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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.
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.
Thursday	Yoga	10.00 a.m. - Noon
	Short Mat Bowls	2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Friday	Move it or lose it	9.30a.m—10.15 a.m
Saturday	Dance Class	9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

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

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.

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

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Mobile Library dates

The library will be in West Street between 12.30—13.00 on the following Mondays, June 3rd 2019

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

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South Cliff Villages Group NOT FROM THE RECTORY



Not from the Rectory - A Lincolnshire Steeplechase part 1

This steeplechase involves no horses but concentrates rather on the steeples [towers and spires] of Lincolnshire as may be glimpsed from the carriage window of a railway train subject to the limitations imposed by tunnels and cuttings!

The expedition starts with the journey south [fast] to Peterborough with the map open at the ready plus note book to glimpse in turn Great Ponton, Burton Coggles, Corby Glen, Swayfield, Creeton, Little Bytham and Carlby before crossing the county's boundary.

The second leg is at the more sedate pace set by an East Midlands single carriage train heading north to Lincoln; leaving the main line at Werrington it crosses the River Welland to enter the county with Deeping St Nicholas off to the left and a glimpse of Crowland Abbey some way off to the right: this is a journey across the flat fen land of the county with just Deeping St Nicholas to note before the train slows to enter Spalding [Victorian St John's as well as the ancient parish church of St Mary and St Nicholas] for one of its 4 intermediate stops.

Continuing north the line runs parallel to the A152 and the familiar succession of churches includes Pinchbeck, Surfleet, Gosberton, Quadring and Donington before crossing the South Forty Foot Drain to pass the fine spire and flying buttresses of Helpringham with the windmill at Heckington just visible before the train slows and enters Sleaford [St Denys] by the Grade 11* listed Bass maltings.

The train navigates the 'back side' of Sleaford to regain the avoiding line and continue its way with stops at Ruskington and Metherringham as well as glimpses of Dorrington, Digby, Rowston,

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Scopwick, Dunstan, Nocton, Potterhanworth and Heighington before entering Lincoln through its less salubrious industrial hinterland a world away from the cathedral atop the cliff.

The return train ran non-stop to Newark North Gate passing St Mary le Wigford at the top of High Street but thereafter the steeple-spotter can relax his vigilance: the train passes through the nature reserve at Whisby where the nightingale did sing one very cold morning a year or so ago and before the train reaches Newark there are the Nottinghamshire delights of Holme [whose medieval church is 'perfection' in the words of Henry Thorold in his Shell Guide to the county] and Winthorpe with its red brick Victorian church and broach spire

The final leg soon brings the traveller back into Lincolnshire passing the Rural Dean's church at Claypole but keeping its best delights to the end: with the setting sun forming a back drop to Marston's church with its 'broach spire and the ancient house of the Thorolds next door' [Lincolnshire by Henry Thorold 1996] and finally that most splendid of spires at St Wulfram's Grantham which one church dignitary insisted his fellow travellers acknowledge by raising their top hats as the train in which they were passengers raced through – today's train stopping to return the present writer to his starting point.

Stuart Hadley [Rector]

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

Belton

3rd March 2019 Reign Lindsey Winter

7th April 2019 Isla Elizabeth Dean

Syston

7th April 2019 Arran Oliver Herbert

Rest in Peace

Honington

1st April 2019 Denis Applewhite (Honington)

Summer Garden Party

Rob and Liz Parkin invite you to a Summer Garden Party at Lindisse Cottage, The Drift, Syston on Saturday 10th August 4 p.m. until late. Tickets are £12.50 per person (Children £6.00, infants free) which will include BBQ - Burger or Hotdog with salads and first drink.

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ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, BARKSTON - RUNNING ON EMPTY!

