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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.

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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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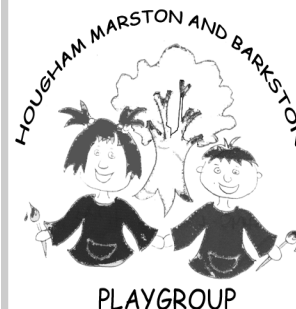
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There's a saying that the Christian faith has no proofs, only witnesses. I was reminded of it recently, listening to a debate between a priest and a humanist. The priest was defending Christian belief in the resurrection of Jesus. The humanist said he couldn't understand how anyone could believe in something like that, when not a shred of evidence had ever been produced to show it was true.

With Easter fast approaching, it was a timely challenge, and I think those of us who are Christians do have to acknowledge that for many, the resurrection will be too incredible to accept. After all, common sense tells us that dead bodies do not come back to life, especially when someone has been killed as publically and brutally as Jesus. The humanist was absolutely right in saying we don't have a jot of hard evidence to show it actually happened. What we have instead are stories – the stories of people who say they met Jesus after his resurrection, that they touched him, talked with him and shared food with him. And if we choose not to believe those stories, we have a problem. We have to explain how a group of utterly terrified and demoralised men and women - which was what Jesus' followers were like after his crucifixion, going into hiding and only meeting behind locked doors – we have to explain why those men and women were suddenly transformed. We have to explain why they began shouting the news of his resurrection from the housetops, and why they told the story of what happened on that first Easter day so convincingly, that countless others soon became believers too. We also have to explain why some of those first disciples believed so totally that they had met the risen Jesus, that they were willing to die rather than deny it had happened; why, within a relatively short time and in the face of savage persecution by the authorities, they were calling him Lord and Messiah and Son of God; and why his followers went on calling him those things right up to today.

Then as now, there were many who would have none of it, who said those first disciples were hallucinating, or were making it up or even had seen a ghost. But you don't do the things they did because of a hallucination, and you don't sacrifice your life for the sake of a made-

up story. You do it because you are utterly convinced that this man Jesus is alive, and telling others about him is the most important thing in the world. It was, of course, on the basis of their accounts, that the Christian Church was born. And when you think back over the centuries since then, of the countless millions who believe they too have come to know the risen Jesus, none of them – none of us – could produce concrete evidence that it's true. The only evidence we can point to is the remarkable effect faith in Jesus has on our lives and the lives of others. So this Easter, when we gather to celebrate the events of the first Easter, we can cheerfully admit that we have no hard proof for any of it. We have something much, much better. We have 20 centuries of witnesses, beginning with those first disciples and coming right up to today, and those of us who will be in church on Easter morning to proclaim: 'Alleluia, Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia.'

With love Lilian

BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 8th January. Seven members of the Parish Council were present, together with District Councillors Stokes and Mrs Kaberry Brown. County Councillor Wootten and Parish Councillors Elnor and Rowell submitted apologies.

One member of the public attended and spoke during the public forum about a planning application he had submitted, offering to answer any questions. The Chairman gave advice on the method of consultation on applications and said that the application concerned had been objected to by the Parish Council.

Many highways matters were discussed, and the Council received an update from the Area Surveyor in relation to matters which had been referred. The Council again considered whether or not to take part in the Community Speedwatch scheme, but it was agreed to take no further action. This decision would not prevent any other interested individuals from organising a group to run a scheme.

The fly tipping reported on Frinkley Lane which it was thought was to have been collected shortly after the last meeting had still not been completely cleared. The Clerk said that SKDC had been asked to take action.

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For the Show to continue in the future we need more committee members, exhibitors and volunteers on the day. We hold two meetings a year, the next meeting is on Monday 9th April at Hambleton Farm, Syston NG32 2BX at 7.45 p.m. where we will be discussing the classes for this year.

We need new ideas for the classes, especially the children's, if you are able to help or have new ideas please come along to the meeting or let Vicki know 01400250057 this would be very much appreciated.

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Vicki Strawson



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The areas in Church Street which had been badly surfaced or which had been missed, had been reported, as mentioned at the last meeting, but action would not be taken until the resurfacing crew was in the area in July/August. LCC had pointed out that the problem arose because of parked cars which resulted in the area being missed.

The requests for double yellow lines in Church Street and West Street, Barkston, had been noted, but LCC had advised that due to financial restrictions no investigations were taking place at the moment.

The verges on Main Street, Syston, were being clipped by buses and other wide/heavy vehicles, resulting in a wide mud slick on the inside of the bend opposite The Drift. This was considered to cause a clear danger to traffic, particularly in cold and icy weather. The Clerk was asked to refer this to LCC and to request action to make the bend safe.

The Council again discussed the previous request for a reduction in the speed limit between Manthorpe and Barkston, and in particular the danger at the junction with Belton village. The County Council had said that the request did not comply with current speed limit policy and that no further action would be taken. The Council were of the opinion that the volume and speed of traffic had increased dramatically since the 2008 survey, as had accidents, particularly at the Belton junction. It was agreed to repeat these points to the County Council, but to first advise Belton and Manthorpe Parish Council to clarify their position, and offer the Council's support.

In regard to the picnic area, the Clerk advised that the application for registration had been made to the Land Registry, after the search of the index map had revealed that the land had no claims on it. An acknowledgement had been received, but a final decision on the Parish Council's application was still awaited.

A quotation had been received in regard to either felling or maintenance work in regard to the tree in River Lane, Syston. After consideration it was agreed that the Parish Council should, without creating a precedent, accept liability, and that the tree be felled. It was, however, agreed to obtain a further comparative quotation for the work.

