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**Jan/Feb 2018**

### 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.

**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 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

Ray Wootten is County Councillor for Barkston, Belton and Syston Parishes. (Tel: 01476 400183 or e-mail [cllr.wootten@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.wootten@lincolnshire.gov.uk))

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

Please send to Wendy Card by 23rd February 2018

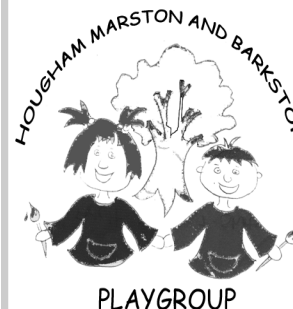
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We await the arrival into service on the East Coast Main Line of the new inter City express train, the Azuma – named after the Japanese for ‘East’.

At the same time in church our attention is focussed in this Epiphany season on those mysterious visitors to the Holy Child who also came from the east and whose journey is celebrated in T S Eliot’s ‘Journey of the Magi’: it was the ‘worst time of the year for a journey..the ways deep and the weather sharp..the very dead of winter’.

Not only did the Magi make this difficult journey but they were changed as a result of whatever it was they found and they were ‘no longer at ease’ when they returned to their kingdoms.

For many of us there is a journey involved in coming to Christ: for many it will be a journey which started for us when our parents and godparents brought us as infants to church to be baptised and that is a journey we are invited to resume when as adults we come to the bishop to confirm those promises made on our behalf. Equally there will be adults who were not baptised as infants and their journey to Christ will involve both baptism as well as confirmation.

In 2018 our local service of Confirmation will be held at St Deny’s Sleaford on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October 4pm and will be conducted by the Bishop of Lincoln, Bishop Christopher. If this is something which interests you can you in the first instance let me know and I will arrange a suitable course by way of preparation.

Depending on when you read this letter you should be in time to join us at the start of our journey through Lent at a Pancake Party in Caythorpe village hall at 7pm on Shrove Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February and at Holy Communion with Ashing at 10am the next day Ash Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at Carlton Scroop.

With every good wish

Stuart Hadley [Rector Designate] [www.southcliffchurches.uk](http://www.southcliffchurches.uk)

## BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Eight members of the Parish Council were present, together with District Councillor Stokes and County Councillor Wootten. Parish Councillor Tony Hine submitted apologies. No members of the public attended.

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

The fly tipping reported on Frinkley Lane which it was thought had been collected had still not been completely cleared as at the Thursday prior to the meeting. The Clerk said that SKDC had been reminded and collection should have taken place earlier that day.

A further request had been made for a speed survey, but no response had been received. Councillor Wootten drew attention to the Community Speedwatch Scheme, which was a scheme designed to help parishes take action themselves. It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate information to members prior to consideration at the next meeting.

Nothing had been done to repair the areas in Church Street which had been badly surfaced or which had been missed, and the Clerk was asked to remind the County Council.

The Council agreed to support Belton and Manthorpe Parish Council in their efforts to reduce the limit on the A607 to 50 mph from just north of Manthorpe up to Barkston.

The Clerk gave an update on planning applications which had been received, including a further application for development within the garden of Maple Grove, Syston, on a site which had been refused and dismissed on appeal earlier in the year. This latter application had been refused by the District Council.

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

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A report had been received in regard to a tree in River Lane, Syston. After consideration it was agreed to obtain quotations both for remedial work suggested and complete removal.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018 at 7.45 p.m. at the VILLAGE HALL.

Malcolm Hall  
Clerk to the Council

## **BARKSTON, SYSTON, BELTON, HONINGTON AND CARLTON SCROOP ANNUAL PRODUCE AND CRAFT SHOW**

At the AGM in November we decided to donate £100 to Barkston & Syston School which will go towards new playground equipment. £200 has been donated to Caythorpe & Ancaster Medical Equipment Trust, which will help purchase twelve Pulse Oximeters with Paediatric Probes. This diagnostic equipment is used for evaluating the oxygen status of patients a good indicator of general health. It is also used in the assessment of children with asthma and wheezing and to screen for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease to identify patients who might benefit from long term oxygen therapy.

