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July/August 2016

Barkston and Syston Village Hall Regular Bookings

Monday:	Parent and Toddler Group,	10.00 -11.30 a.m.
	Short Mat Bowls	2.00 - 4.00 p.m.
Tuesday:	Dance class	12.00 - 4.00 p.m.
Wednesday:	Dance class	12.00 - 9.30 p.m.
Thursday:	Yoga	10.00 - 12 noon
	Short Mat Bowls	2.00 - 4.00 p.m.
Saturday:	Dance class	9.00 - 4.00 p.m.

Rainbow, Brownies and Guides meet weekly, more information is available at girlguiding.org.uk

Cardiac Group meet every second Tuesday of month 2.00 -3.30 p.m. THERE WILL BE NO MEETING JULY & AUGUST

Macular Society, WEA Courses and Lincs Trust for Nature Conservation meet from time to time.

The Hall is available for hire for, children's parties, family parties, wedding receptions and christenings.

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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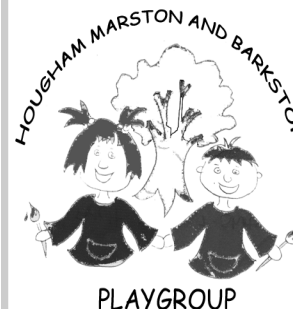
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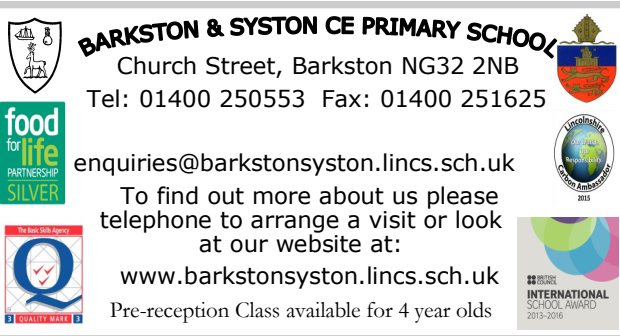
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NOT FROM THE RECTORY



There's a rather sad little story about a man who longed for God to make himself known to him. He prayed and prayed that God would communicate with him in some way. He decided to seek out some quiet, solitary spot, where such a spiritual encounter would be more likely to take place, and so every morning for a week he walked out to a headland overlooking the sea, where he prayed and waited. He watched the day break, the sky become awash with colour, the sea below blaze with the light of the rising sun; he heard the birds begin to sing, smelt the dawn freshness and felt the warmth on his face, and then he walked home grieving deeply, saying 'God, why do you not make yourself known to me?'

I know that many of us – unlike the man in the story - sense God's presence particularly strongly when we are out and about in the natural environment. A little while ago I was at a housegroup meeting where people were talking about where and when they felt closest to God. It was striking how many said that it was when they were out in the countryside, enjoying the peace and beauty. In fact, that came out on top, just ahead of being in church and being in the garden.

I think Jesus would rather like that. He so often told people to open their eyes and their hearts properly to God's presence – to see that the Kingdom of Heaven is not some remote, other-worldly place, but is among us and all around us; is wherever God makes himself known to us.

At this time of year, when many of us are on holiday, we have more opportunity than usual to enjoy and appreciate the world around us. A few days ago I happened to go into one of our churches in the middle of the week. I expected it to be empty, but found a lone visitor sitting quietly in one of the pews. She said she had been walking the Viking Way, and seeing the church, had turned aside on the off-chance of finding it open. 'I'm so glad I did,' she said. 'I'm not much of a church-goer, but there's such a sense of peace here – of a special presence'.

The poet R S Thomas once said that we discover what is of true value, not by hurrying on, but by pausing and turning aside, as that visiting walker had done. Whatever you are doing this holiday season, whether you are going away or staying at home, may you too find time to turn aside and enjoy the peace and the presence of God.

Yours with love, Lilian

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Christian Aid Week 2016 in the South Cliffe Parishes

A very warm thank you to the people of the 12 churches [10 parishes] which make up our new South Cliff grouping of churches for a very generous response to Christian Aid Week as a result of which we sent cheques to the value of £974.29 [which with Gift Aid of £169.80 will lift our contribution to £1,015.49] to Christian Aid through Churches Together in Grantham.

