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**The Magazine of  
 Barkston, Belton, Honington and Syston**

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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 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.

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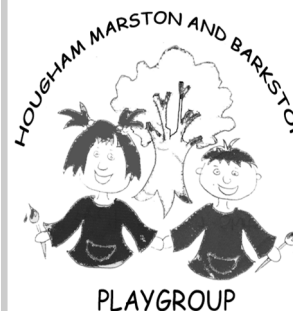
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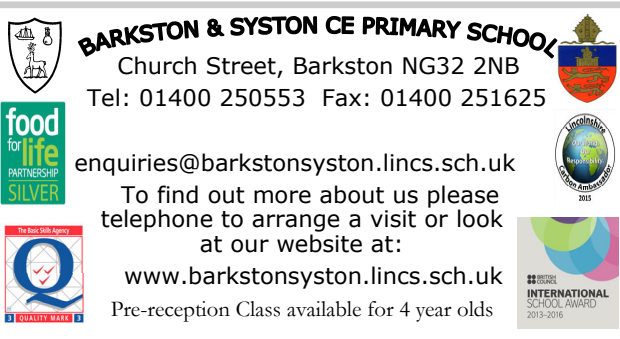
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**NOT FROM THE RECTORY**



Although I am writing this in advance of Christmas I think you will be reading this in the New Year so let me start by wishing you all a happy and prosperous 2017.

What I am doing is looking at the Christmas cards we have received and splitting them into 'secular' cards and 'religious' cards and within the religious cards noting the overwhelming predominance of cards depicting the journey of the three kings to the stable, an event which belongs in the Church's calendar to the Feast of the Epiphany which we keep on 6th January.

As with the visit of the shepherds to the stable, so again with these mysterious visitors from the east, we observe the events of Christmas through the eyes of outsiders. These 'Wise Men' or Magi have followed a new star which they have observed and we are drawn with them on a journey to a destination where they present their curious gifts of gold and incense and myrrh.

But more than that they strike a contemporary note for their arrival is seen as a threat in the court of the local king and they are obliged to return to their homes by a new route: although not refugees they cannot simply turn around and retrace their steps.

Famously the poet T S Eliot imagined the wise men back in their palaces but having seen what they saw at Bethlehem they are 'no longer at ease in the old dispensation': the Christian revelation made an impact on them as any encounter with the living God is bound to do.

By the way, as well as looking at the picture on the front of the card I also look at the writing inside to see who it is from and then – and to my mind most importantly – turn the card over to see which charity the sender has supported and wonder why that particular cause caught the eye of the sender. Was it simply the nicest card on sale or was it chosen because of the charity which would, we hope, benefit by its sale?

And for my part the card I chose to send showed the Wise Men on 'The Road to Bethlehem' and was sold in aid of the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society.

Lord Christ, Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, whose years never fail; may we so pass through this new year with faithful hearts, that in all things we may please you and reflect your glory.

Stuart Hadley Rector Designate [South Cliff Villages Group]

## **BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Eight members of the Parish Council were present, together with District Councillor Ian Stokes.

A query was raised during the public forum in relation to speed through Barkston, notwithstanding the speed signs, and it was suggested that a request should be made for a formal speed survey. (This was subsequently agreed by the Parish Council).

Following the public forum, Chris Townson, the 'LIVES' Co-Ordinator, updated the Council on the local group's situation. Group finances were healthy, but there was a lack of members in the Group. There were now only two left out of the five in the Group this time last year, and he made a plea for Councillors to think of anyone who might be interested, so that he could approach them directly.

Many highways matters were discussed, and the Council received an update from the Area Surveyor in relation to matters which had been referred. Works were being arranged to hopefully remedy the problem with the LCC drainage near the garage, but in the meantime the hole had been infilled.

The accessibility of parts of the villages by wheelchair or mobility scooter had been referred to the Area Surveyor for consideration of the legal requirement of such provision, and this was still being researched.

LCC had advised that they did not own the picnic area on Station Road, and it was in fact unregistered. After a long discussion on whether or not to consider acquiring the area, the issue was deferred to the budget meeting in January pending a report on costs associated with ownership and maintenance. The Clerk was instructed to arrange for a formal Land Registry search and to establish if there were any rights of access over the land.

Proposals to stop up Heath Lane, Barkston (from the top of Minnett's Hill to the airfield) and Green Lane, Syston (from Whippenstall Hill westwards to the park gates) had been discontinued, following a petition of objection. The County Council had now confirmed that all current rights would be retained, and the lanes would be classified as green lanes and maintained as such.

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Thanks to everyone for their support. We raised £80 plus lots of bedding and dog food for the Dogs Trust.

Our next coffee morning will be December 28th.

Have a Merry Christmas everyone.

Thank you

Janet Trickett & Mary Holland



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Issues in relation to the damaged road edges near the level crossing on Hough Road, Barkston, and visibility issues when crossing the A607 near Syston were referred to the Area Surveyor. The overgrown hedge near the bungalows on West Street was referred to SKDC.

The issue of school parent parking on St Nicholas Close was raised by Councillor Stokes. He had requested the School to inform parents, but was not sure if anything had been done. The Chairman, as a Governor, agreed to raise this with the Headteacher.

The Council considered the results of the Awareness Raising event in relation to the proposed Neighbourhood Plan, a report on which had been circulated. The report had suggested that in view of the small percentage attending, further engagements would need to be undertaken to identify a good level of support for the development of a plan. A Member pointed out that the response was only about four or five % of the population of the two villages, and that of those attending only three had indicated that they would be willing to join a group to progress the plan. This was despite extensive publicity.

