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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.

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

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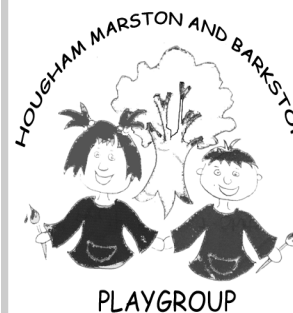
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NOT FROM THE RECTORY



Since becoming a priest, I have had the good fortune to spend my entire working life in rural parishes. There is so much about country communities that make them special. Apart from the timeless beauty of our churches and the special atmosphere they engender, there is also the privilege of being part of a community where there still is a strong sense of belonging and good neighbourliness; where people look out for one another and (thank God) do not just mind their own business. You know too that although the church may not play the part in people's lives that it used to, it is still much valued. But we would be kidding ourselves if we didn't admit that we face what is euphemistically described as 'challenges' – huge ones. The local church may be valued, but sadly that isn't reflected in numbers attending services. Very often, and this is certainly true of the Barkston and Hough group and many other rural churches, it's just a small, faithful group of people who keep things going. Their dedication is inspiring – heaven only knows where we would be without them – but they are not getting any younger.

And there are the other 'challenges' we all know about. Our church buildings can be a burden as well as a blessing – financially far beyond the means of the congregation to maintain. Clergy are thin on the ground and have multi-church groups to look after. Often we feel that the particular problems we face in areas like this, are not fully understood or appreciated by 'the powers that be'.

Which is why I was hugely encouraged to read a recent Church of England report on churches like ours. What is particularly impressive about the report, is that it shows a realistic understanding of what life in rural parishes is actually like. It fully acknowledges all the problems, but there's no despair or hand-wringing. Instead it sets out practical suggestions to help congregations thrive and grow.

The 30-odd pages of '*Released for Mission – Growing the Rural Church*' are very relevant to us at the present time, when we are exploring how best to organise ourselves and attract a new priest for our group. Here's a flavour of it:

After affirming what is the C of E's greatest strength – its commitment to be a 'church for everyone' - it goes on: 'A Christian presence in every community is at the heart of English Anglicanism. It is the expression of our obligation, as the church for all the people, to leave no community untouched by the gospel of Jesus Christ...The recommendations in this report are practical and achievable. They provide an agenda for change...and affirm the huge potential for growth of the rural church'.

It's a document that is both encouraging and challenging - particularly when it speaks about the need for change – and is important reading for anyone who cares about the future of the Church in villages like ours. It's freely available on the C of E website.

With best wishes, Lilian

Barkston and Syston Parish Council

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 11th May 2015, preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting for the Parishes. Seven Members of the Parish Council were present. No matters were raised during the Annual Parish Meeting or during the public forum which preceded the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Councillors Maryan Nussey and Alan Card were re-elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively.

The statutory consultation for the proposed waiting restrictions had commenced, objections had been received, and it was unlikely as a result that the proposal would receive approval by the LCC Committee. The Clerk was asked to establish if the objections had been made on the same basis as the Council's original request, as it appeared that the proposals which were now the subject of consultation were different. It was also agreed to point out that the objections were made on the basis of road safety and access for emergency vehicles and public transport, particularly at school times.

None of the other highways issues raised had received a response from the Area Highways Officer, and the Clerk was to chase the replies up. Other matters were raised, including speeding on the A607 and West Street and prioritisation of highways issues, which was deferred for the attendance of the Area Surveyor at a future meeting.

An update was given on various planning issues, and the Clerk reported that an appeal had been received into the refusal of an application to erect a dwelling at the rear of 12, West Street. An application had been received for the erection of six wind turbines at Thackson's Well farm, Long Bennington, full details of which were to be emailed to members and which were also available on the SKDC planning site – www.southkesteven.gov.uk/planningsearch

It was agreed to include an item for consideration at the budget meeting in January to provide finance for levelling grave mounds in

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Tickets: Adults £5 children £2.50 Bring your own drink - All welcome. We are looking for RACE Sponsors if companies or individuals would like to make donations towards the evening races, please contact Peter Stewart, Treasurer on 07785 976759 for Tickets or more details on what the Race Night entails.

We also hope you will be free on that evening to come along with all of us on the committee and friends / family.

