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### Barkston and Syston Village Hall Regular Bookings

<b>Monday</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>Tuesday</b>	<b>Creation Station</b>	9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
	<b>Dance Class</b>	Noon - 4.00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Vitality Fitness</b>	9.45 a.m. - 10.45 a.m.
	<b>Dance Class</b>	Noon - 9.30 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Yoga</b>	10.00 a.m. - Noon
	<b>Short Mat Bowls</b>	2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dance Class</b>	9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

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**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.

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### County Council Representatives

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I have been reflecting on my love of train journeys for an after dinner speech I was called on to give at the [SKDC's] Chairman's annual dinner. There is a further railway journey which we can take and which takes us in a symbolic way through the journey Christ took through the desert during the season of Lent before emerging in the light of Easter Day to the resurrection life.

Some who read this will be familiar with the geography of the Peak District or have perhaps caught the Norwich to Liverpool service from Grantham and will recognise the journey I am reconstructing and it is one which, when you know it, you can follow in your mind's eye.

If you are catching the train from Grantham take care to travel facing the rear of the train as it changes direction in Sheffield and you will leave the city of steel facing forwards; the train will now branch away from the London line at Dore station and you will enter the darkness of the Totley Tunnel while those who might be walking this route will be encountering the bleak and boggy moorland of Totley Moss. The tunnel built in 1893 runs for some 3.5 miles and the walker has the same distance to cover across Totley Moss above.

However emerging from the tunnel at Grindleford station the train races west along the appropriately named Hope Valley up which the walker can gaze as he or she sits atop the rocks of Surprise View and takes in not only the distant peaks of Win Hill and Lose Hill but also the Mam Tor ridge beyond.

For both the walker and the traveller by rail the journey takes you from the bleakness and the darkness of Holy Week and Christ's suffering into the 'broad sunlit uplands' of His Resurrection life lived out in the Hope valley through which we make our pilgrim way.

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia

Easter blessings from Stuart Hadley, priest in charge and rector designate

## BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Seven members of the Parish Council were present, together with District Councillor Mrs Kaberry Brown and County Councillor Wootten. Parish Councillors Elnor and Kelly submitted apologies.

Councillor Wootten commented in regard to the Parish Council's decision to take no further action in regard to the Community Speedwatch scheme, and reminded members that this decision would not prevent any other interested individuals from organising a group to run a scheme.

Many highways matters were discussed, and the Council received an update from the Area Surveyor in relation to matters which had been referred.

The Area Surveyor had advised that there was no scope to carry out improvements to the areas in Church Street which had either been badly surfaced or which had been missed, any earlier than July/August. It was suggested that the potholes should be filled prior to any resurfacing works. Councillor Jackson raised the issue of debris washed down Minnetts Hill, and a local resident had written about grit and other debris in Church Street/St Nicholas Close, and the Clerk was to request the road sweeper to clear this as soon as possible.

A local resident had contacted the Council expressing concern at the deteriorating state of the road edges on the road side by the War Memorial, mainly caused by parent parking close to the banked area. This was wearing the road edges away, as could be seen, with potential for the bank to become unstable. Clerk to repeat the previous requests for double yellow lines and bollards to prevent parking.

The verges on Main Street, Syston, were still being clipped by vehicles resulting in a wide mud slick on the inside of the bend opposite The Drift. This was being washed down towards The Drift and River Lane, with the potential for blocking drains, and causing localised flooding, and this was to be referred to the Area Surveyor.

Liaison had taken place with Belton and Manthorpe Parish Council,

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## Jocelyn's Quiz Night for First Aid Africa

I will be hosting a Quiz Night on Friday 11th May at 7pm in Barkston and Syston Village Hall. The entrance fee is £10 per team and there is a maximum of 6 people per team.

Did you know that globally, injuries kill more people than HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis combined? (World Health Organisation). First Aid Africa provides literally life-saving first aid training, equipment and teaching resources across Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Malawi and Zambia. Very important to me, First Aid Africa are focused on working in a sustainable manner and in partnership.

On the 10th August I will depart the UK for Tanzania where I will spend a month providing first aid training as well as helping conduct research, monitoring and evaluation of the charity's work.

Each volunteer must fundraise £1,600 to fund their placement (this covers the cost of flights, support from the in-country safety team and year-round in-country staff, training, (first aid) equipment, inductions, accommodation and 24hr emergency support).

Through kind donations I have already raised £600 and all of the money raised during the quiz night on the 11th May will go toward my fundraising target.

If you would like to enter a team or find out more please contact me on 250364, email [jocelynstrawson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jocelynstrawson@hotmail.co.uk) or visit <https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/jocelynwithfirstafrica>

Thank you,  
Jocelyn Strawson

who had written on behalf of both Councils in regard to the proposal to reduce the limit from Manthorpe to Barkston to 50 mph. A speed survey was planned for April.

Dog fouling in the Church Street and Honington Road area of Barkston was reported as increasing, and this was referred to SKDC for action. Residents are encouraged to report any instances of dog waste not being picked up to SKDC.

