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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.

**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 [clrr.wootten@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:clrr.wootten@lincolnshire.gov.uk))

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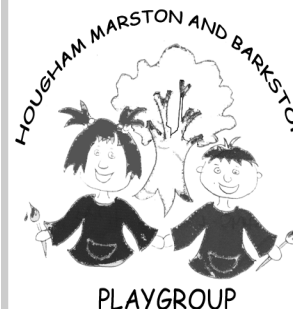
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“Say one for me” the man called, emerging from the pub door with a pint in his hand as the church procession passed by. We were on our annual walk of witness, clergy and congregations from the town’s main churches processing along the main street for an open air service in the park. Before we’d finished, there had been other similar requests - some of them shouted out, tongue in cheek, like the man at the pub, others serious –like the woman who came over and quietly asked for a prayer for her mother who was seriously ill.

Praying for others, particularly at times of sickness and distress, is part and parcel of what Christians do, and its always a huge privilege. Much of the time requests for prayer come from our fellow Christians –it’s a natural reaction to ask for a prayer for someone we know who is having a hard time. The interesting thing though, is that even people who profess little or no religious faith are usually happy to know they are being prayed for. I remember visiting someone in hospital who was about to have a major operation. He confessed that “he’d never had any time for all that church stuff”, but he wouldn’t mind having a prayer said “just in case”.

Recently I was in a house-group where they were discussing the benefits of prayer. It was very moving to hear people describe how knowing they were being prayed for had helped them through difficult times. One person said that when she was having treatment for potential terminal cancer, and felt unable to pray herself, knowing that others were doing it on her behalf gave her the strength to cope. Of course there are times when our prayers seem not to be answered, and when outcomes are very different to the ones we were hoping for. But the more experience I have of prayer, the more convinced I am that it always makes a difference, sometimes in ways that are surprising and undreamt of, and that we only fully appreciate a long time afterwards.

Praying for one another and for the world around us is at the very heart of what it means to be a Christian and is also at the heart of what we do whenever we gather together for worship. If you would like to

request prayers for anyone or anything, please let us know –everyone involved in ministry in our group, both lay and clergy, will be only too pleased to ensure that prayers are said. There are also prayer groups who meet regularly at Barkston and Caythorpe, and prayer request trees and books in several of our churches, including Barkston.

There are lots of lovely quotes about prayer. Here are just a couple:

**Priest to little boy:** “Do you say your prayers at night Billy?”

**Billy:** “Yes Father.”

**Priest:** “And do you always say them in the morning, too?”

**Billy:** “No, Father, I’m not scared in the daytime.”

And one attributed to Sir Thomas More “Pray for me, as I will for thee, that we may merrily meet in heaven”. Amen to that.

Yours with love, Lilian

### **BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Eight members of the Parish Council were present, together with County Councillor Ray Wootten for part of the meeting. Councillor Kelly and both District Councillors submitted apologies.

One member of the public attended, and raised an issue in regard to the proposed mini island at the A607/Station Road junction, querying the reason for the Parish Council’s decision, particularly asking how it would slow traffic. The Councillor who had raised the issue responded. It was suggested that road users would ignore the island and also HGVs would experience difficulties, but it was pointed out that HGVs could go over islands whilst turning, and that traffic had by law to give way to the right. The island should, therefore, slow traffic and be safe for junction users. It was generally agreed that such islands worked well, and that in any event if the County Council agreed to proceed there would be a consultation procedure, when the points made could be raised.

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 asked the Clerk to ensure that the County Council were aware of matters which had been raised in the past but on which no action had yet been taken.

Thanks were expressed to David Smith who had collected litter on Marston Road for some years. The fly tipping reported on Frinkley Lane which it was

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thought had been collected had not, in fact, and the Clerk was asked to contact SKDC to arrange collection.

The Clerk advised that he had met with the Highway Authority in regard to the accessibility issue which had been raised, and no objection had been raised to the cutting back of vegetation which was obstructing visibility on the A607. The Clerk was asked to arrange for a further speed survey, as it was perceived that there had been an increase in speeds since the last check.

The Council discussed the proposed SKDC Local Plan for the period 2011-2036. Whilst noting that there were no proposals for new development for either Barkston or Syston, the Clerk was asked to request that SKDC included certain paragraphs relevant to Barkston in the final document, as well as the statements in the annexe relating to sites in the village which were not being considered for development in the plan.

Damage to the verges on the A607 to the north of Barkston had been reported to SKDC and as a result the refuse freighter would no longer pull off the road, but would wait on the road during collections.

