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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>Vitality Fitness</b>	9.45 a.m. - 10.45 a.m.
	<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.

**Rainbows, Brownies and Guides** meet weekly. For more information contact [girlguiding.org.uk](http://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 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**

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**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 3**

Taking the train we can enter the county from the south [Cambridgeshire], and from the west [Nottinghamshire], and from the north west [Yorkshire] from Doncaster where we can leave in a south easterly direction [as previously reported] or as in the present case in a north easterly direction taking a Trans Pennine Express headed for Cleethorpes and entering Lincolnshire shortly before Crowle with its medieval church and carving supposedly of St Oswald and King Oswy

The train runs alongside the Stainforth and Keadby Canal before crossing the River Trent to come into Scunthorpe with its Victorian parish church of St John [1889]. The station in fact is near to the former village of Frodingham which has a 13th century church dedicated to St Lawrence. It was good to see signs of activity at the Corus steel works before the train crossed the Worlaby and Elsham Carrs [area of bog or fen in which scrub [willow] has become established] and joined the lines from Gainsborough and Market Rasen at Barnetby Junction

Today was the opportunity to leave the train at Grimsby and await the single carriage Northern Rail service to Barton on Humber which is promoted as the ‘Barton Line’ and which branches off into the most northerly parts of the county shortly after Habrough. Just beyond Ulceby, with its 15th century church tower, a freight line branches off through Killingholme to serve the docks at Immingham while our train continues due north to Thornton Abbey which has its own station and on to Goxhill where the church tower boasts 8 pinnacles before the train slows to allow the driver to collect a single line token from the signalman at the Oxmarsh Crossing and we enter

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the station at New Holland – alas not the ‘sumptuous railway station’ as noted in Henry Thorold’s Shell Guide and from which you would have accessed the pier for the paddle steamer to Hull [though if memory serves me right you can still enjoy a drink on the ‘Tattershall Castle’ moored on the north bank of the Thames on the Victoria Embankment at Whitehall when next you are in London]

Today’s station is a simple platform and bus shelter after which the train turns abruptly left leaving behind the Humber Bulk Terminal to continue alongside the Humber through Barrow Haven with views ahead of the Humber Bridge before coming to rest in the station at Barton on Humber which has two magnificent and ancient churches: the former parish church of St Peter’s is now in the care of English Heritage while the 14<sup>th</sup> century St Mary’s with its ‘noble clerestory’ is today’s working parish church

The train returned the way it had come and continued through the dock area at Grimsby to its final destination of Cleethorpes – a town developed as a holiday resort by the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire railway company. The parish church of St Peter [1866-67] is to be found on St Peter’s Avenue while the gardens giving views over the pier and the Humber Estuary provided an excellent place for a leisurely lunch. No trip to the seaside would be complete without an ice cream which was indeed purchased and enjoyed before the return train to Grimsby where there was a little wait before the single carriage train would depart from platform 3 for the journey to Newark’s North Gate station

After Barnetby le Wold the train took the branch heading south and west in the direction of Market Rasen. From the left-hand carriage window, the Wolds could be seen clearly with Caistor spread out on the hillside and the church at Walesby also very clear. The line enters Market Rasen with views across to its parish church with its ‘embattled and pinnacled tower’ and a station maintained by friends with wall paintings and flower troughs as evidence of their care and dedication.

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2PM—4.30PM

ST. NICHOLAS CLOSE CENTRE

IN AID OF SAMARITANS

Mary, Chris, Linda, Mavis & Marina

**FRIENDS OF BARKSTON CHURCH**

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the most enjoyable Blast from the Past afternoon tea party. In spite of the weather the Church was full, and the feed back most appreciative. We may just repeat the occasion some time in the future.

**WALNUT TREE**

Can anyone give a lonely walnut tree a home? It is well established in a tub but would really like to spread its roots. If you can help please phone Margaret Elnor 01400 251886.

**ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION**

**SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2019. 3PM**

**ST NICHOLAS CLOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

We hold a monthly session of Art and Craft afternoons. We shall have lots of our items on display and for sale. Plus there will be Sue's creations, Rus's hand made pet beds and Monica's original paintings.

