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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 -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.

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.

Bookings—Carol Bradford 01400250744

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

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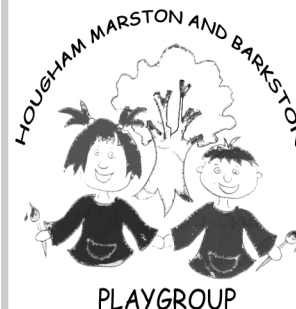
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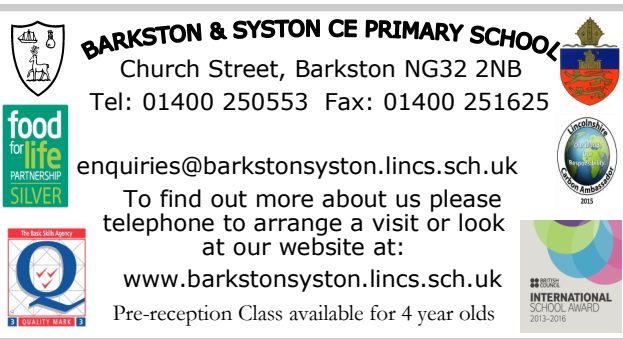
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NOT FROM THE RECTORY



I've recently enjoyed reading 'The Shepherd's Life' by James Rebanks. It's an enthralling, and down-to-earth account of a Lake District shepherd's year, and since being published just over a year ago has become something of a sensation, remaining on the best-seller lists for weeks on end. It made me think how far removed a real shepherd is from the image many of us have. And that's particularly true, I think, of those of us who are familiar with all those references to Jesus as 'The Good Shepherd' we find in the Gospels.

In the far-off days when I went to Sunday School we had a picture on the wall of 'The Good Shepherd'. It showed Jesus with long silky hair and wearing a spotless white robe with a lovely blue sash. He looked very holy, and light years away from what a real Palestinian shepherd would have been like. They were a rough, tough bunch – men who lived pretty much outside normal society, sometimes spending weeks on end with their flocks. They wouldn't have been very clean, and probably wouldn't have smelt nice either.

What a good shepherd did have though, was fearless devotion to his flock, often risking his life to protect them from bandits and wild animals. What particularly characterised him was the way he knew every sheep individually – not just what they looked like, but the sound of their voice and their mannerisms. He'd give them names like black ear, smutty nose, waggy tail, and they'd be with him for years, because these sheep were not kept mainly for meat, as ours are, but for their wool, so they could live to a ripe old age. Every single one counted with him, and if any got into trouble, he would soon notice and go to their aid.

You can see why it's an image Jesus chose for himself, and how it can be an inspiration for those of us who try to follow him and put his teaching into practice. Everyone has a need to be recognised, to be called by name, to be listened to, to feel they count. And I think that's especially so in our fast-moving and increasingly impersonal age, where everything is so success-oriented. Taking the lead from Jesus, we can be people who really notice and value others, who give them time and are prepared to go the extra mile, particularly for those who have lost their way or who feel forgotten or written off.

Jesus, in all he said and did, shows us a God who loves and cares for us all, irrespective of whether we deserve it or not. In fact, he tells us, in the parable of the lost sheep, that there is more joy in heaven over one repentant sinner than over all the so-called righteous put together. Which can be a very hard thing to accept if you identify with the righteous, but is wonderfully encouraging for those of us who count ourselves among the sinners.

Yours, with love,
 Lilian

BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 11th July 2016. 8 members of the Parish Council were present, together with District Councillor Ian Stokes. One member 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 hole at the frontage of the garage, which had been there for some time, was to be considered for infilling, pending the completion of a scheme to improve drainage in the area.

Church Street and Honington Road had been patched, and there was some improvement in the condition of the surface, but the Clerk was asked to refer the poor state of the road to the Area Surveyor.

There had been a request for road edge markers (stones) around the grassed area at the entrance to St Nicholas Close. However, this could not be acceded to, but the Area Surveyor was looking into the provision of decorative highways approved plastic marker posts.

The accessibility of parts of the villages by wheelchair or mobility scooter had been referred to the Area Surveyor for consideration of the legal requirement of such provision, but this was still being researched.

Another issue referred to the Area Surveyor was the encroachment of the hole in front of the Almshouses into the road, which the Clerk was asked to refer to the Area Surveyor.

A letter from a local resident about weeds at the side of and on pavements was referred to the Area Surveyor.

The Council were advised that the highway grass cutting agreement would terminate at the end of March 2017. Costs of the current agreement were given, together with the cost of cutting the village amenity grass (Village Green, War Memorial, Burial Ground and children's play area), and it was agreed to consider this contract at the budget meeting in January 2017.