It was proposed and seconded that due to the apathetic turnout, no further action be taken. When this was put to the vote, there was an equality of votes. However, the Chairman exercised her casting vote against, and the proposal was lost.

It was then suggested that the Council proceed with the suggestion made in the report that further consultation work be undertaken as long as a suitable percentage response could be agreed to take the proposal forward. The Clerk was asked to establish what finance might be available in the form of grants, although accepting that there would most likely be a need for finance direct from the Parish Council's budget. Clerk to also take advice from Community Lincs in regard to the form of the further consultation, and to find out which of the local Parish Councils were proceeding with the plan, and what stage they were at.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017 at 7.45 pm at the VILLAGE HALL.

Malcolm Hall  
Clerk to the Council

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## JACOBS WELL APPEAL

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning on 18th November when we raised £227 for the Jacobs Well Appeal towards aid to go with our knitting to desperately needy children in various parts of the world.

Joy Bristow

## ADVANCE NOTICE

Please keep an eye on notice boards around the village. I will be organising two Charity Events in 2017. It would be appreciated if as many villagers participate as possible

Rachel Metcalfe

## **BARKSTON AND SYSTON CRICKET CLUB**

After a very successful season last year in the Grantham and Melton league we have decided to enter the Lincoln and District league for the 2017 season. This league is a much stronger and more competitive league, each game is allocated a neutral umpire which should help our young lads.

We are looking for match ball sponsors for the coming season at a cost of £15 per match. Each sponsor will be put on our website and facebook page for the season; on the week of the game they will be mentioned in match reports etc. and a notice displayed in the pavilion. If anyone, or company, is interested please email me at [nigel.d.parker@btinternet.com](mailto:nigel.d.parker@btinternet.com) or ring me on 07947754361.

Nigel Parker



## **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Remembrance Service at St Nicholas and who contributed to the collection. A total of £191.79 was sent to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. A big thank you also to Andy White for setting up the sound system.

## **CHURCH CONCERT**

The annual concert to raise money for the Rainbows Hospice was a resounding success. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the food, decorating the church, to everyone who performed, to Barkston School and Andy White for all their hard work and providing the equipment, to Syston Park for the tree, to Sainsbury's for the mulled wine, to Cora who compered faultlessly, to the staff at Brakes for selling the raffle tickets and to those who worked hard behind the scenes to organise and promote the whole event, to Rev Stuart Hadley and to everyone who supported and donated on the evening. The total amount raised was £384.29. Well done to everyone!!

Carrie James, Treasurer PCC

## **LEFT BUT NOT FORGOTTEN**

This is a little catch up regarding Joan Clarke who lived in Hough Road, Barkston for a fair few years. Joan played a very active part within the village, she helped organise events and was a very strong supporter of the village church.

Joan moved to a care home near her son Steven. Christine, her daughter, has sent me a lovely letter and Joan looks really well and comfortable in her new environment.

I thought that all the people who knew Joan Clarke would appreciate knowing that her new environment suits her and that she is happy.

Anyone who wishes to know Joan's new address should please contact Rachel on 07920096439.

Rachel Metcalfe

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

At our recent AGM we all agreed it was a super show yet again and we would like to donate £100 to Barkston PCC towards the Sound System they would like to purchase. £50 to Barkston and Syston Cricket Club and £50 to the Lincs, Notts Air Ambulance.

The date for next year's Show is September 2nd 2017.

Wishing you all Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year

The Committee

## **FROM THE REGISTERS**

### **Rest in Peace**

Robert (Bob) Ingamells 7/11/16 (Barkston)  
Betty Ward 6/12/16 (Marston/Barkston)  
Olive May Doughty 7/12/16 (Caythorpe/Fulbeck)  
Joyce Lovell 8/12/16 (Caythorpe)  
Ann Draper 21/12/16 (Syston/Christ Church Grantham)

## **APPOINTMENT OF A NEW RECTOR**

The Reverend Stuart Hadley, assistant priest in the Barkston and Hough Group, has been appointed Rector [designate] of the South Cliff Villages Group and will be licensed by the Bishop of Grantham at a service to be held in St Vincent's, Caythorpe at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 11 January 2017 to serve on a part time basis [Sunday plus two point five days]. If you would like to attend please ask your local church warden who will have the details regarding seating and invitations.

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

**THE SERVICE ROTA SOUTH CLIFFE VILLAGES GROUP**

Village	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Date	1st January	8th January	15th January	22nd January	29th January
BARKSTON		11.00 HC/SH	11.00 FS/LH		
BELTON					
BRANDON			9.30 HC/SH		
CARLTON SCROOP with NORMANTON		18.00 EP/Vic R		9.00 HC/SH	
CAYTHORPE		10.00 HC/Val R	18.00 CW	10.00 HC/SH	
FULBECK			10.00 HC/MC		
HONINGTON					11.00 HC/SH
HOUGH ON THE HILL		9.30 MP/BW	9.30 MP/BW	9.30 HC/JC	
HOUGHAM		9.30 HC/JC		17.00 EP/SH	
MARSTON			9.30 MP/Vic R		
SYSTON			9.30 HC/JC		

**IN ADDITION**

Although there are no services in the South Cliff group on Sunday 01/01/2017 do come along to the Vigil Service of Holy Communion at 4pm on Saturday 31/12/16 at Hough on the Hill: church first—party afterwards and a Happy New Year to all!  
5th Sunday in January is a single Group Eucharist at 11am at Honington

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	
5th February	12th February	19th February	26th February	
	11.00 HC/SH	11.00 FS/SH		
11.00 HC/JC				
		9.30 HC/SH		
	18.00 EP/Vic R		9.00 HC/SH	
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