The Annual Meeting of the parish church received the accounts for the year to 31st December 2018 which painted a very sorry picture: we had met our expenditure of the year of £12,777 with income of the year of £9,419 and with drawing down on our small reserves of £3,358

With only £8,783 in the bank it is easy to see that if this situation continues unchecked through 2019 and 2020 it would then be a case of shutting the door – a situation we are confident the village does not want to see

We value our parish church not only as the physical centre, in some way, of Barkston but as the place we turn to for those significant life events in our family – the baptism or christening of the new born baby, the marriage of a young couple, the funeral rites of a much loved parent or grandparent. We saw on the 100th anniversary of the ending of the First World War how the parish church was the natural focus for the community's act of remembrance and indeed this is repeated each year on Remembrance Sunday.

To meet the running costs of the church we rely on the generosity of the regular congregation but also of the wider village community and of those who visit us from time to time. If you would like help maintain the church in your village community there are a number of ways you can do so: by giving on the plate at the regular monthly service of Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m. on the second Sunday of the month; by leaving a cheque payable to 'Barkston PCC' with the PCC treasurer Carrie James at 14 West Street Barkston or by making a direct bank transfer either as a one off gift or as a regular payment into the Barkston PCC church account at 09-01-55 account 86363084.

Thank You

Stuart Hadley [Rector] and Cora Townson [Church Warden] and Carrie James [PCC Treasurer]

ST NICHOLAS CLOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE **COFFEE MORNING**

We are holding regular coffee mornings in the Community Centre on the last Wednesday of each month, 10.30—12 noon.

Everyone welcome please come along and join us.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12th to 18th May

“Make Them Eat Cake” Coffee Morning 10 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
St. Nicholas Church, Barkston on Wednesday 15th May

Deanery Service of Confirmation—23rd June at 4 p.m. at Wilsford

Deanery Songs of Praise—Sunday 30th June at 17.00 at Claypole

Barkston Syston Belton Honington and Carlton Scroop Annual **Produce and Craft Show**

Last year we made a donation of £100 to Barkston and Syston Cricket Club and £100 to Barkston and Syston Playing Field.

This year the Show is being held on Saturday 24th August (Bank holiday Saturday) in the Village Hall.

The Show 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, crafts and children's classes, there is something for everyone.

Schedules will be available in June and can be collected from Barkston Garage, The P.O. and from the Village Green opposite The Stag.

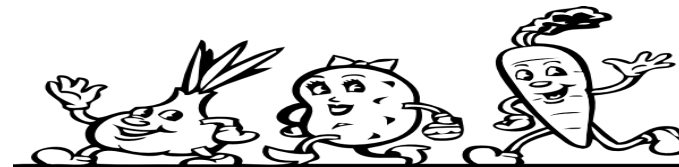
The photograph classes this year are:

1. Splash, 2. Village Life, A recognisable scene from one of the five villages, 3. Blue, 4. Holidays/Fun, 5. Historic Buildings, 6. Home Life, 7. Pets/Animals. 8. Open Class.

So take your cameras out with you and capture your photo for the Show.

We look forward to receiving all your wonderful exhibits

The Committee



BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 11th March. Eight members of the Parish Council were present, together with District Councillors Rosemary Kaberry-Brown and Stokes. Parish Councillor Steve Elnor sent apologies.

One member of the public attended.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman referred to the fact that the meeting would be Councillor Jackson's last, as he had indicated that he would not be standing at the forthcoming elections. She mentioned that he had been a member since 1978, and Vice-Chairman and Chairman for a number of years, and made a small presentation in recognition of this service.

Many issues which had been raised about roads and footpaths were updated by the Clerk. Outstanding pothole repairs had been carried out, but those in Syston, which had been reported for further attention, as the filling was pulling out, had been advised by the County Council as temporary, due to the location. More permanent repairs would ideally be done, however cost prohibited this. Repairs would be monitored as part of routine inspections.

The proposed 50 mph speed limit between Manthorpe and Barkston was now in operation, and the consultation was taking place into a reduction in the 40 mph limit leading up to Manthorpe Church to 30 mph.

Complaints had been received that pedestrians waiting to cross the A607 at the central refuge on the A607 near the garage in Barkston were forced to wait too near to the edge of the road owing to nearby vegetation and overgrown verges. The County Council had agreed to remove vegetation and had suggested that the Parish Council ask the Lincs Road Safety Partnership to undertake a safety audit.