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 12th MARCH 2018 at 7.45 p.m. at the VILLAGE HALL.

Malcolm Hall
Clerk to the Council

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BELTON AND MANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 30th November 2017. All seven members of the Parish Council were present. Janet Fountain, the previous Parish Clerk, was also in attendance.

There were no other public 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 Chair, thanked Janet Fountain for all her previous work and commitment to the Parish Council, and wished her well in her retirement. A presentation was made to Janet on behalf of the Parish Council. Janet Fountain then left the meeting.

The Chair welcomed Chris. Morgan as the new Parish Clerk.

The Council again considered the issue re broken manhole covers near the A607 at Belton. It was noted that these had been filled with sand, but it was felt that this was still a problem and a trip hazard. – Clerk to contact O2 again to see if a more permanent solution could be completed.

A general discussion took place by all present re the request by the Parish Council to Lincs C.C Highways re the examining of the speed limit between Manthorpe and Barkston. Replies by Highways and the

BISHOP'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

The words ‘How can this be?’ seem to me to be hovering in the air a great deal at the moment. ‘How can this be’ that we are so close to the date of leaving the EU and we don’t know precisely what is happening yet? ‘How can this be’ that I’ve paid my stamp all these years and all I hear about is hospitals and schools under huge stress? ‘How can this be’ that every year the trees seem to burst into bud a few days earlier than they did last year, but that many people cannot accept the evidence that says that this is as a result of human impact on the climate?

These and so many other versions of the question buzz around in my mind and heart – as do the very prosaic ones of human living that in different ways we each face – and in my case: ‘How can this be’ that my parents, who have been reasonably well physically to this point, suddenly seem now to be failing so rapidly?

‘How can this be?’ These are big questions and real questions. They affect different parts of our lives. They require us to draw on deep sources of strength. They can depress us or energise us. They can encourage us to reach out to others for support, and they can also make us want to hide and to turn in on ourselves. And where is God in it all?

I don’t underestimate the impact of these words and of their underlying and related questions. However, as the words and questions gather, in the month of March at least I am comforted by the fact that as the 25th approaches, I can draw strength from the example of one amazing woman who has trodden the human path before us. The 25th of March is the Feast of the Annunciation, which is the day on which Mary was told the news that she would bear a child who would be Son of God – and not surprisingly, she exclaimed ‘How can this be?’ (Luke 1.34).

If Mary asked this question, then I think I am in good company if, on occasion, I ask it myself as well. ‘How can this be?’ And once it had been explained to Mary that if she said ‘yes’, she was to enact God’s will, then Mary did indeed summon her strength and courage and love and obedience, and having expressed her incredulity, proceeded to bring about God’s purpose for her and for the world. She could have said ‘no’. However, she said ‘let it be so’, and thus a new chapter opened in the life of God’s creation.

Can I echo Mary’s words? Can we? Can we, having faced the questions, place our trust in God and respond with similar strength, courage, love and obedience? Can we draw strength from Mary’s example? It is my firm conviction that we can!

With every prayer and blessing, then, for March and for the Feast of the Annunciation,
And for the coming joy of Easter,

Bishop Nicholas

BARKSTON AND SYSTON CRICKET CLUB

The 2017 season see us yet again gain promotion, this time finishing 2nd place in the Lincoln league div 3.

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Junior cricket

Due to lack of indoor facilities there will be no indoor nets this year.

We will begin outdoors on Monday April 16th at 6 p.m. til 7 p.m..

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Hough on the Hill

February 4th Arthur Jack O’Boyle

R.I.P

Barkston

February 12th Peter Cole

local M.P. were noted. Resolved, at present, issue to be closed as the relevant process by L.C.C. to reduce the speed limit was now in place. Timescales to be monitored.

The meeting was updated by those Councillors who had attended the Public enquiry re the Alison Homes Appeal. It was felt that the Inspector was almost certain to rule against S.K.D.C. and that Alison Homes would be granted the relevant permission.

Cllr Morris informed the meeting that he was now responsible for the Manthorpe Burial Ground and explained the process and procedure. He spoke about the current costs and recommended that the current charges should remain as they are at present and be reviewed in May 2018.

The Council considered whether or not to take part in the Community Speedwatch scheme it was agreed policy/processes for the scheme would be précised by the Clerk and forwarded to all Councillors. There was concern re the perception that vehicles in the 40mph limit on the A607 were exceeding this.

The financial updates were considered and all proposed expenditure approved. It was agreed to precept for £2000 and the relevant paperwork would be completed by the Clerk and forwarded to S.K.D.C.

The next meeting is on Thursday 22nd February 2018 at 7.30 pm at the Manthorpe Village Hall

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

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Pat Haynes

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BELTON	11.00 HC/SH				
BRANDON					
CARLTON SCROOP with NORMANTON		18.00 EP/Vic R		09.00 HC/SH	
CAYTHORPE		10.00 ALM		10.00 HC/SH	
FULBECK			10.00 HC/SH		
HONINGTON					
HOUGH ON THE HILL				9.30 MP/BW	
HOUGHAM		10.00 HC/SH		17.00 EP/CB/ SH	
MARSTON	9.30 HC/SH	10.00 FB/CS	9.30 MP//CS		
SYSTON		9.30 MP/VicR	11.00 HC/SH		

In Addition: see church notice boards

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
1st Apr	8th Apr	15th Apr	22nd Apr	29th Apr
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11.00 HC/MC				
		09.30 HC/SH		
	18.00 EP/Vic R		09.00 HC/SH	
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