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Thank you to everyone who supported the Show those of you who donated raffle prizes, the judges, exhibitors, helpers and everyone who came and visited in the afternoon it is very much appreciated thank you. The hall was full once again with all your lovely exhibits which were of a high standard we had over 500 hundred entries counting the School handwriting and paintings which brightened up the walls of the hall. It is so nice for the villages to come together for the day.

(After the Show we found a blue plastic bowl if it is yours please phone me, Vicki Strawson 01400 250057)



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The Chairman and Clerk reported on a meeting with Community Lines in regard to the production of a plan of support for the possible Neighbourhood Plan, and the organisation of a Community Awareness Session for residents. See separate paragraph for more detail.

Consideration was given to the SKDC proposals for a review of the District Plan, and noting that there were no issues affecting either village, agreed that no comment should be made.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2016 at 7.45 pm at the VILLAGE HALL.

Malcolm Hall,
Clerk to the Parish Council

LINCOLNSHIRE CENTRAL HEATING FUND

This is a scheme designed by the County Council to help private sector households experiencing fuel poverty, (e.g. older people in receipt of Pension Credit or families on Child Tax Credit with an income of less than £16,010), install central heating for the first time, and connect to mains gas where possible. There is some scope for oil or LPG where mains gas isn't available.

This offer is quite restricted, and is only available for limited time. If anyone is interested, please contact the Lincolnshire Home Independence Agency on 01522 516300 or email info@lincsia.org

Malcolm Hall
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MISSION TO SEAFARERS

Thank you to those who once again brought to the Sea Sunday service the collecting boxes they have continued to keep through another year; the monies in the boxes plus the money raised from the coffee and ship's [ginger] biscuits served before the Sea Sunday service at Barkston on 10 July totalled £182.31

Revd. Stuart Hadley, Associate Priest South Cliff Parishes

BARKSTON AND SYSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Parish Council have been giving consideration to implementing a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for the two villages.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

It is a new way of helping local communities to influence the planning of the area in which they live and work.

It can be used to:

- Develop a shared vision for the neighbourhood
- Choose where new homes, shops, offices and other development should be built (if appropriate)
- Identify and protect important local green spaces
- Influence what new buildings should look like.

Although the Parish Council are kick-starting this process, it should be emphasised that the Neighbourhood Plan will be a **community** plan, and support from the area is **essential**.

Much more information will be available at a community awareness event, which is being arranged in conjunction with Community Lincs at:

**BARKSTON AND SYSTON VILLAGE HALL
FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2016
3PM TO 7PM**

Enclosed with this edition of 'In Touch' (only for Barkston and Syston residents of course) is a flyer giving more details about this event.

Please come along and have your say.

The Parish Council intend to make a decision as to whether or not to proceed with the Neighbourhood Plan following the community event, and an evaluation of residents' views, which will be independently carried out by our local partner, Community Lincs.

Malcolm Hall
Clerk to the Parish Council

10th September....Annual Bike and Stride

This is an opportunity to visit as many of our beautiful Lincolnshire Churches as you can manage. Why not get together with friends, get a few people to sponsor you and make a day of it? You can walk, cycle, ride, drive or hop on a bus. The money you raise is divided equally between your nominated Church and the Lincolnshire Churches Trust. Many Churches (including St Nicholas) provide refreshments and have toilet facilities. For sponsorship forms and a list of Churches please contact me. If you don't want to take part yourself but would like to sponsor some one else or would like to go on the rota for manning the Church on the day please let me know asap.

Many thanks, Carrie James 01400 251137
carrie.james2@btinternet.com

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 Sept 28th and Oct 26th. A big thank you for your support so far, we have raised £40.25 for Lives First Responders.

We are very grateful.

The Coffee Morning in St Nicholas Centre on Wednesday 28th September will be to raise funds for Macmillan charity.

Mary Holland & Janet Baker

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Martin and Vicki Strawson are holding a
Macmillan Coffee Morning
on Friday 16th September at Hambleton Farm Syston.
10.30am - 12.00 Raffle /Cake Stall.

Pop in for a coffee and a chat we look forward to seeing you.