The action requested in regard to the area around the War Memorial, Barkston, where the road edges were wearing away up into the bank, was still being assessed, and no further information was available at the present. Similarly no further information was available in regard to suggested action on the matters raised about the West Street issues.

Councillor Jackson reported that he had met a Highways Department representative to discuss issues raised as long ago as 2008 in regard to the road verges in front of the Almshouses, but that nothing had been heard since the meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk would write reinforcing the

Well Walk Manthorpe Cllr Hallam spoke to this item, stating that she was concerned about the upkeep of this walk and it was in a poor state of repair and a Health and Safety hazard. LCC had recently attended, assessed the relevant risk, and completed work to make the top step safe

Dog Fouling – Longcliffe Rd. – Cllr Knight had asked this to be put on the Agenda, but she was not at the meeting this item to be carried forward to the next meeting.

Broken Manhole Covers Cllr Thornton stated that a number of manhole covers between Belton Woods Hotel and the Belton Lane junction, were in a poor state of repair and a trip hazard, some had been repaired since the last meeting, but there was still one that is a trip hazard. Clerk **CM** to follow up, again

Speed Limit Manthorpe village – District Cllr Ray Wootten had taken this to LCC and the matter was now out for consultation, with a view to getting the limit through Manthorpe village and Low Road reduced.

Accounts. CM updated the meeting re the accounts and circulated the Income/Expenditure since the last meeting. Movement on the accounts had been minimal, resolved accounts accepted by the members.

Correspondence 1). Correspondence from Robert PASK, terminating Pask Farms Ltd. Tenancy of Constable Field. 2) Request to display advert in Parish Council Notice Boards, this matter was discussed fully by all present. Resolved not to allow any adverts on the Notice Boards. Space is very limited, and the boards should be kept for Parish Council business only.

Date and Time of Future Meetings. WED 8th May 2019 at Belton, 7 p.m to include The Annual Parish Meeting.

**C Morgan
Clerk**

BARKSTONBURY

Barkston School is holding a **Family Fun Festival** to raise funds for the school, on **Sunday, 12th May, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. at Barkston School.**

Lots for the whole family, everyone welcome.

Performances by Kelly Borkertas of Ultra 90's, Naturally Sourced and Mr White.

Other attractions include a bouncy castle, BBQ, drinks tent, games and much more!

Admission on the gate: Adult £5.50, Child £3.00 and under 3's free.

BELTON AND MANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Belton and Manthorpe Parish Council Meeting held on 21st February 2019, at the Manthorpe village hall at 7.30 p.m..

Present Cllrs S. Syddall, (Chair) S Thompson, C Thornton, R Hallam, M Morris, In attendance Chris. Morgan (Clerk and Proper Officer).

Chairman's Remarks. Cllr Syddall opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present, (Cllr Gibson was unable to attend through illness).

Apologies for Absence – Apologies from Cllr Gibson due to illness. CM read out a letter from Cllr Gibson, stating her intention not to stand in the forthcoming elections, and to resign from her position as Councillor from 21st February 2019. SS stated he was saddened at Cllr Gibson's resignation, but wanted to thank her for the work and commitment she had given to the role over her years on the Council, this was echoed by all those present. Nothing had been heard from Cllr Knight

Declarations of Interest – None

Minutes of the last meeting held on 22nd November 2018. – It was resolved to adopt the minutes as a true record, proposed by C.T. seconded S.T. and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

Parish Council Elections: CM informed the meeting that SKDC had arranged training re the Elections on 6th March at the Guildhall. This was primarily for Clerks but Cllrs were also invited to attend. Cllr Thompson and Cllr Hallam stated they would like to attend. Further meeting arranged for Wed 20th March at 7 p.m. at Belton for CM to discuss and pass on the relevant info to the Cllrs and to take in the relevant nomination forms from the Cllrs when completed.

