

Belton  
10th October 2020 Finn Hoggan and Michelle Louise Boyle  
Honington  
31st October 2020 Callum Robert Imrie and Emily Jane Carter

### May They Rest in Peace

Barkston  
27th October 2020 Dorothy Rose Wakefield [Barkston]

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Lord, that as the years change, we may find rest in your eternal changelessness. May we meet this year new year bravely, sure in the faith that, while men and women come and go, and life changes around us, you are always the same, guiding us with your wisdom, and protecting us with your love.

With every good wish for Christmas and the New Year

**Stuart Hadley, Rector of the South Cliff Benefice**

## **SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH COMMUNITY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS**

Churches along with many charities have lost income through the pandemic and are reaching out for support – for example I have yet to respond to the Stamford Shakespeare Company's appeal if I am to have any hope of seeing Shakespeare in the open air next year at Tolethorpe!

In a parallel way the churches would like to appeal to our wider community audiences, including family, friends and those more on the fringes of church, asking them to 'Support your church community for future generations'. This recognises that there is much goodwill towards the Church amongst many in our wider communities, who may wish to support the work of their local church, but whose motivations for doing so might be different from those within our worshipping congregations.

We welcome this opportunity, as we think it will be of benefit to many of our churches for people to be given the option of contributing financially to their local church in a more regular and planned way; i.e. monthly, quarterly or annually. If you are interested then please contact either the rector or the wardens of your local church [contact details at [www.southcliffchurches.uk/](http://www.southcliffchurches.uk/)] to ask for the PCC's sort code and account number to enable you to set up your giving in way which carries no infection risk like cash.

Thank You.

**Stuart Hadley, Rector of the South Cliff Benefice**

## BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL

A virtual Meeting of the Parish Council was held on 9<sup>th</sup> November, via 'Zoom'. All members of the Parish Council were present. Councillor Ian Stokes (District Council) was present and District Councillor Mrs Rosemary Kaberry-Brown and County Councillor Ray Wootten 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, and reported that many of the items raised had been dealt with. The County Council had confirmed that a visit was to take place to the area of the A607 near The Stag to establish exactly what to do in regard to the promised works to alleviate the frequent flooding. The Minnetts Hill/Church Street area was, however, still a problem, and a further request had been made for drain clearance work to hopefully stop flooding, although nothing had been heard regarding a date for the clearance.

Nothing had been heard in regard to the request for car parking at the end of West Street. This was still a concern, and it was reported that there had been considerable correspondence between the local farmer, the NFU, local MP and County Councillor Wootten, which it was hoped would lead to improvements.

No formal consultation had been received in regard to LCC proposals to construct a bridge over the river near the stepping stones. It was mentioned that the area was slippery and dangerous and that extra support was needed to prevent erosion of the banks, although another view was put that access was not difficult. It was agreed to take no further action and await further information in relation to the bridge.

The situation in regard to the Community Speedwatch scheme was given – it had not been possible to operate the scheme because of the Coronavirus Pandemic, and the Road Safety Partnership had said that due to the most recent guidelines, no schemes could operate until at least early December. Training was still a problem, especially as a training officer was still being sought.. Criteria for the mobile speed van to be stationed in the village had been met, a suitable site had





## REMBERANCE SUNDAY

Despite it being a rather dull morning we did manage to have a socially distanced act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Barkston and Tom Baker has kindly taken a few photographs to mark the occasion .



been agreed and the RSP were now working to include the Parish on the list, although it was not expected that this would be before March next year.

A formal consultation in relation to the bus stop clearway proposals in Church Street, Barkston, had been received and published in the area, with comments required by 27<sup>th</sup> November. The Council formally agreed to raise no objection.

In the Playing Field, the main site was being used, and the play equipment was staying open, in accordance with Government guidelines, although some of the warning notices had been destroyed.

In regard to the picnic area, the Clerk said that the transfer from the LCC had been concluded and the original title documents had been received. Refurbishment works were planned for the new year with completion, depending on weather, by the spring. It was agreed to trim the tree to the right of the entrance.

It was agreed to support the Post Office's request for the return of the Outreach Post Office in St Nicholas Close, and to contact SKDC to ask them to consider re-opening the room. Councillor Stokes also agreed to lobby on behalf of the Parish Council.

John Jackson had resigned as the Council's representative on the Barkston Educational Foundation, and a replacement was therefore required. In view of the fact that three members were at the time 'absent' from the meeting owing to the Zoom facility having timed out, it was agreed to defer the appointment to the next meeting.

The Council again discussed reports of fly tipping and dumping. Notices were on the way from the County Council in regard to tip facilities, and these would be placed as soon as possible. A fly tip on Frinkley Lane was noted, which the Clerk would report to SKDC. An initiative from some local residents to decorate the Village Green at Christmas was supported.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021 at 7.45 p.m. Notice would be given whether this would be a virtual meeting or in person.

Malcolm Hall  
Clerk to the Council

**THESE SERVICES DEPEND ON CLOSURE BEING LIFTED**

**THE SERVICE ROTA SOUTH CLIFFE VILLAGES GROUP**

Village	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Date	6th Dec	13th Dec	20th Dec	27th Dec	
BARKSTON		10.30 a.m HC/SH			
BELTON	10.30a.m HC/SH				
BRANDON					
CARLTON SCROOP with NORMANTON					
CAYTHORPE				10.30 a.m HC/SH	
FULBECK			10.30 a.m HC/SH		
HONINGTON					
HOUGH ON THE HILL	10.00a.m MP/CB	09.00 a.m HC/SH			
HOUGHAM	17.00 EP/CB			09.00a.m HC/SH	
MARSTON	9.00 a.m HC/SH		10.00a.m MP/CS		
SYSTON			09.00a.m HC/SH		

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	
5th Jan	12th Jan	19th Jan	26th Jan	
	10.30am HC/SH			
10.30 a.m HC/SH				
		09.00a.m HC/SH		
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		10.30 a.m HC/SH		
				10.30a.m HC/SH
10.00am MP/ CB	09.00a.m HC/SH			
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