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The Magazine of Barkston, Belton, Honington and Syston

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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

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

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Mobile Library dates

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

Please send to Wendy Card by 19th December 2017, on

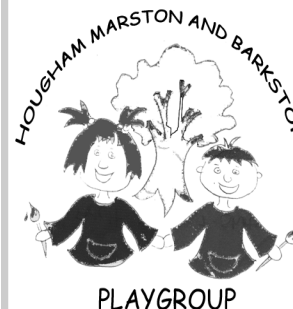
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South Cliff Villages Group
NOT FROM THE RECTORY



As invited, we lay on our backs and gazed up at the stars of heaven:
 where were we?

We were in an English cathedral and it been a ‘long drag’ to get there
 which should be a sufficient pair of clues for you to guess the
 destination to which we were heading when we boarded the 07.15
 Leeds train from Newark Northgate.

Despite industrial action the onward Northern Rail service to Carlisle
 left as scheduled and we headed out of Leeds on one of the most
 dramatic and scenic railway lines in the country opened in 1875 for
 the Midland Railway. The blue sky and sunshine of Newark had given
 way to swirling mist and low cloud and rainfall which only added to
 the atmosphere of the ‘Long Drag’ as our train climbed away from
 Settle Junction to the 1,000 foot summit of the line at Blea Moor after
 which the route descends through Appleby into the Eden Valley and
 on to Carlisle’s Citadel station.

It was during the three hours at our disposal in this most north-
 westerly of English cities that we had the opportunity to visit a
 cathedral to which Simon Jenkins awards three stars and of which the
 nave was never rebuilt following the English Civil War so it survives
 as a much reduced ‘stump’.

We joined the lunch time congregation for a Celtic Eucharist at the
 small altar which stands in front of the west wall – a service not
 noticeably different to our service except for the bowl of incense left
 burning throughout.

The misericord seats in the choir are tipped up for the visitor to see the
 riot of late 15th century carving [including a mischievous mermaid]
 while the great east window is said to be among the best in England
 and here it was between the choir stalls on the north and south sides

that we were invited to lie down on the floor and to gaze up into the 'Star of Heaven' ceiling.

Inevitably there was a return to more mundane matters and the need to catch the train which would take us along the Tyne Valley by the great abbey of Hexham and into Newcastle from which we return in the comfort of an East Coast 'Virgin' notching up in the course of the day some 411 miles and a glimpse of heaven to boot!

Stuart Hadley [Rector Designate South Cliff Villages Group]

BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 11th September. Eight members of the Parish Council were present, together with District Councillors Mrs Kaberry-Brown and Stokes. Councillor Connor and County Councillor Wootten 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 Council again asked the Clerk to remind the County Council about matters which had been raised in the past but on which no action had yet been taken.

The fly tipping reported on Frinkley Lane which it was thought had been collected had still not been completely cleared and the Clerk was asked to remind SKDC to arrange collection.

Following the meeting with the County Council in connection with the accessibility issues which had been raised at the previous meeting, the Clerk reported on the current situation. The inspection cover on Church Street had been repaired by Anglian Water, and the County Council had scheduled repairs to some damaged areas. The hedge on the Station Road/A607 corner had been cut by the property owner, for which she was thanked. The blocked turning area at the end of the footpath opposite the Village Hall had been cleared, leaving only the vegetation opposite the Hall. This would be cleared shortly.

The Police had been asked for a further speed survey, but had replied

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- 2) people who reside in the area of benefit.

Should the Trustees not be able to make an appointment from within the two above categories they have the scope to extend the area of benefit.

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John Jackson, Chairman of the Trustees



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that, owing to a lack of resources for such work, they could not give a firm date. The request had been passed to the Road Safety Partnership to see if mobile speed cameras or a speed survey could be carried out.

The Church Street resurfacing had recently been completed. However, it was suggested that this had not been done very well, in that potholes had not been filled prior to resurfacing, some areas had been missed, and an area where a car had been parked had been left, and had not since been surfaced. The requests for double yellow lines on Church Street/Honington Road and West Street were unlikely to be dealt with at the moment, owing to financial restrictions at the County Council.

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 was a change, in as much as the application was for a single dwelling, closer to the road, but the Council had nevertheless objected, for valid planning reasons.