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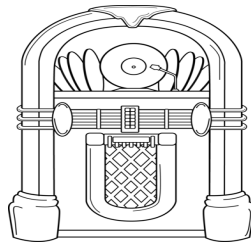
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"Christian Aid Week 2015"

A very warm and heartfelt 'thank you' to those who collected and those who donated in Christian Aid Week as a result of which we are sending cheques from the Barkston & Hough parishes to Christian Aid for £753.96 [2014 £449.04] of which £276 has been Gift Aided. The substantial increase in giving from 2014 to 2015 reflects our response to the Nepal earthquake and we have channelled our giving to this through Christian Aid - as well as through the collection organised by Hough on the Hill of blankets and clothing to help the survivors. Syston collected £170.

Many thanks from Stuart & Lilian & Maryan

the Burial Ground, in the interests of easier maintenance, and to ask Veolia to quantify the respective costs if possible. Two headstones had been identified as requiring attention at recent risk inspections, one of which had been repaired, and the second was to be repaired shortly. Councillor Rowell advised that a dead bush in the Burial Ground was to be removed by himself and Councillor Card. Both Councillors were thanked for their action.

The Council discussed a report from the Clerk on risks affecting the Council. Advice had been obtained from a neighbouring Council, and Councillor Kelly reported on a risk register prepared specifically for the children's corner at the Playing Field. It was agreed to give consideration to the complete report at the next meeting.

Belton

Belton VE 70th anniversary celebration was held at the village hall and included several villagers who remembered celebrating the end of World War II in Belton. A raffle was held in aid of help the heroes which raised £89.00.
Rose Pell

Belton Songs of Praise

On Sunday 9th August at 3.30pm a Songs of Praise type Service, led by The Reverend Sonia Barron, will be held at St. Peter & St. Paul Church, Belton. We hope this will be a joyful summer celebratory service. All are welcome.

STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA

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VILLAGE HALL AGM
Tuesday 4th August 2015
7.30pm

Also advance notice of the date for Harvest Supper—10th October 2015, more details in the next issue of In Touch.

Insurance: Insurance Services of £144.59 was discussed and accepted.

Transparency Code for Parish Councils with an Annual Turnover not exceeding £25,000. It was discussed and decided that the Parish Council already covered the requirements made but all the information should be considered for the PC website.

Update on Re-active Road Sign. The re-active sign has been in use in Belton and Manthorpe since early February. An update was given by Jonathan Miller. Michael Coney will operate the sign for Belton and Jonathan Miller for Manthorpe. Manthorpe data is important re the pending Larkfleet housing application. Colin Thornton reported noticing in Belton that when the sign came on the cars did slow down. Overall it was reported that it was money well spent and a useful investment to justify reducing the speed limit.

Any other Business: Sally Thompson reported a lot of fly tipping at the end of Belton Village and had picked up at least 28 larger tins plus loo rolls and other rubbish. Parish people to be asked to help “Keep Belton Tidy” by picking up what they can.

Mrs Repton, a member of the public, addressed the meeting to raise several issues of concern to her as owner of properties at Waterloo Cottages (a mix of private and holiday lets) next to Belton Woods. Mrs Repton stated that she felt that the properties were not included in the issues that affected Belton and wanted this to be addressed going forward. Mrs Repton also raised several issues of concern which related to, among others, planning issues at the new playground at Belton Park, flooding at the Cottages, speeding on the A607 and provision of cycle paths. It was explained to Mrs Repton that whilst the PC recognised her issues, several were perhaps better dealt with in the first instance through the liaison committee with the National Trust. This is primarily a Belton residents committee, the members of which have happened for some time, to have been Parish Councillors. It would be better if she could send to the PC details of her concerns so that they could be allocated as appropriate. The PC would then respond to Mrs Repton once her representations had been received

Dates for meetings during the next year at:

Belton, Thursdays 20th August and 26th November at 7.30 pm.

Manthorpe, Thursday 11th February at 7.30 pm.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 12th May 2016 in Belton at 7.00pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.43pm

BELTON AND MANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 21st May 2015

Attending: Chairman M.Coney, Councillors, J. Beaty, R. Gibson, T. Hopwell, Mrs S. Thompson, J.Miller, Mrs K.Gibson, C.Thornton, J. Fountain Parish Clerk. County Councillor R.Wooten, and two members of the Public

AGM.

Chairman M.Coney gave his report and thanked the Councillors and Clerk for their hard work over the past year. He also thanked County Councillor Ray Wooten for his invaluable support over this time. Mr Coney then retired from the PC after 13yrs of service.

