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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 clrr.wootten@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

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Mondays and Thursdays 9.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.
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Items for inclusion in the next issue of 'In Touch'

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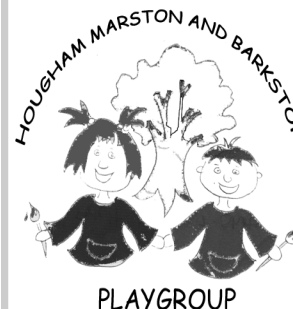
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NOT FROM THE RECTORY



When this issue of *In Touch* comes out, we will be well into Eastertide. Unlike the world in general, where Easter ends when the Bank Holiday ends, in our churches we carry on celebrating Easter right up until Ascension Day on May 25, and the Feast of Pentecost, which comes ten days later in June. During these six weeks, we rejoice in the fact that we are an ‘Easter people’, with a story to proclaim that our world badly needs to hear – the story of Christ’s triumph over death and evil, and his abiding presence with us, helping us through any dark and difficult times we have to face now. Despite all the worrying things that are happening in our world, the Easter message is one of unqualified hope and joy.

‘Do not be afraid’ and ‘Shalom’ (peace be with you) are phrases that are frequently on Jesus’ lips in the Gospels – he uses them particularly to reassure his disciples when he appears to them after his resurrection. And they are not just words – courage, peace and joy are qualities he imparts. His original disciples were so galvanised by the encounters they had with him during those few weeks, that afterwards they were prepared to sacrifice even their lives to tell the world all about it.

We will be hearing more about these mysterious meetings between Jesus and his disciples at our Eastertide services. They all have a rather strange, supernatural quality, but the gospels writers leave us in no doubt that he really was physically present – on one occasion even eating a piece of grilled fish to convince his terrified followers that he wasn’t a ghost. The effect of those encounters on the disciples was electrifying, transforming them from a bunch of frightened and demoralised men and women into a movement that changed the world forever

The world they faced was much more dangerous and hostile than our world is today. But they were so convinced they had met with the risen Jesus and that his spirit remained with them, empowering and guiding them, that nothing could silence them. In the centuries since then, countless millions of others have had similar, life-transforming experiences of Jesus’ power and presence.

The Christian story, of which we are a part, has always been a story of ordinary men and women witnessing both in words and in the way they live their lives, that Jesus is alive and is among us. Which is why – despite all the things we see when we switch on the news - we can celebrate these six weeks with confidence, joy and hope.

With love
Lilian

BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 13th March 2017. All members of the Parish Council were present, together with District Councillor Ian Stokes and County Councillor Ray Wootten.

One member of the public attended, and raised issues relating to the footpath along the A607 and opposite the Village Hall, which he considered was dangerous owing to the fact that it was narrow, due to grass overgrowth. He asked that the Parish Council request that this be cleared, together with the area at the end of the path opposite the turn to Syston. Trees growing in the verge at this point also restricted safe and proper vision southwards, and asked that this be looked into in the interests of road safety. He thanked the Playing Field Committee for the refurbishments and new play equipment provided, and asked if efforts could be made to reinstate the phone box on the A607 to working order. It was pointed out that no objection had been raised to the box's removal on grounds that it had not been used for twelve months or more.

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

A speed survey had been undertaken, from which it was noted that more than 58,000 vehicles had passed through Barkston both ways during the week of the survey, of which about 25% were exceeding the speed limit in varying degrees. Police speed checks had recently been carried out.

Marston Parish Council had reported on a litter collection exercise up to their parish boundary on Station Road, and suggested that Barkston and Syston might carry on with this further down the road, where there was a lot of litter. After discussion it was agreed to request action from the County Council in regard to the litter and overgrown verges.

The Clerk reported on investigations into the ownership of the picnic area, which had not yet been resolved. As soon as this had been done, acquisition would proceed as already authorised.

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Thanks were expressed to Mr Paul Johnson for clearing fallen branches and tidying the trees on the Village Green following recent bad weather. Following further discussion it was noted that the trees were checked regularly as part of the Council's risk assessment regime.

After a lengthy discussion on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan, the proposed leaflet designed by Community Lincs was agreed, with various detail changes. Following the return of the surveys, it was agreed that it would be necessary for at least 50% in support of the Plan for it to be taken further.

An inspection had been carried out of the War Memorial upper part, and it appeared from the report that no action was necessary other than regular monitoring. A quotation for the cleaning of the steps and plinth, which were showing signs of fungal growth and which were also dirty, was received and accepted.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 8th MAY 2017 at 7.45 p.m. at the VILLAGE HALL. This is the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Malcolm Hall
Clerk to the Council

CHEESE AND WINE EVENING FOR ST MARY'S, SYSTON

We are holding a Cheese and Wine Evening on Saturday, May 20th, from 6 p.m., at Moatlands, Syston (home of Judith and Stephen Argles) which will include an Auction of Promises. All proceeds will be for Syston Church. We hope you will support us. Tickets £10 each available from Maryan Nussey. Tel. 250372 and Judith Argles Tel. 251703.

ST NICHOLAS KNITTING CIRCLE COFFEE MORNING

FRIDAY, 5th May 2017 10.00 a.m.

St Nicholas Close Centre

Proceeds to Jacob's Well Appeal towards transit of our knitting with aid to places in great need. Raffle, Cakes, Garden, Books, Craft etc.

Barkston, Syston, Honington, Belton and Carlton Scroop

Annual Produce and Craft Show

Please note the date for this year's Show is Saturday 2nd September so you can start planning ahead.