V Strawson

## **BRASS BAND - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Our loyal band of brass cleaners need more helpers.

The brass in St. Nicholas church is cleaned every two months, and we now need more hands to keep the church looking bright and shiny.

If you have an hour to spare, for just six times a year, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact me on 01400 250780

Cora Townson  
PCC Secretary

## FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony  
Barkston  
27/10/17 Dorian Philip Eardley & Claire Ruth Jervis

Holy Baptism  
Barkston  
26/11/17 Noah William Walker

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR NKHOMA HOSPITAL MALAWI

Thanks to a very generous response we have been able to send £225 to Sister Catherine for her to buy Christmas gifts for the 250 or so patients on the medical ward of the mission hospital at Nkhoma Malawi. The gifts may seem very ordinary to many of us – soap, sugar, salt, cooking oil, rice, soya and clothing – and we can only imagine what they will mean to these patients on Christmas Day.

Sister Catherine has already acknowledged receipt of the funds and in her own words - Thank you so much for all the effort made to raise the money, Glory and praise be to God.

The raffle was drawn during the course of evening prayer at Hougham and the winning ticket for the jigsaw was won by Mr and Mrs Carter of Honington although there were in the end four additional raffle prizes – once again thank you for your generosity, Stuart.

The Revd Stuart Hadley, Rector Designate, South Cliff Villages Group

### RAINBOWS CONCERT

Thank you to the people of Barkston and their friends for the generous support shown at the annual Rainbows Concert held in church on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 at which we raised the magnificent sum of £374.77 all of which has been sent to the Rainbows Hospice. Thank You!

The Revd Stuart Hadley, Rector Designate, South Cliff Villages Group

The New Year can often bring a mixed bag of emotions and memories for many of us. Some people may have just experienced the best year ever and look forward to an even greater one looming ahead. Others may have just trudged through one deep struggle after another. The fresh calendar year brings desperate hope for things to be better, with an ache for the still-fresh wounds to slowly begin their process of healing.

Whether you've just walked through the greatest year of your life, or are incredibly glad to see this one finally over, one truth still rings clear amidst it all. You are not alone. Not ever.

Our God is a “with us” God. On the heels of the celebration of the birth of our King, that reminder has the power to carry us right into a fresh, new start. He is with us, and though things and people around us shift and change, our God never changes.

The great thing about walking with God in life is that there is always the opportunity to start anew—God always offers us a new day and a new dawn, no matter what has gone before. At the start of the New Year, why not take a moment to thank him for last year, ask his forgiveness for where you have failed, and dedicate this new year to him—to serve him and love him afresh.

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***TO ALL***

## **BARKSTON CHARITIES** **(Hickson's Almshouses)**

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The Clerk to the Trustees, Mrs M Robotham,

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## **SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB**

After some 40 odd years, our Short Mat Bowls Club is in danger of having to close due to lack of membership. Anyone is welcome, young or old to try this gentle exercise sport.

We meet in the Village Hall on Mondays and Thursdays 1-45 till 4 p.m., All you need is a flat pair of shoes / slippers NOT trainers. Come and have a look at us, no obligation to join, first three sessions free.

Ring Janet or Tom for more info on 01400 250518

## **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 January 31st and February 28th 2018. There will be a raffle in



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Date	7th Jan	14th Jan	21st Jan	28th Jan	
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BRANDON			9.30 HC/SH		
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HOUGHAM		9.30 HC/SH		17.00 EP/CB/ SH	
MARSTON	9.30 HC/SH		9.30 MP//CS		
SYSTON		9.30 MP/VicR	11.00 HC/SH		

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	Ash Wed	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday
4th Feb	11th Feb	14th Feb	18th Feb	25th Feb
	11.00 HC/SH			
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