Election of New Officers.

Mrs Katy Gibson was elected as Chairman with Tony Hopwell continuing as Vice Chairman. Colin Thornton, filling the vacant Belton post, was welcomed to the PC. Declarations of Acceptance forms were signed and witnessed by the Clerk and all present.

The Annual PC Meeting minutes of 15th May, 2014 were approved and signed. Schedule of expenses FY 1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015 and annual governance statement were approved.

General Meeting.

Matters pertaining to Belton were as follows:-

Yellow Lines, Belton: A meeting of Belton Villagers on 16th March, decided not to introduce yellow line parking restrictions in Main Street. Michael Coney was very disappointed with this. County Cllr Wooten said that LCC Highways would not look favourably on any future application in view of the time and cost spent on this proposal.

Pot Holes in Belton: The pot hole on the edge of Five Gates Road had not been repaired. SKDC Pot hole repair is ongoing and people should be encouraged to report them.

Smoke Pollution in Belton. Situation improved. The National Trust Manager had asked anyone affected by NT bonfires to telephone him with any complaint.

Cycling in Belton: Sally Thompson said there had been an improvement.

Speed Limits: On 14th May L.C.C. decided to set a Speed Limit Policy on how to decide limits and they will be contacting Councils asking them to comment.

Correspondence: Electoral Review of Lincolnshire - To reduce County Wards from 77 – 71. Will affect mainly Lincoln area.

The BLOT poster concerning 6 Wind Turbines, proposed for Sewstern Lane was discussed by the Council and filed. No further action.

BT “Adopt a Kiosk in Belton” was discussed and it was decided not to adopt the

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

At the beginning of July I will be ordaining nine new deacons and nineteen new priests at two services of ordination in our Cathedral. For me, as bishop, ordination services are a special moment. I am deeply moved and humbled to see these people stand before God, ready to commit their lives to following Jesus and to serving his church.

The process that leads to ordination is a long and sometimes arduous one. It takes years of reflection and study to discern the essential nature of the call from God which each individual experiences. While not everyone is called to pursue a life in the ordained ministry, that model of reflecting and studying to discern God’s call to us is one which all of us can follow. Although the way ahead may not always be clear, the one thing of which we can always be certain is that God *is* calling us, and he has work for each of us to do.

I know many of you will be walking alongside these new deacons and new priests as they explore and begin to live out what the call to ordained ministry means for each of them in their lives and in the congregations in which they will be serving.

The lifelong task for each one of us is to do as these new deacons and priests are doing; to listen to God’s call; to reflect on its meaning for us; to answer and respond in our own lives. Each one of us - wherever we are, whoever we are and whatever gifts and skills we have been given - is called to use our gifts to the glory of God and in the service of others.

May God be with you as you discern his will for you that, in grace, you may be enabled to respond with joy.

Bishop Christopher

The Registers. Confirmed by Bishop of Grimsby at Hougham
Lily James (Barkston) Katie Edwards (Hough)
Georgina Pearson, Baptised and Confirmed

Church Services for July & August 2015

Date	Barkston	Belton	Honington	Syston
5th July 1st Sunday	10.30 am RW Morning Prayer	11am JC Holy Communion		
12 July 2nd Sunday	11.00am Holy Communion SH			
19 July 3rd Sunday	11.00am Family Service JB/ LH			9.30 am JC Holy Communion
26 July 4th Sunday				
2nd August 1st Sunday	10.30am RW Morning Prayer	11am JC Holy Communion		
9th August 2nd Sunday	11.00am Holy Communion SH	3.30pm Songs of Praise		
16th August 3rd Sunday	11.00am Family Service JB/LH			9.30am JC Holy Communion
23rd August 4th Sunday				
30th August 5th Sunday			Honington 11.00am	

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 July 9th, August 13th, 20th..

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 6th, 20th, August 3rd, 17th

St. Nicholas Knitting Circle, Barkston

Our next Knitting Circle meetings will be on Mondays July 27th, August 24th 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

Many thanks to all who supported our Coffee Morning we raised £330.36 to go to the Jacobs Well Appeal towards aid for earthquake victims in Nepal.
Joy Bristow on behalf of us all.

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
BG - Betty Groves **DH** - David Hitchcock
RW - Bob Wall **MT** - Ministry Team **(RS)** - Richard Shireby **(BW)** - Brian West