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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

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

Bookings—Carol Bradford 01400250744

County Council Representatives

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

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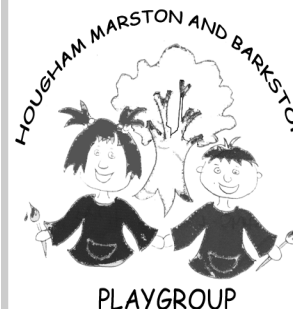
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NOT FROM THE RECTORY



Dear Friends

One of my favourite photographs in our family album is of our daughter on the day she started school. She's in her new uniform, hair uncharacteristically tidy, and the inevitable sticking plaster across one knee. I can still recall that catch of the heart when I saw her dressed for school for the first time. Her no-nonsense headmistress, who was at the school door to greet new arrivals and shoo away their mums said: 'When you get home you'll either breathe a huge sigh of relief or you'll have a howl'. I was a howler.

September is a time of similar new beginnings for many of our children – and for their parents. Some are taking that first big step of starting school. Others are facing the leap from primary to secondary school, or from school to college, university or the workplace. It's a time of great change, and like all change, can be both alarming and exciting. Whenever we have to step out into the unknown we do so with a conflicting mix of emotions. This stepping out into the unknown goes on right through our lives – when we move house or move job, for instance, or when we have to begin life on our own after the loss of a partner or the breakdown of a marriage. And it doesn't get any easier as the years go by. One of the most daunting experiences can come when we're elderly and have to 'downsize' from the home we have lived in for many years, perhaps to move into sheltered accommodation or residential care.

Sometimes we can be in danger of badly missing out on life because we lack the courage to leave what is familiar and safe. A recurrent phrase in the Bible is: 'Do not be afraid. I am with you.' The whole story of the Christian faith is of people stepping out into the unknown in answer to God's call, and when they do so, discovering that wherever they go, he journeys with them.

In the Old Testament God is often pictured as being like a parent bird – an eagle – whose sheltering wings are never far away. It was thought that when the time came for a young eaglet to fly, it was encouraged to leave the nest by the call of the parent. The great bird would fly past calling it to come to the edge – an anxious moment for a young bird which had never tested its wings before. At last it would take off, but the parent was never far away, ready to swoop down beneath the young bird and bear it up if needed.

This month, as the new academic year begins, please remember our children and young people in your prayers. Remember too their parents, and the teachers and other staff who will support them as they spread their wings and learn to cope with new and challenging situations. May God give us all the courage to step out into the unknown when we need to.

Yours with love, Lilian

BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 13th July 2015. All members of the Parish Council were present, together with District Councillors Ian Stokes and Rosemary Kaberry-Brown, and County Councillor Ray Wootten.

Prior to commencing the formal business of the meeting, the Chairman presented Bernard Noyes with a small gift to mark his retirement from the Parish Council after 19 years service.

The only matter raised during the public forum was in relation to the proposed waiting restrictions on Church Street/Honington Road, which the Chairman explained would be discussed in detail later in the meeting.

It was agreed to discontinue the practice of placing full sets of draft minutes on the boards in Main Street, Syston and St Nicholas Close, Barkston, in view of the amount of space these took up on the small boards, restricting the space for other notices of local interest. A notice would be placed advising residents that the minutes were available on the Parish Council's website, the address of which is: www.parishes.Lincolnshire.gov.uk/BarkstonandSyston or by application to the Clerk.

The Council considered an email from Lincolnshire County Council containing comments which had been received following the statutory consultation for the proposed waiting restrictions. Members considered all the points made in the email and confirmed unanimously their wish to proceed with the proposals as first drafted, i.e. north side of Church Street and Honington Road from the handgate to Church Farm, round the corner to a point opposite the northern boundary of the Churchyard, and a similar line on the south side. The Clerk was requested to send a rebuttal of the comments made in the LCC email.

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RACE NIGHT
Barkston and Syston Village Hall

The village hall management committee are organising an evening of fun and excitement with a RACE NIGHT on Friday 11th September 2015, village hall doors open 7-7.30 p.m.. Profit will be shared between the Alzheimer's Society and the replacement fund for the ageing boiler in the village hall.

Tickets Adults £5 Children £2.50
Bring your own drink
All welcome

We are looking for sponsors to support each race. Companies or individuals who would like to make donations towards the races should contact **Peter Stewart, Treasurer on 07785 976759**.

For tickets and further information please contact Peter Stewart.

PLAYING FIELD—CHILDREN'S CORNER

The Playing Field Management Committee have continued to look at options for redevelopment of the Children's Corner. A number of generous donations have been received from individuals within the Parish and from fund raising activity, our thanks go out to these individuals and groups as the additional funds have made the redevelopment project possible.

The Committee hope to be in the position to select a supplier shortly. It is hoped the project can be delivered through this autumn, during the redevelopment phase the Children's Corner will be taken out of use for a period.

Please contact a member of the Playing Field Committee if you would like any additional information.

Simon Kelly, Secretary Playing Field

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. A meeting to discuss prioritisation of highways issues, which had been deferred for the attendance of the Area Surveyor at a future meeting, was again deferred, as no date had been agreed. The Clerk was asked to remind the Area Surveyor. The Clerk was asked to refer potholed and uneven roads from Minnetts Hill to the Playing Field, Church Street and Station Road, Barkston to the Area Surveyor for inspection and action.

An update was given on various planning applications, and the Clerk reported that the appeal into the refusal of an application to erect a dwelling at the rear of 12 West Street, Barkston had been dismissed. The Local Plan update was in preparation, although no additional sites had been requested for Barkston and Syston.