Entry and refreshments free or a donation would be appreciated.

All donations/proceeds will be spent on more materials to enable us to continue with our successful Art and Craft afternoons.

Everyone is most welcome.

The farmer was making hay at Snelland and shortly after crossing the A158 at Langworth the distinctive towers of Lincoln's cathedral came into view. The train approaches the city by way of Reepham and Cherry Willingham [with 'a very attractive Georgian church ..with charming lantern turret] and swings into the valley of the River Witham passing clear signs of the construction of the eastern by-pass

I have previously reported on the journey from Lincoln to Newark North Gate but can add the sad sight of yet another country church stripped of its lead – the little church by the line near to Langford

I had with me a book of poetry and was reminded of the lines by T S Eliot that 'What we call the beginning is often the end and to make an end is to make a beginning' which is another way of saying that while this journey did indeed end at Grantham, the next booked journey will indeed be from Grantham! Every Blessing

Stuart Hadley [Rector of the South Cliff Benefice]

**FROM THE REGISTERS**

Holy Baptism

04.08/2019 Liliana Sophie Grace Duncombe (Belton)

May they Rest in Peace

02/08/2019 Christine Ann Rowell (Barkston)

09/08/2019 Monica June Wilson (Syston)

30/08/2019 Isabel Ann Smith (Belton)

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**

A very big "Thank You" to all across the ten parishes of the South Cliff benefice for your wonderful generosity in contributing a total (with Gift Aid) of £825.94 to Christian Aid helping the poorest of the world's communities

Many Thanks, Stuart Hadley (Rector)

## **Barkston and Syston Parish Council**

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on 8<sup>th</sup> July. Eight members of the Parish Council were present, together with Councillors Ian Stokes (District Council) and Ray Wootten (County Council). Parish Councillor Alan Rowell sent apologies, as did District Councillor Mrs Rosemary Kaberry-Brown.

No reply had been received in regard to highways related issues which had been previously raised and the Clerk was asked to remind the Area Surveyor.

Several recent incidents of vehicles parking on the Village Green, most likely to visit The Stag, were reported. After discussion, it was agreed to note and monitor the situation and reconsider at the next meeting.

It was noted that despite recent heavy periods of rain, the flooding near The Stag had not re-occurred. Several matters in Syston were reported, firstly the overgrown footpath from The Drift to Main Street; secondly the uneven and broken state of Church Lane, coupled with the slippery footpath (overgrown with moss) and lastly a pothole in The Drift – for passing to the Area Surveyor for action.

A letter had been received from a local resident expressing concern about speeding on the A607 through Barkston. Contact had been made with the Lincs. Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) and a series of enforcement sessions had been programmed for July. The Council considered a request for the reconsideration of a previous decision not to consider starting a Community Speedwatch Programme ( CSWP) locally. Such schemes operated in nearby Parishes – Long Bennington and Ancaster, and the Clerk was asked to write asking for feedback on the operation of the scheme, prior to reconsideration at the next meeting.

Consideration was also given to the purchase of a mobile sign, available from the LRSP, along with reminder signs which could be fixed along the route of the speed limit. Also considered was a request for the County Council to reintroduce ‘rumble strips’ and ‘Please drive carefully through our village’ signs for each end of the village. It was also agreed to request the local police to attend the next meeting to help in the further discussions.

## **Walk in aid of Barkston Church.**

Millside Wigwams are hosting one of this autumn's South Lincolnshire Walking Festival walks.

It is on Sunday 13th October at 10.30am and starts and finishes at Millside Wigwams, 6 miles in length and dogs are welcome on a lead.

£3.50 for adults (children are free) split equally between SLWF and Barkston Church.

Hot and cold refreshments will be available at the end of the walk, sold in aid of Barkston Church.

For further details please contact Steve Elnor on 07944 475521.

St Nicholas Knitting Circle Community Centre  
St Nicholas Close Barkston  
2p.m. 23rd September 2019.

