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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	Creation Station	9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
	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.
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

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The library will be in West Street between 12.30—13.00 on the following Mondays, Nov 19th and Dec 17th

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

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South Cliff Villages Group NOT FROM THE RECTORY



Those of you familiar with the configuration of Grantham’s railway station will perhaps not be surprised that a departure from and return to the humble platform 3 would have enabled the present writer to see ‘Treasure beyond Measure ‘

The destination was Skegness which of course involves a journey on the line east-west through the South Cliff benefice and then as the train travelled east from Sleaford we reached that part of the county which people from outside consider is typical of the entire county of Lincolnshire – the flat land of the Fen and the Marsh.

In reality that very same view over the flat lands – as you look to your left on the outward journey – reveals the delights of the Wolds with, on this particular day, the sun shining down on West Keal church with its Perpendicular tower

From the carriage window we had glimpsed what has been described as the ‘largest and most impressive parish church in England’ – St Botolph’s church which dominates both the town and the surrounding countryside

Today Boston is ‘merely’ near the end of the branch line from Grantham and Sleaford to Skegness but in 1848 it was the southern point of the East Lincolnshire line from Grimsby: Henry Thorold speaks of this line ‘as perhaps the most delightful of all the Lincolnshire railways – vintage Lincolnshire, rising as it were on the Humber bank, passing Wold and Marsh and traversing Fen, saluting Louth, Alford and Boston’ [Lincolnshire by Henry Thorold 1996].

Today the train travels what remains of this line making an abrupt right hand turn at what was once the site of Firsby junction to enter Wainfleet [its railway station being its ‘lifeline to the outside world’ in the words of Henry Thorold] and so reaching the day’s destination of Skegness and our onward walk over the sandlings to the nature reserve of Gibraltar Point – one bird black, one bird white, two butterflies white and a dragonfly being our tally of wild life – in time for lunch at the new visitor facility.

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And here it was in a basket of books for which a small donation was invited that I came across it – ‘Treasure without Measure’ published by the Lincolnshire Old Churches Trust in 1981 and with a postscript by Henry Thorold in which he celebrates the county of Lincolnshire and especially its churches of which there are more than 600 with spires which point to Heaven and with towers which speak of faith in God!

We returned along the road through the more exclusive parts of the town in time for the train home which would stop at such remote places as Havenhouse and Thorpe Culvert presumably to allow boys and girls attending Skegness Grammar School to arrive home in time for tea.

In fairness not all Lincolnshire church treasures are treasures beyond measure: the 1931 one penny coin of George V which was the only significant find when the trench for the cable was dug in Hough churchyard looks to fetch a mere £16.90!

With every good wish
Stuart Hadley, Rector of the South Cliff Villages Group

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

26th August 2018
Emmalie Ashley - Syston
Elsie Grace Sheardown - Barkston
7th October 2018
Gabiella Kay Gilbert - Belton

Holy Matrimony

13th October 2018
Joanne Rita Newman and Christopher John Mackman -Belton

Rest in Peace

10th October 2018
Margaret Henderson-Findley - Honington

The Revd Stuart Hadley, Rector, South Cliff Villages Group

The Friends of Barkston Church invite you to the Annual Village Christmas Concert on Friday 7th December at 7 p.m.in St. Nicholas Church.

Everyone is most welcome to come and hear the wealth of talent on offer from local folks, Young and not so Young!

If you would like to take part, please contact Margaret Elnor,
The Old Byre, Mill Farm by 14th November.

Mince Pies and Mulled wine will be served.
All donations go to the Rainbow Children's Hospice.
We do hope you can come.


Cora Townson

BARKSTON & SYSTON VILLAGE HALL

Another successful year at the Barkston & Syston Village Hall Harvest Supper, we hope everyone who attended this event enjoyed the evening. Many thanks to all of the people that took part in organising this amazing event. We look forward to this being a success next year and many more years to come.

We made a profit of £289.00.

Village Hall Committee + Pat Haynes



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**CHRISTMAS FAIR
BARKSTON AND SYSTON VILLAGE HALL**

Sunday 2nd December 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The event is a fundraiser for the Children's Breavement Centre. Some of the stalls include local artists, homemade fudge, handmade Christmas decorations, handmade scarves, bath products, beautiful mirror mosaic's and much more.

Refreshments will also be available on the day.

A perfect opportunity to buy some unique Christmas presents while supporting a good cause.

WORLD WAR ONE CENTENARY CELEBRATION

On Sunday, 11th November 2018 at 2 p.m, a Service will be held in Belton Church to commemorate the Centenary of the ending of World War One. The forty-nine Belton men who served in the War will be remembered and the Memorial Church Gates and Plaque, which were erected in memory of the ten Belton men who died, will be Re-Dedicated. The Memorial Gates, Plaque and supporting walls are being restored with support from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The afternoon's Commemoration will finish with a Tea in the Belton Old School Village Hall.

