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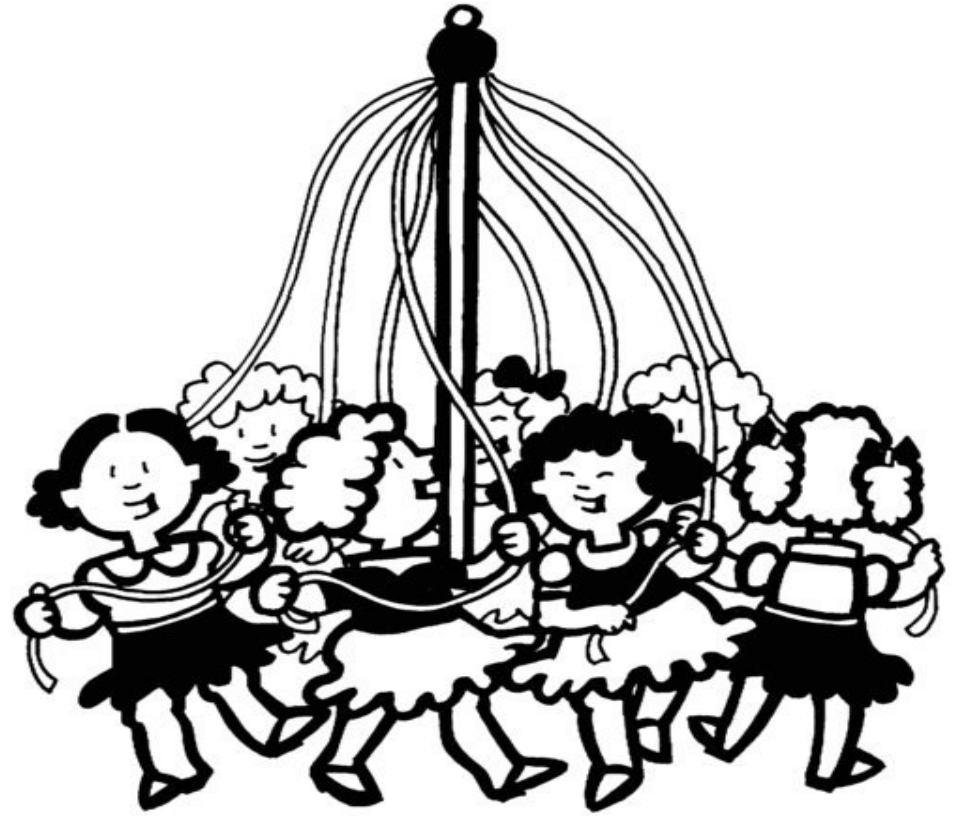


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**May/June 2016**

### 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](http://girlguiding.org.uk)

Cardiac Group meet every second Tuesday of month 2.00 -3.30 p.m. THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN 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](mailto: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 24 June 2016, on

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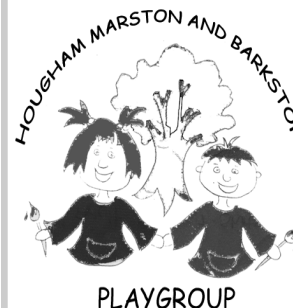
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**NOT FROM THE RECTORY**



It sounded innocuous enough. ‘Would you come and talk to the children about heaven?’ asked the RE teacher. It was only later, when I sat down to think what I would actually say at the school assembly, that the enormity of the task hit me. The assembly would last about twenty minutes, and ‘Heaven’ (aka Life After Death) is a subject that could fill whole theological libraries.

In the event, there was nothing to worry about. These were lively four to eleven-year-olds at one of our local C of E schools, and lots of hands had shot up before I’d even got to the end of my opening question: ‘What do you think we mean by heaven?’ The answer: ‘It’s where we go to be with Jesus when we die’. What followed was a discussion that put a lot of adult talk about life after death in the shade and showed how children often have a natural understanding of things that we grown-ups struggle with. It certainly made me ponder some of these big questions afresh, and I’d like to share some of the children’s thoughts with you.

Given that nobody actually *knows* what heaven is like – as one child helpfully pointed out, you can’t just go for a visit – we tried *imagining* what it might be like. There was talk of clouds, angels, light and brightness. Mostly though, we thought it was beyond anything we could picture but was a place where we would be happy and safe and loved forever. Even more abstract concepts to do with souls and spirits and how we leave our physical bodies behind when we die, were discussed. One youngster thought our physical body would be replaced by a spiritual body, and he described it in a way that was not far removed from the way St Paul talks about the same thing in one of his letters, only much simpler (*see 1 Corinthians 15:35-55*).