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Belton and Manthorpe Parish Council (continued)

30mph sign coming into Belton Village from the A607 slip road was hidden by a tree. Cllr Thompson to have a word with Michael Coney as it may be his tree and get him to cut it back.

Cllr Thompson showed the meeting photographs of large holes in the pavement between the Garden Centre and Belton Lane which had been given to her by a resident in the Village. Runners use the pavement, often in the dark and the holes could easily cause an accident. County Cllr Wootten to take the photos and bring them to the attention of the Chairman of the LCC Highways at a meeting he is attending.

Cllr Thornton asked the question of when the grass on the verges of the slip road into Belton village from the A607 would be cut now that the number of cuts had been reduced. It is already at a dangerous level. County Cllr Wootten will also bring this up with the LCC Highways Chairman. Cllr Thornton to send Cllr Wootten some photos. The meeting was closed at 8.50pm

Please see the Parish Council Website for the full Minutes this extract relates to Belton matters only.



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BARKSTON & SYSTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The recent celebrations to celebrate HM Queen's 90th birthday was attended by some sixty people to each event and was considered by all to be very successful. It was lovely to see so many of you enjoying each other's company, renewing and refreshing old friendships and more to the point using our village hall.

Many thanks must go to Pat Haynes, Janet Baker and their capable catering teams for the food they prepared, to our 'waiter' Terrence & 'waitresses' Lilian & Emma, to Sue Evans and Rachael Metcalf for their organising skills and enthusiasm and for all of the others involved in both the putting up and clearing away.

Our village hall, which is both well maintained, clean and warm, is available for the use of all of us, not just the brownies, etc, so please make full use of it.

COFFEE MORNING

ST NICHOLAS CLOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

We are holding regular Coffee Mornings in the Community Centre on the last Wednesday of each month. 10.30am—12noon.

This is just a social gathering for which there will not be a fixed charge but any donations of cakes or biscuits would be most welcome. The next dates are Wednesday July 27th, August 31st.

Mary Holland
25 St Nicholas Close

From the registers

Wedding

11/06/2016 Michael Jappy and Yasmine Davies [Hougham]
25/06/2016 Christopher Brightman and Kathryn Edwards (Hough)

I would just like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to everyone who participated in the Alzheimers walk held on Saturday 23rd April 2016. Thank you to the ladies in St Nicholas Close who helped with this event at the Community Centre. Thank you to everyone that gave cash donations, cakes and raffle prizes. As an event all participants managed to raise £627 profit. We have received a lovely letter from the Alzheimers Society.

Thank you Rachel & Les

Barkston and Syston Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 9th May 2016, before the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. Apart from the Parish Councillors, two members of the public attended. A question was asked about the proposed waiting restrictions on Church Street, and the meeting was advised that the consultation would commence shortly, when anyone affected could make comment. In reply to a query as to why the restrictions were necessary, the Chairman said that considerations of road safety were the prime reason, factors being heavy parking taking place on the bend on a narrow stretch of road, on a bus route and in front of the school.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council followed the Annual Parish Meeting. All members of the Parish Council were present, together with County Councillor Ray Wootten. No members of the public attended.

Councillor Maryan Nussey was re-elected Chairman, and Councillor Alan Card was re-elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

The Council were advised that the consultation on the proposed waiting restrictions in Church Street, Barkston would commence shortly.

Comments had been received from the Area Surveyor about the other highways issues raised. Most of the issues raised were in the process of being investigated prior to action, and the Parish Council would be kept informed. The Area Surveyor hoped that the introduction of waiting restrictions should remove the issue of damage/erosion to the bank by the War Memorial, but in the interim he was arranging for marker posts to be installed to protect the area.

A pothole order was pending for Church Street/Honington Road, and a major patching scheme would be arranged for later this financial year with a surface dressing programme next year.

The drainage improvements outside The Stag were subject to a major scheme, for implementation this financial year. The scheme would involve installing more gullies, large diameter pipes and simplifying the flow of water to the outfall.

Extract of Unapproved Minutes of Belton and Manthorpe Parish Council Meeting, held at the School Hall, Belton on Wednesday, 25th May, 2016.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council held on 11th February, 2016 were read, approved by all and signed by the Chairman and Clerk as a true record of that meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

Pot Holes in Belton Village have been repaired. The large pot hole at the edge of Five Gates Road is scheduled to be repaired during road maintenance in the area by LCC Highways.