In regard to the picnic area, the Clerk advised that the Land Registry had advised that a check should be undertaken on their index maps to establish whether the site was actually registered to anyone, although it was fairly certain anyway that no-one claimed ownership. However, the County Council had been unable to confirm whether or not they owned the site, although there was some evidence that they had in the past, this was not available now. In the circumstances, they had raised no objection to the Council's proposals to register the land. Consideration was given to action in regard to a potentially dangerous tree in River Lane, Syston, possibly planted by the Parish Council some years ago, and the Clerk was asked to arrange for an expert opinion on the tree's condition.

The next meeting is on MONDAY, 6th NOVEMBER 2017 at 7.45 p.m. in the VILLAGE HALL.

Malcolm Hall
Clerk to the Council

ST NICHOLAS CLOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE
COFFEE MORNINGS

We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations for Macmillan Nurses at the last coffee morning when a total of £201.11 was raised.

An Afternoon Tea will be held in the Community Centre on Wednesday, 29th November, 3.30 p.m.—6.30 p.m.. The December coffee morning is on Friday, 29th December 29th and then January will be back to normal.

Janet Trickett & Mary Holland

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

Honington: 2nd September, Jacobsen Donald Augustein and Sarah Elizabeth Lynn - the UK blessing of a wedding which had taken place at Columbus, Ohio.

Barkston: 3rd September, Melanie Jane Weavers and Mark David Watson.

Belton: 9th September, Benjamin Michael Stevens & Monica Joanna Rafacz.

Rest in Peace

Marston: 18th September, Roger Sadler

BARKSTON AND SYSTON CE SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Friends of Barkston School would like to invite you to the Christmas Fayre to be held at the school on Friday, 8th December, 3-5 p.m.. There will be a selection of stalls, games, tea and cake and a raffle as well as music from the pupils—and of course Santa will be there! All proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school. All welcome.

Anne Carlyle

In speaking about prayer, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has said: 'If we want to see things changed, it starts with prayer. It starts with a new spirit of prayer, using all the traditions, ancient and modern. When it comes, it will be linked to what has gone before, but it will look different – because it is a new renewal for new times. God's created community is perfectly designed for its time and place. It almost always comes from below. It comes from Christians seeking Christ.'

Here in the Diocese of Lincoln we have an opportunity and a responsibility to play our part in seeking to renew the whole community of greater Lincolnshire, transforming the lives of all the people God has given us to love and care for. This hope and endeavour will form an important part of our prayers as the pilot stage progresses, ahead of the planned full launch of the community at Pentecost next year (20th May 2018).

If you are interested in finding out more about the Community of St Hugh, please see the information and resources published on the diocesan website, call the diocesan Mission Team (01522 50 40 50) or send an email to discipleship@lincoln.anglican.org. In the meantime, may we pray for one another and for this exciting new community, and may we take encouragement from the life and legacy of St Hugh, who we will remember as a diocese on 17th November.

Bishop of Lincoln

THANKYOU

Martin and Vicki Strawson would like to thank everyone very much who supported the Breast Cancer Now Coffee Morning on Friday October 20th . A total of £330 was raised.

THANKYOU

I would like to say a big thank you to all my friends and neighbours who have helped me over the last eight weeks while I was confined to barracks. It is now a great relief to be able to pick up everything I drop. You have all been so very kind and helpful.

Can I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas. I am still not too mobile but will hope to deliver cards next year (I might get a bike!).

Jill Hawkins

MISSION TO SEAFARERS

Once again many thanks to those who save through the year and have contributed to the cheque we have just sent off to the Mission to Seafarers for £149.82. The vital role the Merchant Navy play in our island life was illustrated by the observance by SKDC of the 'Fly the Red Flag' day on St Peter's Hill, Grantham in which the rector as chairman's chaplain took part.

Revd Stuart Hadley, Rector Designate, South Cliff Villages Group

FRIENDS OF BARKSTON CHURCH

The annual concert in aid of the Rainbow Children's Hospice will be held in Church on Friday, 1st December at 7 p.m.. We would like to get more people involved in taking part. If you feel you could do this please contact me on 251886, In any event make a diary note and come along and enjoy the evening - the start of the festive season. Seasonal refreshments will be served at the end of the concert.