We talked about why we believe in heaven. One reason was that because God loves us, he wouldn’t let our earthly life be all there is, particularly when some people have such a short, sad time on earth. Another reason was that Jesus often talked about heaven, and he should know.

We just touched on the question of who gets to go to heaven and who doesn't, but thought God wouldn't turn away anyone who really wants to be with Him, and there was one thing everyone seemed quite sure about - heaven wouldn't be heaven without animals.

Whatever you believe about these things, I hope you agree that children can be wonderfully wise and disarmingly unselfconscious in the way they talk about them, and can help us see them with fresh eyes. I felt privileged to be part of that assembly, and there's going to be a sequel. Right at the end, when we'd run out of time, one little girl put up her hand and asked: 'If you don't go to heaven, do you go to hell?' 'I think', said the teacher firmly, 'that we'll have to leave that question for another day'. It should be an interesting session; I'm looking forward to it. Watch this space!

With best wishes, Lilian

PS Another thing we all agreed about: Heaven sounds great, but we're not in a hurry to get there.

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Strawberry Teas will be hosted by Rob and Liz Parkin at Lindisse Cottage, The Drift, Syston on Saturday 9th July at 2p.m. to 5 p.m..

Proceeds will be donated to Syston Church and Breakthrough Breast Cancer Charity.

Live Music, Bring and Buy, cake, plant and vinyl stalls. Any donations will be greatly received.

We look forward to seeing you all. Rob and Liz Parkin 01400 250693

## **PLAYINGFIELD AGM**

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Playing Field Pavilion on Tuesday 10th May 2016, at 7p.m.

We are keen to get some younger village members on this committee and anyone willing to help with the running of this village asset would be very welcome.

## **Barkston, Syston, Honington, Belton and Carlton Scroop Annual Produce and Craft Show.**

Please note the date for this years Show is Saturday August 20th so you can start planning.

The Show is held in Barkston & Syston Village Hall and is an opportunity for everyone to get involved with a traditional Show and to show everyone what you have produced over the year. With your exhibits of vegetables, fruit, floral displays, preserves, cakes, photographs, crafts and children`s classes, there is something for everyone.

There are 23 cups to be won, so collect your schedule from Barkston Garage, Barkston PO, Barkston Village Hall and the Village Green, opposite The Stag in May. If you are a new to the village and not quite sure what to do please phone me Vicki Strawson, the secretary on 01400 250057. Good Luck and we look forward to seeing you laden down with your exhibits.

## **LETTER FROM BISHOP OF GRANTHAM**

Dear Friends,

Many of us will have experienced moments of awful isolation in our lives, or of panic, or of sheer joy. The range of situations, and of emotions, to which we can be exposed is huge. These things help to form the richness of human living. But in themselves they can sometimes be immensely difficult to handle.

Jesus' promise was to be with his friends. Although they experienced the crushing sadness of his death, and the huge sense of betrayal that most of them felt in terms of their own abandonment of him, they also experienced the joy of his resurrection and the happiness of new times spent with him. They would naturally have understood that his promise to 'be with them' meant that he would not physically leave them. However, what Jesus meant when he said that they would not be left on their own was that the Holy Spirit would always be with them. It is the Spirit, the third Person of the Holy Trinity, that we celebrate during the month of May. Jesus is taken from us, body and all, but the Holy Spirit is poured out for us and on to us.

The Feast of the Holy Spirit is Pentecost. It happens at the end of Eastertide, and thus marks the very last transition that began weeks before when, on Ash Wednesday, we entered the wilderness in preparation for Holy Week and Eastertide to come. Coming 'at the end of things' Pentecost can sometimes seem to be almost an afterthought – a last gasp of celebration before the year turns fully green and 'normal time' resumes. I suggest that we should, however, try to see it as another moment of real transition, when, gifted with the Holy Spirit, God's people realise that they have all that they need in order to live their lives fully and without fear in the world.

The Holy Spirit is described in scripture as 'advocate' and 'guide'. He is the Person of the Trinity who is always there. No matter what our particular emotions may be in any moment, God is with us.

As we continue to grapple with population movement, with continuing unrest in so many parts of the world, and with the serious issue of the Referendum in our own country, to name but three things, I hope that we may draw strength, confidence and joy from the presence of the Spirit. Our gracious God does equip us with all that we need to live our lives as disciples in the world today.

May God bless you this Pentecost and always,                      Bishop Nicholas

## **Barkston and Syston Parish Council**

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016. All members of the Parish Council were present, together with District Councillors Rosemary Kaberry-Brown and Ian Stokes, and County Councillor Ray Wootten. No members of the public attended.