FROM THE REGISTERS

The Faithful Departed
04/08/16 Peter Lloyd Mills [Barkston]

Holy Matrimony
25/06/16 Christopher Brightman & Kathryn Edwards [HOTH]
30/07/16 Alex Jackson & Ame Paveling (Belton)
06/08/16 Ian Woolerton & Nicola Jane Swaby [HOTH]
13/08/16 James Michael Timothy Cresswell & Charlotte Marie Faulkner [Barkston]

The Revd Stuart Hadley, Associate Priest,
The South Cliff Group of Parishes, Diocese of Lincoln

BARKSTON & SYSTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

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Saturday 1st October 2016

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BIBLE WORDSEARCH

For those who attended the Group Eucharist at Honington on 31st July and tackled the Bible Words-search:

The left over letters should have given you the following verse from the Bible:

"But you, O Lord, have mercy on me"
Well done to those who arrived at that result!

The Revd Stuart Hadley, Associate Priest,
The South Cliff Group of Parishes, Diocese of Lincoln

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

‘This is true religion,’ says the apostle James, ‘to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world’.

‘Little children,’ says the apostle John, ‘let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action’.

It is one of those falsehoods that the secular world loves, particularly when horrific atrocities occur, as at the beginning of the summer, with the murder of the French priest Fr Jacques Hamel; religion is bad, the world would be better off without it. Yet the real truth we need to hold on to and live out so that people can see, is that people of faith, real faith, the kind that God approves of, are intended always to be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

The Mission Statement of the Church I led in Cromer ended with we exist... ‘for the good of the world’. It is one of the reasons here in the Diocese of Lincoln we have our ‘Social Justice Fund’, so that we can look for the difference we can make in the communities we are here to serve, and have the means, when they are needed, to make our plans and dreams a reality.

It is one of the fundamental mission questions each church, each mission community, has to face; if we didn’t exist, if we weren’t here, would it make a difference to the communities we are to serve? If we shut the doors tomorrow would anybody notice, apart from those who faithfully attend?

True faith, true religion is world affirming, seeks to make a difference – loves God, loves people, loves this world we’ve been given to enjoy. It is, to paraphrase a phrase recently used by President Obama, to believe in the ‘audacity of love’. That is the calling of people of faith. The challenge is whether that is what people see and experience in both you and in me.

David Grimsby – September 2016

THE SERVICE ROTA SOUTH CLIFFE VILLAGES GROUP

Village	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Date	4th September	11th September	18th September	25th September	
BARKSTON		11.00 HC SH	11.00 FS LH		NB see below
BELTON	11.00 HC JC				
BRANDON			9.30 HC SH		NB see below
CARLTON SCROOP with NORMANTON		6.00 EP BL		9.00 HC Val R	
CAYTHORPE		10.30 BL Arnhem	6.00 CW	10.00 HC Val R	NB see below
FULBECK	10.00 HC MC		10.00 HC MC		NB see below
HONINGTON					
HOUGH ON THE HILL		9.30 MP BW	16.00 BW Harvest	9.30 HC SH	
HOUGHAM		9.30 HC JC		No service	
MARSTON	9.30 HC LH		No Service		NB see below
SYSTON	9.30 MP BG		9.30 HC JC		NB see below

IN ADDITION

23/09/16 Harvest Evensong at 18.30 at Brandon
 29/09/16 Harvest Evensong at 19.00 at Fulbeck and Syston
 30/09/16 Primary Schools harvest at Caythorpe, Barkston and Marston

KEY:

SH-Stuart Hadley **LH**-Lilian Hall **JC**-John Cook **BL**-Ben Lyte **BW**-Brian West
BG-Betty Groves **Val R**-Canon Valerie Rampton **Vic R**-Vic Rampton

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
2nd October	9th October	16th October	23rd October	30th October
11.00 Harvest	11.00 HC SH	11.00 FS LH		
11.00 Harvest				
		No Service		
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	10.00 HC BL	6.00 CW	10.00 HC Val R	10.00 HC
10.00 HC/MC		10.00 HC BL		
				11.00 HC SH
	9.30 MP BW	9.30 MP BW	9.30 HC JC	
	9.30 HC Harvest J		17.00 EP SH	
9.30 HC LH		17.00 EP Harvest		
9.30 MP Vic R		9.30 HC JC		

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Prayer and Praise
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Sept 5th, Oct 3rd & 17th

St Nicholas Knitting Circle
Community Centre
St Nicholas Close
Barkston
Dates
Sept 26th, Oct 24th, Nov 28th

COFFEE MORNING
 Friday 18th November
 10am Community Centre St Nicholas Close. Proceeds to the Jacobs Well Appeal

THANKS

Barbara Green would like to thank everyone who sponsored her on her 25 mile walk on Hadrian's Wall and the Syston Strawberry Tea. A total of £610 was raised and is going to Breast Cancer Now.

Thank you very much it was an amazing total.

Barbara Green