In regard to the picnic area, the Clerk advised that the application for registration had been refused by the Land Registry. However, the County Council had no objection to the Parish Council taking over the land and maintaining it, and the previous decision of the Parish Council to do this was reaffirmed. A report would be submitted to the next meeting with costings for any works required.

The tree in River Lane, Syston, had been felled and the wood sold to offset the cost.

The financial updates and budget for 2018/19 were considered at length. It was agreed to precept for £13280, which meant that the Parish Council had reduced its precept in consecutive years.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018 at 7.45 p.m. at the VILLAGE HALL. This is the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, and will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting for Barkston and Syston.

Malcolm Hall  
Clerk to Council

### FROM THE REGISTERS

**Belton**  
Rest In Peace  
7th March 2018 Ray Kenna

Blessing of Marriage

21/4/2018 Andy and Sophie Richardson [Belton

## **BELTON AND MANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 All six members of the Parish Council were present, (one current vacancy). County Councillor Ray Wooten and two members of the public were also in attendance.

The full draft minutes can be seen on the Parish Council web site and have been displayed in the relevant Notice Boards.

The meeting started with a presentation from Diane Hansen, NHS Head of Engagement and Inclusion officer, who gave a presentation on the NHS Sustainability and Transformation Plan.

The Chair, thanked Diane for attending and for the informative presentation that she had shared with those present.

A general discussion took place by all present re the request by the Parish Council to Lincs CC Highways regarding the examining of the speed limit between Manthorpe and Barkston. The Clerk had been in touch with the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) and their “Archer” speed and monitoring equipment is to be placed on A607 in April to hopefully obtain up to date information on the traffic flow and relevant speeds.

It was agreed by those present that the co-option process to recruit a new Councillor for the current vacancy, would take place at the May Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Thornton informed the meeting that he was now responsible for the mobile automatic speed sign and had received all the relevant information from Cllr Miller, (who had now resigned). It was agreed by the meeting that the equipment would, for the time being, remain in Belton village and would be moved weekly to different locations

The P.C. considered the Community Speedwatch scheme. It was agreed that the P.C. would register their interest with the LRSP and hopefully progress with this initiative once the whole policy and process was available. A brief discussion took place re the costings that had been obtained. It was felt that the speed signs on the tripods

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

This year the Show is being held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September in the Village Hall.

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. Reflections/Shadows 2. Village Life 3. Creepy Crawlies 4. Holidays/Fun 5. Transport 6. Home Life 7. Pets/Animals so get clicking. This year you can enter 2 photos per class.

This year we have a new cup The Ray Wilson Memorial Cup for the Heaviest Marrow. Ray was a very keen supporter of the Show for many years. So all you keen gardeners get sowing and let us have a wonderful entry in memory of Ray.

The Committee

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If you have land or garden that is next to the river then see our advice on how to tackle it at [lincsivers.org/withamwatch](http://lincsivers.org/withamwatch).



were very expensive and that the hand held equipment might be a better way forward, once the update was received from LRSP.

The financial updates were considered and all expenditure since the last meeting was approved.

Planning applications since the last meeting had all been circulated, the only two that had prompted discussion and the relevant feedback to SKDC was the outline planning from Downtown, and the proposed work to be carried out at the Coach House Belton. Mr Norton, the owner of the Coach House was present and the Chair agreed that he could address the meeting in relation to the application, which he did. Mr Norton informed the meeting that the Conservation Officer from SKDC was visiting the site the following day to discuss the application with him.

The next meeting is on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7.00 p.m. at the School House Belton, this would also incorporate the Annual Parish Meeting.

Cllr Thompson expressed her concerns over the increased dog fouling in Belton village, which was being monitored by the Councillors from Belton, and any owners of dogs seen fouling would be spoken to.

Chris. Morgan,  
Clerk to the Belton and Manthorpe Parish Council

## 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 next dates are May 30th & June 27th 2018. There will be a raffle in May.

Mary Holland and Janet Trickett.

**THE SERVICE ROTA SOUTH CLIFFE VILLAGES GROUP**

Village	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Date	6 May	13th May	20th May	27th May	
BARKSTON		10.30 HC/SH			
BELTON	10.30 HC/SH				
BRANDON			09.00 HC/SH		
CARLTON SCROOP with NORMANTON		18.00 EP/Vic R		18.00 HC/SH	
CAYTHORPE		10.30 HC/ValR	18.00 CW	10.30 HC/SH	
FULBECK	10.30 HC/MC		10.30 HC/SH		
HONINGTON					
HOUGH ON THE HILL	09.00 MP/CB	09.00 HC/SH		09.00 MP/	
HOUGHAM				09.00 HC/SH	
MARSTON	9.00 HC/SH		9.00 MP//CS		
SYSTON		9.30 MP/VicR	10.30 HC/MC		

**In Addition:** see church notice boards

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
3rd June	10th June	17th June	24th June	
	10.30 HC/SH			
10.30 HC/MC				
		09.00 HC/SH		
	18.00 EP/Vic R		18.00 HC/SH	
	10.30 HC/ValR	18.00 CW	10.30 HC/SH	
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**St Nicholas Knitting Circle Community Centre St Nicholas Close Barkston 2p.m. 21st May 25th June**