Speed Camera: Cllr Miller is looking after the Camera and will relocate it around the two villages.

Allison Homes: County Cllr Wootten is still delivering letters and flyers and putting articles in the Journal explaining the situation and asking for support to object to the Planning Application. Residents are asked to come forward to speak against the application when it goes before the SKDC. The consultation period on the application is ongoing and the application will probably not be considered until later this year.

Gritting in Belton: The Council would like to thank Michael Coney and Tony Hopwell for all their efforts and hard work in trying to get Belton Village put on the Gritting Route by LCC Highways and Michael Coney for volunteering to store materials and grit Main Street, Belton should it be necessary during bad weather.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: Clerk reported that the Planning Applications received since the last meeting were as follows:

S16/0402 – National Trust – Installation of lead liner to fountain. – No objections

S16/0240 – Belton Garden Centre – Erection of Storage Building – No objections.

Appeal by Mr D. Price S14/3505 – Objections stand as for original Application.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr Thompson reported that the Ginnel had been sprayed for weeds and Cllr Thornton reported that it had also been strimmed.

Cllr Thompson also reported dog fouling on the Ginnel and that the

BARKSTON AND SYSTON VILLAGE HALL

The Annual General Meeting

of the Barkston and Syston Village Hall Committee

will be held in the village hall on

TUESDAY, 12th JULY 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

This is an open meeting and all residents of the two villages are cordially invited to attend

Some work on Station Road had been carried out, but some remained, and the Clerk was again asked to refer this to the County Council. Other matters raised included the siding back of the paths opposite the Village Hall, the possible installation of stone road edge markers at St Nicholas Close and the reinstatement of the directional sign opposite the end of Hough Road on the A607.

A reference was made to the accessibility of parts of the villages by wheelchair or mobility scooter users, and it was agreed that this should be referred to the Area Surveyor for consideration of the legal requirement of such provision.

The County Council were to be asked to tidy up the picnic area on Station Road, which had large amounts of rubbish and an old highways department sign left in the area.

Chairman, Councillors Jackson and Evans and the Clerk reported on attendance at a seminar on Neighbourhood Plans. After discussion it was agreed to hold a Community Awareness Session for residents before a decision was taken as to whether to proceed with a plan.

The Council noted with pleasure the opening on 16th April of the Children's play area at the Playing Field. It was agreed to organise a professional safety inspection for the area.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 11th JULY 2016 at 7.45 pm at the VILLAGE HALL.

Malcolm Hall

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Barkston</u>	<u>Belton</u>	<u>Honington</u>	<u>Syston</u>
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10th July 2nd Sunday	11.00 HC			
17th July 3rd Sunday	11.00 FS			9.30 HC
24th July 4th Sunday				
31st July 5th Sunday			11.00 HC	
7th August 1st Sunday	10.30 MP	11.00 HC		9.30 MP
14th August 2nd Sunday	11.00 HC			
21st August 3rd Sunday	11.00 FS			9.30 HC
28th August 4th Sunday				

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Services of Wholeness and Healing

Wholeness and Healing services are held on the second Thursday of each month at St Nicholas' Church, Barkston at 7.30 p.m. These are quiet reflective services, where people have an opportunity to pray for any concerns, personal or of a wider nature. The service consists of two or three hymns, a meditation, prayers and opportunity to light candles, place written prayer requests on a Prayer Tree, receive the laying on of hands for oneself or for others, or simply to enjoy a time of peace and rest. Prayer is complementary to, and in support of the work of medicine and treatment.

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Prayer and Praise

Prayer and Praise at the home of Joy Bristow, 38 West Street, Barkston, (01400 250339), will be held on Mondays 4pm. July 4th, 18th, August 15th, September 5th, 19th.

St. Nicholas Knitting Circle, Barkston

Our next Knitting Circle meetings will be on Mondays July 25th, August 22nd in the Community Centre, St. Nicholas Close, between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. We knit for The Jacob's Well Appeal, Beverley, Yorkshire. Come and join us for a Knit or just a natter.

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning on 13th May. We raised £232 for Jacobs Well Appeal.

KEY:

SH - Stuart Hadley **LH** - Lilian Hall **JC** - John Cook
JB - Joy Bristow **PC** - Peter Coombs **DF** - Di Fairhead **RF** - Dick Fairhead
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