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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 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

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, July 1st, Sept 23rd

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

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NOT FROM THE RECTORY



Not from the Rectory: A Lincolnshire steeplechase - part 2

With the benefit of an advance purchased ticket and a Senior Railcard the present writer enjoyed a seat in first class [with coffee and pain au chocolat] for the short journey north from Grantham to Doncaster to join the East Midlands train service to Lincoln which was soon climbing away from the East Coast Main Line and passing the former RAF Finningley to head towards the flat lands which north Nottinghamshire shares with the Isle of Axholme.

This seemingly uninspiring landscape is overlooked by the village of Gringley on the Hill to which the curate from the writer's home parish went as vicar in 1962 and stayed until 1994 and used the leisure of a single parish benefice to write eight published detective stories. For the present writer the favourite is 'Grave Doubt' and which tells of the navigator of a German Heinkel who parachuted out of the aircraft as it turned away from Gainsborough: why would the vicar cradle the dying man in his arms – why would the man's last words be 'Peter Rabbit – and why was the vicar so adamant that by dying in his parish the man had become a parishioner with a right to burial in the local churchyard. I won't spoil your enjoyment of the book by giving you the answers but if this has whetted your appetite you can easily obtain a second-hand copy on the internet [Grave Doubt by Ivon Baker].

Our single carriage East Midlands train passed through the Trent side parish of Misterton where a John Piper window enhances the Lady Chapel in the village church and then joins the line from Retford to cross the River Trent into Gainsborough [whose quays feature in George Eliot's 'The Mill on the Floss'] with its 18th century parish church. Viewing of churches south of Gainsborough is hampered as the line runs in a cutting and only as we rattle over the level crossing

on the Roman Till Bridge Lane above Marton can we be certain just where we are on the map. Of the former junctions at Sykes Lane and the Pyewipe there is no trace but as the train halts at Saxilby we can just glimpse the tower of the parish church despite the preponderance of bungalows between it and the station. The distinctive west front of the cathedral in Lincoln can soon be seen from the carriage window and then the train slows by the Brayford as it passes the new buildings of the city's university to enter the Central station

There was ample time for the writer to explore the churches of the High Street between the railway station and South Common though sadly the Church of England had locked the doors of both St Mary le Wigford and St Peter at Gowts. Better luck awaited the writer at the former church of St Botolph now occupied by the Greek Orthodox Community of Saints Basil and Paisios with candles burning in front of icons, people praying and children receiving instruction – the parish notices announced that the following day [March 10th] would be kept as Cheesefare Sunday which seemed a jolly sort of title that could very easily become ‘Cheesecake Sunday’. A similarly warm reception – coffee and scones – was on offer at the Church of St Katherine near South Common which houses the 1855 organ from St Peter’s Manchester and which has to date some 26 out of its 49 speaking stops in action as the organist was keen to demonstrate for my benefit!

A bus ride returned me to Lincoln’s new transport hub for a coffee at the Grand coffee house before crossing to the station to find a seat in an overcrowded single carriage onward service as far as Sleaford – which it is fair to say exits the city through its less salubrious environs, a world away from the luxury of Burton Waters on its western approach. With only ten minutes between trains the discovery of St Denys will have to await a return visit as the Grantham train returned the writer to his starting point. The train soon leaves Lafford in favour of Loveden Deanery and we passed the quaint station buildings at Rauceby where the crossing keeper still

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The Committee.

has manually to open the gates. There is a glimpse of the spires at Wilsford and Ancaster and then we enter the benefice of the South Cliff with Carlton Scroop to the right and Honington to the left and in a while there is a good view of Barkston before a glimpse of Henry Thorold's beloved Marston complete with church and broach spire and family home adjacent: the train takes the Allington chord and runs into Grantham from the west with the Barrowby and Gonerby churches catching the late afternoon sun which shone on the treasure we keep to the very end, St Wulfram's itself.

Revd Stuart Hadley, Rector South Cliffe Churches

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

Honington	5th May 2019	Sienna Rachael Walker
Barkston	18th May 2019	Jasper Townson
Barkston	23rd June 2019	Lily Margaret Sally Rourke & James Edgar Philip Rourke

BARKSTON & SYSTON VILLAGE HALL

Barkston & Syston Village Hall AGM is fast approaching.

Tuesday 16th July
7.30 p.m.

The meeting is open to the general public. Everyone is more than welcome to come along and be a part of the Village Hall.

For any other details please contact Carole Bradford who currently takes bookings for the Village Hall, Contact No. 01400 250744

The Committee members look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Rachel Metcalfe

BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting for Barkston and Syston was held on 13th May, with the Chairman of the Parish Council in the Chair, and nine Parishioners. No matters were raised.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council followed the Annual Parish Meeting. Seven members of the Parish Council were present. Parish Councillor Simon Kelly sent apologies, as did District Councillors Mrs Rosemary Kaberry Brown and Ian Stokes, together with County Councillor Ray Wootten.

Three members of the public attended.

Councillor Maryan Nussey was re-elected Chair and Councillor Alan Card was re-elected Vice Chair.