No comments had been made on the Thackson's Well Wind Turbine application, and it was agreed to continue to support the local Parish Council. The Chairman and Councillors Elnor and Evans reported on attendance at a recent meeting in connection with policies in regard to wind turbines

Councillor Rowell advised that the dead bush in the Burial Ground had been removed by himself and Councillor Card. Both Councillors were thanked for their action. It was agreed to obtain a price for cutting the hedges.

The Playing Field constitution had been reviewed, but it was not considered that any changes were necessary. Quotations had been sought for the proposed improvements to the Children's Corner, and further discussions were being held with one firm. It was intended to carry out some work this year.

The Council further discussed the Clerk's report on risks affecting the Council. Further advice had been sought, and it was agreed to confirm the 2 monthly interval for inspection of the Children's Corner and 6 monthly interval for the remainder of the risks identified in the report. The only outstanding issue was the interval for checks on the fire equipment in the Pavilion. It was agreed to check this and amend the document accordingly.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2015 at 7.45 pm at the VILLAGE HALL.

Malcolm Hall, Clerk to the Council

MISSION TO SEAFARERS

Thank you once again for your great support for the work of this charity - this year we have sent them a total of £253.94 made up in part of donations on Sea Sunday for the coffee and cake and gingerbread served in church with the rest coming from the savings boxes a number of you take each year.

Many Thanks - Stuart & Lilian

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An application form may be obtained from Andy Watson, who is one of the trustees.

tel: 250840, email: andrewwatsonmarston@gmail.com.

It must be returned to him by 1st October. Grants are approved in October.

BARKSTON CHURCH'S RECIPE BOOK

In 1978 the late Joyce Ashton compiled a book of the favourite recipes of village people. At the suggestion of her work colleague, Pat Ritson, and with her expertise this has been reproduced.

The recipes have been much loved over the years and we are sure would be welcomed again. Copies of the book, price £3.50, are available from Pat Haynes and Margaret Elnor. The first production raised money for the Church and once again this is our aim. Get yours before it is too late.

Margaret Elnor



Dr Christopher Brightman and Katie Nkhoma Mission Hospital, Malawi A fresh perspective

A short illustrated talk on the work of the Nkhoma Mission Hospital, Malawi will follow the 11 a.m. Holy Communion Service to be held in St Nicholas Church, Barkston on Sunday 13th September 2015.

Coffee harvested from the shores of Lake Malawi along with 'One Biscuits' will be served. We are inviting a minimum donation of 50p per biscuit - £2 if you want to sample all 5 flavours [double choc chip – fruit and oat – fruit Shrewsbury – ginger – golden crunch].

The profits from the sale of the 'One Biscuit' funds projects in Malawi including a children's feeding programme and a project to set up micro bakeries providing sustainable employment for women.

If the donations exceed the costs of the coffee and biscuits the excess will be sent to 'Farm Africa'

Stuart Hadley

FROM THE REGISTERS

Deaths:

06/07/15 Sylvia Florence Henton [Barkston]

Holy Matrimony

4/07/15 Marc Farley and Evelyn Shear (Belton)

21/08/15 Daniel Ashley and Lucy Ann Morris [Syston]

Pie and Mash Lunch

The Friends of Barkston Church are holding a pie and mash lunch in the Village Hall on Saturday 7th November from noon until 2 p.m..

There will be a variety of pie fillings to choose from, plus peas, and desserts available, at a cost of £5 for adults and £3 for children.

Please make a note of this in your diary and come along and enjoy yourselves.

Pat Haynes and Margaret Elnor.

ROCK & ROLL NIGHT

The Rock & Roll night was a brilliant success. I should like to thank everyone who supported the event on 1st August: those who were able to attend on the evening, without whom the evening would not have been such a success; the helpers behind the scenes, and Les, my husband, for all his support. Everyone who was able to come had a great night.

The evening made a profit of £653 and half was given to the First Responders (LIVES) and half to help support the renovation of the children's play area at the playing field, two very important areas of the village.

Many thanks, Rachel Metcalfe.

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

Oh, what a show!

The hall was full once again with all your super exhibits. We had 71 exhibitors and 550 entries not including the children's handwriting and paintings. Well done to everyone and thank you: to everyone who donated raffle prizes; the judges and helpers, and those of you who came to have a look round, and will perhaps enter next year so start planning now!
The Show Committee

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I would also welcome volunteers to help man St Nicholas Church between 10am and 6pm on the day.

Many thanks,

Carrie James 01400 251137 07786827175
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Church Services for Sept & Oct 2015

Date	Barkston	Belton	Honington	Syston
6 September 1st Sunday	10.30 am RW Morning Prayer	11am JC Holy Communion		9.30am Morning Prayer
13 September 2nd Sunday	11.00am Holy Communion SH			
20 September 3rd Sunday	11.00am Family Service JB/LH Harvest Festival			9.30 am JC Holy Communion
Thursday 24 September				Harvest Festival 7pm
27 September 4th Sunday				
4 October 1st Sunday	10.30am RW Morning Prayer	11am JC Holy Communion Harvest Festival		9.30am Morning Prayer
11 October 2nd Sunday	11.00am Holy Communion SH			
18 October 3rd Sunday	11.00am Family Service JB/LH			9.30am JC Holy Communion
25 October 4th Sunday				

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 Sept 10th & Oct 8th.

Prayer and Praise

Prayer and Praise at the home of Joy Bristow, 38 West Street, Barkston, (01400 250339), will be held on Mondays 4pm. Sept 7th & 21st and Oct 12th & 19th.

St. Nicholas Knitting Circle, Barkston

Our next Knitting Circle meetings will be on Mondays Sept 28th & Oct 26th 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.

Coffee Morning

Friday 20th November 2015, St Nicholas Close Centre, 10—11.30am
Proceeds to 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
JL - John Lord **BL** - Ben Lyte **SM** - Sheila Mitchell **AS** - Angela Sims
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