The Show is to be held in Barkston and Syston Village Hall and is an opportunity for everyone to get involved in a traditional Village Show. Come along with your exhibits of vegetables, fruit, floral displays, preserves, cakes (are there any Mary Berry's out there?) photographs, crafts and children's classes, there is something for everyone. There are 23 different cups to be won so collect your schedule from the Barkston Garage, Barkston P.O. and the Village Green opposite, the Stag in June. If you are new to the villages and not quite sure what to do please ask a committee member or phone Vicki 250057.

Good Luck and have a go you will perhaps surprise yourself and win a prize. We look forward to seeing you laden down with your exhibits to decorate the hall once again.

Vicki Strawson, Secretary

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

I always think of May as the month of becoming. This is true in nature around about us as we see trees coming into full leaf, fields becoming full of crops, lambs and calves no longer looking frail and new-born. It is true for the many children in our church schools, as they move towards the end of the school year and the exams and assessments which both measure progress and shape futures.

We can take all the small signs of becoming which are around us as symbols of a much larger picture about becoming – becoming the people that God would have us be. We are told in the Bible that we are all made in the image of God. And that is the great challenge to all of us: to live up to that reality

BARKSTON AND SYSTON VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Hello to you all.

The village hall is in the process of having a face lift. The Committee members volunteer their time to maintain the village hall.

Work carried out is as follows:- New cupboards have been erected in the newly decorated store room and new carpets and radiators have been installed in the main hall, which gives the place a lovely warm feeling. Many thanks to all committee members for working hard in their free time. Internal and external work is still in operation. Please be patient with us and we will keep the disturbance to a minimum.

We will be running the Harvest Supper again this year. Harvest Supper is a traditional event and we are banking on your support as a community, we will need volunteers for this event.

We are looking for a volunteer to join the Village Hall Committee, who is willing to attend the 6 meetings per year. We will require them to prepare the Agenda and take minutes.

Next AGM is Tuesday 4th July (everyone is welcome) time 7.30 p.m.

Volunteer Committee members are: Elizabeth Cole, Peter & Marion Stewart, Annie Carlisle, Sue Evans, Carole Bradford & Rachel Metcalfe.

From the Register.

18 April 2017 Sheila Margaret Ancliffe R.I.P

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 14th May

Coffee and cake served in Barkston church from 10.15 a.m. in advance of the 11 a.m. service of Holy Communion.

Sunday 14th - Saturday 20th May CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Different events will be taking place in the villages and churches during the week to raise funds for people in need - this year the theme is on helping those forced from their homes and who are refugees.

Friday 19th May

Ploughman's Lunch served from 12.30 p.m. at the back of Caythorpe church and organised by the churches of Carlton Scroop with Normanton & Caythorpe.

Thursday 25th May Ascension Day

We are all invited to the Deanery service of Holy Communion to be held at 6 p.m. at St. Martin's Ancaster at which the global wave of prayer initiative 'Thy Kingdom Come' will be launched. For those who cannot make 6 p.m. there is a slightly later alternative service at 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Foston in the Saxonwell Group to which we are also invited.

'Thy Kingdom Come' 12 hours of prayer

One of the suggestions for what the initiative 'Thy Kingdom Come' might look like on the ground is a day of prayer from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.. This is too good an opportunity for us to miss in South Cliff in which we have twelve churches so we shall draw up a 'day' to include prayer in the morning, at noon day and in the evening; to include a garden pilgrimage in 'God's Acre' at Carlton Scroop church and a celebration of Holy Communion in the church at Normanton.

Look out for more detailed information and come along, if not for an hour then just pop in and join in.

The Revd Stuart Hadley, Rector Designate SCVG

so that people can see the image of God in us and in the way we live our lives. It is a lifelong journey but one that we can only take step by step, day by day: all the while allowing God's image to come to the fore.

What does this mean? It sounds rather difficult, but, with God's help, it is not. To enable the image of God means (as Paul says) to show faith, hope and love towards other people. When we allow God so to work in our lives, we are becoming the best people we can be, and the person God made us to be.

Bishop of Lincoln

STRAWBERRY TEA

Following the success of the 2016 strawberry teas. Rob and Liz Parkin will be hosting the event again at Lindisse Cottage, The Drift, Syston on Saturday 15th July 2017 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Proceeds will be donated to Syston Church and Breast Cancer Now. Live music (tbc), bring and buy, cakes, plants. Any donations will be much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you all.
Rob and Liz 01400 250693.

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. 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. The raffle in aid of Grantham Cat Rescue, raised £50. Thank you to all.

Janet Trickett & Mary Holland

"WATER AID" THANK YOU

Thank you to all who supported the series of Ploughman's Lunches held at Caythorpe during Lent in aid of the charity 'Water Aid' providing safe water to communities in rural Africa. We are delighted to announce that in excess of £530 was raised and has been sent to this worthwhile project.

THE SERVICE ROTA SOUTH CLIFFE VILLAGES GROUP

Village	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Date	May 7th Easter 3	May 14th Easter 4	May 21st Easter 5	May 28th Sunday after Asc	
BARKSTON		11.00 HC/SH	11.00 WFA/LH		
BELTON	11.00 HC/SH				
BRANDON			9.30 HC/SH		
CARLTON SCROOP with NORMANTON		18.00 EP/Vic R		9.00 HC/SH	
CAYTHORPE		10.00 HC/Val R	18.00 CW	10.00 HC/SH	
FULBECK	10.00 HC/MC		10.00 HC/MC		
HONINGTON					
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 HC/SH		9.30 MP/Vic R		
SYSTON		9.30 MP/VicR	9.30 HC/JC		

Holy Communion is also celebrated at Caythorpe on the first Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m.
 Thursday 28th May is Ascension Day with a Loveden Deanery Service—details to follow.
 Christian Aid Week is 14th—20th May

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
4th June Pente- cost	11th June Trinity Sunday	18th June Trinity 1	25th June Trinity 2	
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