Following the recent elections, there was a vacancy for a Councillor for Barkston. This had been advertised, and an expression of interest received from Miss Maxine Costall, who was proposed, seconded and elected to fill the vacancy.

Many issues which had been raised about roads and footpaths were updated by the Clerk. Works to enable more space around the footpath to the west of the A607 central refuge had been completed, and there was now much more space available for buggies, wheelchairs etc. It was noted that recent white lining works which had been undertaken had stopped just short of the refuge, and the Clerk was asked to ask if the lining would be completed.

The proposed waiting restrictions on Church Street and West Street, Barkston were now out for consultation, with a closing date of 7th June. The Clerk is to ask for details of any enforcement regime.

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

In regard to the road verges in front of the Almshouses, the Clerk

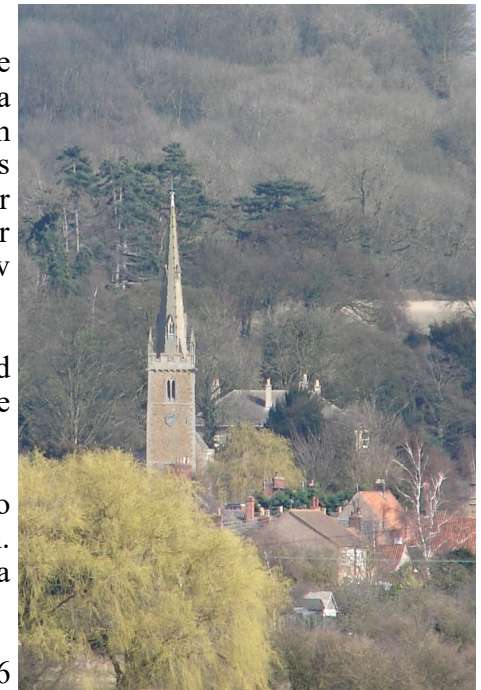
ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, BARKSTON

On Sunday 28th July we shall be holding a Blast from the Past tea party at Barkston Church from 2.30 p.m.. There will be displays of photographs, newspaper cuttings and reminders to jog your memories, to show you how Barkston was years ago.

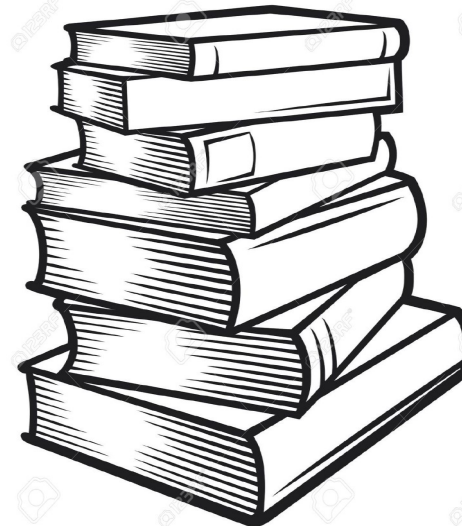
If you have items of interest, and are prepared to loan them, please contact me.

The Church will be decorated to make this a joyful occasion. Please come along and have a good time.

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SYSTON AND BARKSTON BOOK CLUB



We meet on Monday afternoon, approximately monthly. We take turns to choose a book and host the meeting. We are not highbrow, and there is no compulsion to finish the book if it is not for you. We enjoy tea and biscuits and a good chat. We would like a few new members, please!

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advised that the Area Surveyor was trying to establish the history of the issue, before considering how to deal with it.

Other issues raised included flooding across the southern entrance to the garage, caused by a blocked drain, which had been placed on a list for gully cleansing; damaged verges and messy path caused by turf removal from fields to the north of Barkston village, which was improving and would continue to be monitored by Alan Rowell; and the damaged road surface of River Lane, Syston. This last issue was to be inspected by the County Council and any work found to be necessary actioned.

The nameplate for 'The Drift', Syston was to be re-sited to ensure that it was more visible from Main Street. The Council supported a request from Ancaster Parish Council for the speed limit on the A607 to be reduced to 40 mph from the southern end of West Willoughby through to the existing limit near 'Woody's'.

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 would be considered at the next meeting of the SKDC Development Management Committee. It was expected that the development at 5 Church Street, Barkston would shortly be determined.

The legal status of the picnic area was now clearer, in that LCC had confirmed that the land was now registered with the Land Registry. Arrangements were now being made for the land to be declared surplus to requirements and then transferred to the Parish Council.

The Bier Shelter in the Burial Ground had been refurbished.

The Clerk read a report from the Playing Field AGM and gave an update into the recent theft of equipment. The equipment had fortunately been recovered, and it had been proposed to purchase a steel container for future storage.

The next meeting is on MONDAY, 8th JULY 2019 at 7.45 p.m. in the VILLAGE HALL.

THE SERVICE ROTA SOUTH CLIFFE VILLAGES GROUP

Village	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Date	7th July	14th July	21st July	28th July	
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		09.00 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				18.00 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
4th Aug	11th Aug	18th Aug	25th Aug	
		10.30am Lammas		
10.30 a.m HC/MC				
		09.00a.m MP/CB		
	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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	9.30 a.m MP/Vic R			

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23rd July**