Margaret Elnor.

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP OF LINCOLN

It has been a great encouragement to hear that a large number of people attended the recent launch of the pilot stage of the Community of St Hugh. The launch event, which took place in the magnificent setting of Stow Minster, offered people an opportunity to hear more about this new community, to share in worship together, and pledge to take part in this pilot phase and ongoing shared discussion, prayer and discernment.

The Community of St Hugh is a community called to pray in, with and for the Diocese of Lincoln. It is a community of prayer called into being by God and is open to anyone, regardless of their age or experience. It invites people to deepen their sense of discipleship, their life of prayer and their experience of their faith. As we know, prayer is at the heart of our being as Christians; it should undergird our whole lives and see us set time aside to worship God and also find time to be with God and to listen for his voice in the scriptures and in the needs of others and the world we live in.

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH **SPONSOR A DAY IN THE LIFE OF YOUR CHURCH**

The one off donations to sponsor a day in the life of our church has now got under way and a diary will be in church in the not too distant future. Perhaps this would be an ideal opportunity as a Christmas Gift to permanently mark an anniversary or birthday for a one off payment of £25 (which is only the same as a bouquet of flowers but lasts for years).

Many thanks Carrie James on behalf of Barkston PCC
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ST NICHOLAS KNITTING CIRCLE COFFEE MORNING

A Coffee Morning will be held on Friday, 10th November in the Community Centre between 10.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m..

Raffle, Books, Cakes etc. Proceeds to the Jacobs Well Appeal towards transport of medicines, knitting etc. to very needy children in Ghana and disaster areas. See our News sheet in the Centre.

Joy Bristow 01400 250339

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Councils in Lincolnshire have seen huge cuts to their Government funding and the cost of providing services is increasing. Council leaders are meeting with local MPs and government ministers to set out the case strongly for a fairer deal for Lincolnshire.

You can help Lincolnshire councils get more money for your local services, by contacting your MP and joining the campaign for fairer funding at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/fairerfunding.

Malcolm Hall. Clerk to Parish Council

THE SERVICE ROTA SOUTH CLIFFE VILLAGES GROUP

Village	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Date	5th Nov	12th Nov	19th Nov	26th Nov	
BARKSTON		10.45 Rem/SH			
BELTON	11.00 HC/SH				
BRANDON			9.30 HC/SH		
CARLTON SCROOP with NORMANTON		18.00 EP/Vic R		9.00 HC/SH	
CAYTHORPE		10.15 Rem/ValR	18.00 CW	10.00 HC/SH	
FULBECK	10.00 HC/LH	11.00 Rem/TK	10.00 HC/MC		
HONINGTON					
HOUGH ON THE HILL	9.30 MP/BW	9.30 HC/SH		9.30 MP/BW	
HOUGHAM				17.00 EP/SH	
MARSTON	9.30 HC/SH	10.45 AoR/LH	9.30 MP/Vic R /CS		
SYSTON		9.30 MP/VicR	11.00 HC/SH		

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
3rd Dec	10th Dec	17th Dec	24th Dec	31st Dec
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			17.00 Carols/SH	11.00 HC/SH
9.30 MP/BW	16.00 Carol/BW		23.30 HC/SH	
	9.30 HC/SH		23.30 HC/LH	
9.30 HC/LH	15.00 Bede/LH	17.00 Carols SH	16.00 Crib/LH	
	9.30 MP/Vic R	11.00 HC/SH	23.30 HC/ValR	

Other Barkston Services

Wholeness and Healing 7.30 p.m. St Nicholas Church Dates
NO SERVICE IN NOVEMBER
 Dec 14th
 Jan 11th

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 Dates
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 Dec 4th,11th,18th

St Nicholas Knitting Circle
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 St Nicholas Close
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 2p.m.
 Dates
 Nov 27th
NO MEETING IN DECEMBER
 Jan 22nd

In Addition: Wed Nov 1st Evensong Hough on the Hill 7p.m., Thur Dec 14th Lessons & Carols 19.00 at Syston, Fri 15th Dec Lessons & Carols Brandon 18.30.