The meeting started with a short question and answer session about Neighbourhood Plans. Present to assist the Council was the Clerk of Foston Parish Council, who were part way through the process. Three Members and the Clerk were to attend a Community Lincs seminar on the subject on Thursday, and it was therefore agreed to defer a final decision to the next meeting to give these Members the opportunity to report back.

The Council were advised that the County Council still did not have a start date for the consultation on the proposed waiting restrictions in Church Street, Barkston.

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. Action was proposed which it was hoped would restrict damage/erosion to the bank by the War Memorial

The Syston Village sign had now been replaced. No action had been taken in regard to the trees at the side of the A607 between the two entrances to Syston, and the Clerk was asked to remind the Area Surveyor. Hopefully, work on patching and surface dressing Church Street/Honington Road would start shortly.

One of the drains in the A607 near The Stag was blocked, and the Area Surveyor was to be asked to arrange for cleaning out/jetting of all drains in the area. It was hoped that the drainage improvements could start in the next financial year.

Damage to Station Road in the form of very large potholes and broken road edges were reported and the Clerk was asked to refer this to the Area Surveyor. Also severely damaged was the road from the end of West Street to Barkston Gorse. This had been repaired with road

## **RUMMAGE SALE**

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## **COFFEE MORNING**

ST NICHOLAS CLOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

We are holding regular Coffee Mornings in the Community Centre on the last Wednesday of each month, 10.30 a.m.—Noon.

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 April 27<sup>th</sup>, May 25<sup>th</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mary Holland  
25 St Nicholas Close

## **ANTIQUE AND DESIGNER JEWELLERY**

ST NICHOLAS CLOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

A talk and power point presentation, will be given by Mr Bill Sandles, a member of the National Association of Goldsmiths on MAY 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.. Everyone welcome.

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planings in the past, and the Clerk was asked to request similar treatment.

Councillor Tony Hine reported on a survey carried out in Syston to ascertain if there was any need for a bus shelter on Main Street near the notice board. There had only been 5 replies from 17 consultations issued, only one of which was from a regular bus user. After consideration, it was agreed to take no further action.

Councillor Kelly reported that the children's play area was still closed in view of bad weather, and also to allow the grass to grow. Benches had been ordered. No date had been fixed for an official opening.

A new defibrillator had been ordered for Syston, to be funded by the Parish Council, as a grant from the Margaret Brown Trust had been declined. It was agreed to take out maintenance agreements for both the Barkston and Syston units.

The next meeting is on **MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016** at 7.45 pm at the **VILLAGE HALL.**

Malcolm Hall  
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Rev. Stuart Hadley

**FROM THE REGISTERS**

Holy Baptism:  
17/4/16 Jasmine Abigail Pike [Barkston]

### Church Services for May/June 2016

Date	Barkston	Belton	Honington	Syston
1st May First Sunday	Alternative arrangement HC Belton 11.00am	11.00am JC Holy Communion		9.30am Morning Prayer
5th May Ascension Day	7.30pm			
8th May 2nd Sunday	11.00am Holy Communion			
15th May Pentecost	11.00am Family Service JB/LH			9.30am Holy Communion
22nd May Trinity Sunday				
29th May Fifth Sunday			11.00am Holy Communion	
5th June 1st Sunday	10.30am Morning Prayer			9.30am Morning Prayer
12th June 2nd Sunday	11.00am Holy Communion			
19th June 3rd Sunday	11.00am Family Service JB/LH	11.00am Holy Communion		NB 11.00am Holy Communion
26th June 4th Sunday				

Caythorpe-Service of Thanksgiving with Bishop of Lincoln 6pm 28 June-provisional

**FOR A FULL LIST OF SERVICES FOR THE SOUTH CLIFF VILLAGES GROUP PLEASE REFER TO CHURCH NOTICE BOARDS**

### 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.

St Nicholas' Church is warm and has toilet facilities. Refreshments are served after the service. The next services will be held on May 12th, June 9th.

### Prayer and Praise

Prayer and Praise at the home of Joy Bristow, 38 West Street, Barkston, (01400 250339), will be held on Mondays 4pm. May 16th, 23rd, June 13th, 20th.

### St. Nicholas Knitting Circle, Barkston

Our next Knitting Circle meetings will be on Mondays May 23rd, June 27th 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.

### St Nicholas Knitting Circle Coffee Morning

Friday 13th May 2016, 10.00am—11.30am in the Community Centre, St. Nicholas Close, Barkston. Cakes, Books, Craft, Raffle & Plants etc. Proceeds to go to Jacob's Well appeal for very needy people at home as well as overseas.

### **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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