It was noted that there were often difficulties at the end of West Street caused by parked cars, leading to vehicles having difficulty in entering or leaving the A607. Agreed to request double yellow lines from the A607 westwards as far as the set back cottages.

In regard to the picnic area, the Clerk advised that he had not been able to clarify the procedure with the Land Registry, although he hoped to have an answer shortly. It was suggested that the County Council be again contacted in regard to ownership of the land, bearing in mind the clear indication that they have an interest, indicated by the wooden sign.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017 at 7.45 pm at the VILLAGE HALL.

Malcolm Hall  
Clerk to the Council

**ST NICHOLAS KNITTING CIRCLE COFFEE MORNING**

Friday 10th November 10a.m.—11.30a.m. in St. Nicholas Community Centre.

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Joy Bristow

### HARVEST SERVICES

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Belton 1st October  
Brandon Friday 22nd September at 18.30 with SH  
Carlton 8th October  
Caythorpe 8th October  
Fulbeck Thursday 28th September at 19.00 with BW  
HotH Sunday 1st October at 16.00 with BW  
Hougham 8th October  
Marston Sunday 15th October at 17.00 with LH  
Syston Thursday 21st September at 19.30 with SH

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### FROM THE REGISTERS

Faithfull Departed  
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19/7/17 John Elnor

Holy Matrimony  
Belton  
12/08/2017 Victoria Elkington & William Dean

### ST NICHOLAS CLOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE COFFEE MORNINGS

We are holding a regular Coffee Morning in the Community Centre on the last Wednesday of each month, 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon. The next dates are: Sept 27th, Oct 25th and Dec 27th. This is just a social gathering for which there will not be a fixed charge but any donation of cakes or biscuits would be most welcome.

An Afternoon tea will be held on Nov 29th, 3.30—5.50p.m..

We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the Air Ambulance on 26th July when we raised £125. Also thanks to Chris, Lynda & Marina for their help.

given as to how we might remember the anniversary of the ending of the First World War. We have remembered the outbreak of war, the Battle of the Somme, the Battle of Jutland, the Battle of Passchendaele. What will be foremost in our thoughts and prayers as we remember the centenary of the armistice?

I mention this now, before 2018 begins, because I have been struck in recent months by the number of events that I have seen that have helpfully provoked reflection about the importance of even quite distant happenings, such as the Battle of Lincoln and the Charter of the Forest, and because we still have time to prepare for November 2018.

There is a difference between the kind of anniversary event that leads us into reflection, and thus towards the future, and the kind of anniversary event that, surely unwittingly, locks us in to nostalgia, and holds us in the past.

The joy of the Christian, both as an individual and as part of a church community, is to shape our lives on, and with, Jesus, so that we proclaim the kingdom that is to come. We do not look back to a past that seems somehow better than the present and the future. We look forward to the future that is coming to be and towards which we have so much to contribute as Christians: 'because with God, all things are possible' (*Matthew 19.26*).

As autumn begins and 2017 turns to 2018, as negotiations continue about Britain's future place in the world and in Europe, and as we prepare to remember the end of the First World War, may we look forward confidently, humbly, generously and with faith in God.

With every blessing,  
Bishop Nicholas

### THANK YOU

Sally would like to thank everyone who recently contributed in the House to House collection in Belton for the Grantham and District Talking newspaper. A total of £76.36p was collected.

Sally Thompson from Vine Cottage, Belton



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**LETTER FROM THE BISHOP**

Dear Friends,

One of the privileges of being involved in public ministry is that I am occasionally invited to help celebrate anniversaries. These can often be of significant events, such as weddings or ordinations. I can remember many a good party for a golden wedding anniversary or the fortieth anniversary of an ordination!

If something has been good, it can be so important to celebrate the anniversary – to say ‘thank you’ to all involved and ‘thank you’ to God for having been part of the occasion itself and the years since.

Just this summer, I had the joy of taking part in the twentieth anniversary celebrations for the admission of girls and women to the choir at St Wulfram's Church in Grantham. It was a great occasion!

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BELTON	11.00 HC/MC				
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CARLTON SCROOP with NORMANTON		18.00 EP/Vic R		9.00 HC/SH	
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HOUGH ON THE HILL	9.30 MP/BW	9.30 HC/SH		9.30 MP/BW	
HOUGHAM		No Service		17.00 EP/SH	
MARSTON	9.30 HC/LH		9.30 MP/Vic R		
SYSTON		9.30 MP/VicR	No Service		

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				11.00 HC/SH
16.00 Harvest	9.30 HC/LH		9.30 MP/BW	
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