Belton PCC

BARKSTON & SYSTON PLAYINGFIELD

I am sure you are aware that a few villagers give up their time to ensure the playing field is kept in good order for the benefit of all. However over the past couple of months someone has been stealing the Mole Traps which have been set in an attempt to prevent any injuries to people playing on the field. I would like to think this is not someone living in our community but would ask you all to keep a look out as constantly having to buy new traps means less money to be spent on the field.

Playing Field Committee

**ST NICHOLAS CLOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE
COFFEE MORNINGS**

We are holding regular coffee mornings in the Community Centre on the last Wednesday of each month, 10.30—12 noon. The November meeting will be an afternoon tea on 28th Nov, 3.30—6.30 p.m..

Mary Holland and Janet Trickett

ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION

Sunday, 4th November, 2018. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
The Community Room, St. Nicholas Close, Barkston.

Various Christmas gifts, Paintings, fabric dog accessories and more. Tea/coffee available. Admission free. Everyone most welcome.

Mrs Monica Brooks

**BARKSTON, SYSTON, HONINGTON & CARLTON
SCROOP FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW**

Oh what a wonderful Show. The hall was overflowing with all your lovely exhibits. Thank you to everyone for supporting the show, whether you were an exhibitor, volunteer or donated a raffle prize and all of you who came to have a look at the show, hopefully you may enter next year. It was very pleasing to see 10 entries in the Heaviest Marrow class for the Ray Wilson Memorial Cup. Thanks to everyone for making it a huge success. We raised £485.

The AGM is on Monday 19th November 2018 in Barkston and Syston Village Hall at 7.45 p.m..

I have mislaid the old Minute Books from the Show. I can remember giving them to someone last year 2017 as they were interested in looking at them and I can't remember who? If you have them please give me a ring Vicki on 250057. Thank you.

Vicki Strawson, Secretary

BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 10th September. Eight members of the Parish Council were present, together with District Councillor Rosemary Kaberry-Brown and County Councillor Ray Wootten. Councillors Sue Evans (Parish Council) and Ian Stokes (SKDC) sent apologies.

Many highways matters were discussed, and the Clerk updated the Council on progress with matters which had been referred. Potholes which had been referred by the Council or members of the public had been batched together and would shortly be dealt with. In regard to the proposed 50 mph speed limit between Manthorpe and Barkston, the County Council had agreed that the proposal met their criteria, and had advertised the proposal, with a closing date for comments of the 14th October. The Parish Council had no objection to these proposals, but had additionally asked that consideration be given to modifications to the white lining and ghost islands in the interests of road safety.

The “Village Gateway” scheme was again considered, and the Clerk gave details of likely costs of the actual gateways. In addition, the costs of installation had not been quantified, but the Clerk advised that these would be available for consideration at the budget meeting in January 2019.

In regard to the picnic area, the Council were reminded that one quotation had been received. A further quotation was reported to the meeting and another was awaited. The County Council had confirmed that they were not able to carry out the work themselves, and were not able to comment on the specification. Consideration was deferred to the budget meeting in January 2019.

In regard to the refurbishment of the Bier Shelter in the Burial Ground, a formal quotation for the work had not yet been received. It was agreed to defer further consideration to the budget meeting in January 2019, unless the detailed inspection and quotation revealed a need to take more urgent action.

The Council were advised that the local LIVES Group was, regrettably, now closed. The Chairman and Clerk said that they had both thanked Chris and Cora Townson for their efforts over the years.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2018 at 7.45 pm at the VILLAGE HALL.

Malcolm Hall. Clerk to the Council

spoke in broken English of what he saw as the natural desire of all peoples to live like that – and his frustration at what he saw as the leaders of the nations, his own included, in failing to be able to achieve that.

And they are good words as we remember this month the ending of the Great War, the world’s first example of what became known as ‘total war’. ‘It’ll all be over by Christmas’ the British Army were told – 1,568 days later, 888,246 British lives were lost. Nine to 15 million lives lost in total. Sixty-five million men from 30 countries involved. The ‘war to end all wars’ was what was hoped for then.

As Christians we know that ultimately the challenge of peace is not one of political solutions, important as they may be, but one of dealing with the human heart.

That is actually what the passage in Micah looks forward to. A time when all men and women look to the *‘mountain of the Lord, the house of the God of Jacob’* and have their hearts and minds transformed by him, which then brings in that universal peace, which we all long to live in.