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

Oh, what a wonderful Show and well done to all the prize winners. The hall was full with all your lovely exhibits and the walls decorated with the schools handwriting and paintings. Thank you to everyone for supporting the Show, whether you were an exhibitor, volunteer or those who donated raffle prizes and all of you who came to have a look at the Show, hopefully you may enter next year. All the flower exhibits were outstanding this year, the Flowers in a Jug class proved very popular so did the painting classes which looked lovely displayed on the new boards.

Vicki Strawson (Secretary)

## HARVEST FESTIVALS

Sunday 22nd September	16.00	Hough on the Hill	BW
Sunday 6th October	10.30	Fulbeck	ValR
Sunday 6th October	10.30	Belton	SH
Friday 11th October	18.30	Brandon	SH
Sunday 20th October	17.00	Marston	CS

## CHEESE & WINE EVENING

### SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER

#### At MOATLANDS, SYSTON

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#### BIKE & STRIDE

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14th

This year's Ride and Stride takes place on Saturday September 14th. This is your opportunity to visit as many of our beautiful Lincolnshire Churches as you can fit in. You can walk, bike, drive, take the bus, ride on horseback or use whatever means of transport you prefer. It's good fun for people of all ages-you can do it solo or as part of a group. Whatever you choose, be sure to get friends and family to sponsor you and half the money will go directly to your nominated Church and the other half to Lincolnshire Churches Trust which provides grants for urgent and essential repairs. Many churches will provide refreshments for your efforts. For a list of Churches and sponsorship forms, or if you are able to help man Barkston Church on the day please contact me on 01400 251137 or email [carrie.james2@btinternet.com](mailto:carrie.james2@btinternet.com).

Various results and comments made in regard to planning applications were reported. It was noted that the amended application for development at 12 West Street, Barkston, had been refused. The development at 5 Church Street, Barkston had been approved conditionally. Reference was made to a recent application made by owners of a quarry at Sudbrook, for approval to be given for updated conditions to enable the quarry to re-commence work. In view of the possibility that the lorry route from the site could affect Barkston, the Clerk was asked to request that the Parish Council be included as a formal consultee.

A recent inspection of the water supply at the Burial Ground had raised no issues. Further minor repairs to the Bier Shelter had been programmed. A quotation for the hedge cutting was accepted.

The majority of the equipment stolen from the Playing Field had now been returned, and was now stored in a steel container. A security post had also been installed inside the gate. Discussions were still taking place with regard to the future format of the insurance.

Nothing had been heard from the County Council in regard to the legal status of the picnic area, although the LCC had confirmed that the land was now registered with the Land Registry.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019 at 7.45 pm at the VILLAGE HALL.

Malcolm Hall  
Clerk to the Council

### **Summer Party**

Rob and Liz Parkin would like to thank everyone who supported their summer garden party in any way. Delighted to say that we raised over £1300 for our charities, Breast Cancer Now and Everyman (male cancers). The proceeds will be split between them. Thank you for your support.

**THE SERVICE ROTA SOUTH CLIFFE VILLAGES GROUP**

Village	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Date	1st Sept	8th Sept	15th Sept	22nd Sept	29th Sept
BARKSTON		10.30am MP/CB			
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	16.30 SoP/SH
CAYTHORPE		10.30 a.m Arnh/ ValR	18.00 CW	10.30 a.m HC/SH	
FULBECK	10.30 a.m HC/MC		10.30 a.m HC/SH		
HONINGTON					10.30am HC/SH
HOUGH ON THE HILL	09.00 a.m MP/BW	09.00 a.m MP/CB		16.00 Harvest BW	
HOUGHAM				09.00 HC/SH	
MARSTON	9.00 a.m HC/SH		10.00 a.m Pat//CS		
SYSTON		09.30a.m MP/VicR	10.30 a.m HC/MC		

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
6th Oct	13th Oct	20th Oct	27th Oct	
	10.30am HC/SH			
10.30 a.m HC/MC				
		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/ValR		10.30 a.m HC/MC		
09.00 a.m MP/BW	09.00am HC/SH		09.00 a.m MP/BW	
			09.00 a.m HC/SH	
09.00 a.m HC/SH		17.00 Har/CS		
	9.30 a.m MP/Vic R	10.30am HC/SH		

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