Belton Liaison Comm. Cllr Syddall, updated the meeting on the Belton Liaison Comm. Meetings on 19th November and 4th February 2019. The minutes, would be attached to these minutes/notes and would be placed on the P.C. website by CM (when trained to do so), four hard copies would be needed for Belton villagers who do not have email. National Trust to be asked to produce the hard copies, and ST agreed to distribute in Belton, as required. Tony Hopwell had now retired from this group and the P.C. asked that their thanks be recorded for all the work Tony had done with this group.

Planning applications since the last meeting and Biomass Boiler - Biomass boiler dealt with under six above, and that SKDC had put an extension to the planning application to 28th February, due to the number of letters they had received re this application. CM updated the meeting, stating that there have been a number of applications submitted to SKDC, of which copies have been circulated via email, or he had spoken directly to Cllr Sally Thompson. The majority of these were straight forward, with the P.C. offering no objections, where there had been concerns CM had submitted the P.C. comments to SKDC.

need for action, in view of the lengthy passage of time.

Other issues raised included flooding across the southern entrance to the garage, caused by a blocked drain, damaged verges and messy path caused by turf removal from fields to the north of Barkston village and the damaged road surface of River Lane, Syston. The Clerk was asked to write to LCC in regard to points one and three, and Councillor Rowell, who had raised the second point, said that the field owner had promised to restore the area when the turf removal had finished. He agreed to monitor the area.

Various results and comments made in regard to planning applications were reported. It was noted that an amended application for development at 12 West Street, Barkston had been made, and that the previous objection had been maintained. The Clerk was asked to write to the SKDC Chief Executive asking for action to determine the outstanding applications at 12 West Street and 5 Church Street, Barkston, and in addition in connection with the right of way from Church Street to St Nicholas Close.

The legal status of the picnic area had still not been confirmed and it was agreed that no action be taken in regard to the physical refurbishment until the land was finally handed over to the Parish Council.

The next meeting, which would be the Annual Meeting, is on MONDAY 13th MAY 2019 at 7.45 p.m. at the VILLAGE HALL. This would be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting for Barkston and Syston.

Malcolm Hall
Clerk to the Council

VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR

There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor from Barkston on the Parish Council.

Interested persons, who must either be on the Register of Electors for the Parish, or who have lived in Barkston or within three miles of it for the last twelve months; or who have their principal or only place of work in the Parish or occupy as owner or tenant land or premises within the Parish, should contact the Clerk to the Council in the first instance.

The vacancy will be filled at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 13th May 2019.

Malcolm Hall – Clerk to the Council. Tel: 01476 566984

THE SERVICE ROTA SOUTH CLIFFE VILLAGES GROUP

Village	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Date	5th May Easter 3	12th May Easter 4	19th May Easter 5	26th May Easter 6	
BARKSTON		10.30am HC/SH			
BELTON	10.30 a.m HC/SH				
BRANDON			09.00 a.m HC/SH		
CARLTON SCROOP with NORMANTON		18.00 EP/VicR		18.00 HC/SH	
CAYTHORPE		10.30 a.m HC/ValR	18.00 CW	10.30 a.m HC/SH	
FULBECK	10.30 a.m HC/MC		10.30 a.m HC/SH		
HONINGTON					
HOUGH ON THE HILL	09.00 a.m MP/BW	09.00 a.m HC/SH		09.00 a.m MP/BW	
HOUGHAM				09.00 a.m HC/SH	
MARSTON	9.00 a.m HC/SH		9.00 a.m MP//CS		
SYSTON		09.30a.m MP/VicR	10.30 a.m HC/MC		

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

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
2nd June Easter 7	9th June pentecost	16th June Trinity	23rd June Trinity 1	30th June Trinity2
	10.30 a.m HC/SH			
10.30 a.m HC/MC				
		09.00 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	
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				10.30 HC/SH
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09.00 a.m HC/SH		09.00 MP/CS		
	9.30 a.m MP/Vic R	10.30 a.m HC/SH		

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