That’s the ultimate vision, the ultimate hope – but until then, being peacekeepers, peacemakers in the different places we find ourselves in is something each of us is called to do, and something our world still desperately needs.



With every blessing,
Bishop David

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

Barkston, 24th Dec. 3.00 p.m. Crib Service/JB

Belton, 24th Dec. 3.00p.m. Carols/SH

Brandon, 14th Dec. 6.30 p.m. Carols/SH

Carlton Scroop, 23rd Dec. 6.00 p.m. Holy Communion & Carols around crib/SH

Caythorpe, 23rd Dec. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion & Carols around Crib/SH

Fulbeck, 24th Dec. 7.00 p.m. Carols/SH
25th Dec. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion/SH

Honington, 24th Dec. 5.00 p.m. Carols/SH

Hough on the Hill, 23rd Dec. 9.00a.m. Morning Prayer /BW

Hougham, 23rd Dec. 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion & Carols around the Crib/SH

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP OF GRIMSBY

‘...they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid...’

(Micah 4:3b,4a, NRSV).

These are words which speak of a future hope, a world at peace, a real peace, and not just the absence of conflict, a sense of wellbeing, of living in harmony with the world we’ve been given to share, of wanting the best for those we’ve been given to share that world with.

Words I was reminded of recently in conversation with a Russian Second Lieutenant on one of the ships at Immingham Docks, as he

BELTON AND MANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 5th September 2018. Six members of the Parish Council were present together with County Councillor Ray Wootten & R Hallam. Cllr Mark Morris sent his apologies.

Co-option of new Councilor Rhona Hallam to replace Cllr Bannister was agreed.

Cllr Syddall updated the meeting on the Biomass Boiler and informed the meeting there was to be another meeting regarding this on 14th September.

Cllr Syddall updated the meeting on the Belton Liaison Committee and reported that Ian Cooper of the National Trust was keen to maintain a good relationship with the residents of the Parish.

Discussion took place regarding recent planning applications including a lengthy discussion on the proposed new homes by Larkfleet/Allison Homes.

Various issues around Belton were discussed: leaves in drains had been dealt with by SKDC; an issue with vehicles on the village green, and broken manhole covers. All of these matters were being attended to.

The question of speed limits were discussed, the A607 to 50mph in process at the moment and it was agreed to contact Highways with regard to reducing the one through the village to 30mph.

Cllr Thornton gave a report on the speed camera and it was agreed that he should use his discretion as to where it should be located and also permission was given to purchase another rechargeable battery.

Date and time of future meetings.

November 22nd at Belton, 7.30 p.m.

February 21st at Manthorpe, 7.30 p.m.

May 23rd at Belton, 7 p.m. to include AGM

Chris Morgan
Clerk to the Council

THE SERVICE ROTA SOUTH CLIFFE VILLAGES GROUP

Village	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Date	4th Nov	11th Nov	18th Nov	25th Nov	
BARKSTON		10.45 a.m Parade/VR			
BELTON	10.30 a.m HC/SH	2.00 p.m Re- dedication	of the	Memorial	Gate/SH
BRANDON			09.00 a.m HC/SH		
CARLTON SCROOP with NORMANTON		6.00 p.m EP/VicR		6.00 p.m HC/SH	
CAYTHORPE	4.00 p.m All Souls/ SH	10.30 a.m Parade/SH 11.00 a.m AoR/SH	6.00 p.m CW	10.30 a.m HC/SH	
FULBECK	10.30 a.m HC/MC	10.30 a.m AoR/ GC&TK	10.30 a.m HC/SH		
HONINGTON					
HOUGH ON THE HILL	09.00 a.m MP/BW	09.00 a.m HC/AoR/ SH		09.00 a.m MP/BW	
HOUGHAM				09.00 a.m HC/SH	
MARSTON	9.00 a.m HC/SH	10.45 a.m AoR/CS	9.00 a.m MP//CS		
SYSTON		09.30 a.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 Dec	9th Dec	16th Dec	23rd Dec	30th Dec
	10.30 a.m HC/SH	10.30 a.m Carols/JB		
10.30 a.m HC/MC				
		09.00 a.m HC/SH		
	6.00 p.m EP/Vic R		6.00 p.m HC/SH	
	10.30 a.m HC/VR	6.00 a.m CW	10.30 a.m HC/SH	
10.30 a.m HC/SH		10.30 a.m HC/MC		
				10.30 a.m HC/SH
09.00 a.m MP/BW	4.00 a.m Carols/ BWCB		09.00 a.m MP/BW	
			09.00 a.m HC/SH	
09.00 a.m HC/SH	3.00 p.m Bede SH/CS	5.00 p.m Carols CS/SH		
	9.30 a.m MP/Vic R	10.30 a.m HC/SH		

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