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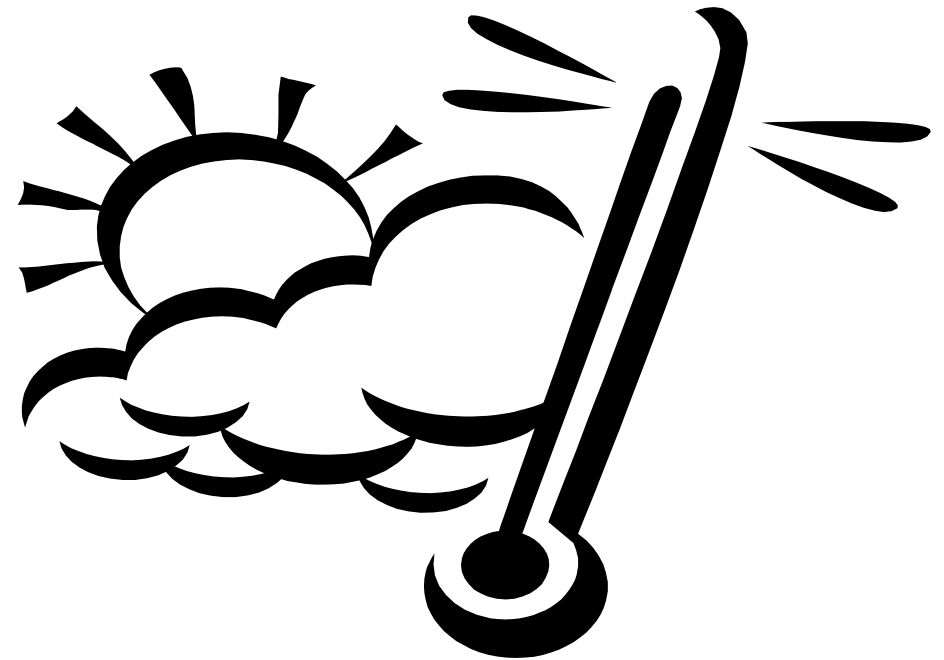
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## The Magazine of Barkston, Belton, Honington and Syston

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**West Street:** Monday 11.00am—11.30am  
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**Items for inclusion in the next issue of 'In Touch' to**

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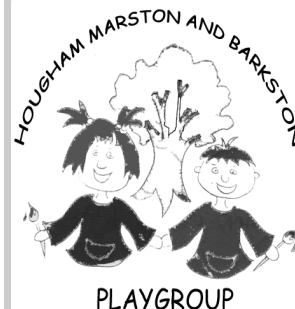
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**From the Rectory**

For many years the 1<sup>st</sup> of May has been known as ‘International Labour Day’. It began as a celebration of the introduction of the ‘eight-hour-day’, a day with eight hours for work, eight for leisure and eight for sleep. As a young lad I watched ‘Tomorrow’s World’ on T.V. and recall a programme about nuclear power stations – electricity would be generated so cheaply it would be free! Similarly, robots would lead to far more leisure time for all. The former remains a pipe-dream and where technology has resulted in greater leisure time there often isn’t the income to enjoy it.

Jesus described the kingdom of heaven as being like a wealthy landowner who went early to the marketplace and hired labourers to work in his vineyard, agreeing to pay ‘the usual daily wage’ (this was enough to support a family). When he went out at nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle and sent them also into the vineyard, agreeing to pay them, ‘What was right.’ This was repeated at noon, 3pm and 5pm. When evening came, the labourers were lined up in reverse order, those who began last being paid first. Those starting at 5pm were given a full day’s pay. When all had been paid the same, those who had worked since early morning and on through the heat of the day complained at not receiving more. The landowner asked why – since they had received the agreed wage: if he chose to pay the same amount to all, surely it was up to him how he spent his wealth and they had no cause for complaint?

This parable may have much to say about practise in the workplace today, particularly on the concept of a ‘living wage’, but it’s intended to remind ‘workers for the kingdom’ that all such, whenever they begin, are promised the same ultimate living wage - eternal life.

With every blessing

*Alan*

Rev Alan Littlewood

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## Barkston and Syston Parish Council

### Report for 'In Touch'

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014. 8 members of the Parish Council were present. Six members of the public attended. District Councillor Trevor Scott and County Councillor Ray Wootten also attended.

The meeting commenced with the public forum, during which a member of the public drew the attention of the Council to the proposals for double yellow lines on and around the Church corner. It was suggested that as the area was within the Barkston Conservation Area, efforts should be made to ensure that signage and the lines themselves were sympathetic to the Conservation Area. Dog fouling was also raised, particularly in Church Street, but also elsewhere in the village, and the Clerk was asked to refer this to SKDC's Dog Warden. Safety in the area of the school was mentioned, particularly with the number of parents attending twice a day. This also had an effect on parking, or the lack of it, for local residents who did not have off-road parking. To be referred to the County Council with a request that consideration be given to reserved spaces for local residents, possibly via a permit system. Lastly, the Clerk was asked to refer a request for a reduction in the Hough Road speed limit from 40mph to 30mph.

Highways matters were discussed, and the Council were advised that in regard to the footpath in front of the Bedehouses, a site meeting had been arranged with the Area Surveyor, to include a discussion on the very uneven and potholed surface of Church Street and Honington Road.

The Area Surveyor had promised action on the various outstanding highway matters, referred to at the last meeting, and contractors were to be chased as appropriate. The misuse of Bridleway number 4 alongside the river to Marston was discussed, and it was agreed to continue lobbying the County Council to agree to the provision of a gate to block the route to 4WD vehicles and motorcycles. The landowner had agreed to the gate and it was agreed to price the cost of installation as well as referring to the County Council.

Western Power had replied in regard to the undergrounding of overhead cables in Syston, stating that there were no proposals to carry out such work in the next financial year.

The flooding at the garage and on Hough Road continued to be investigated, and Councillor Scott confirmed similar problems when he owned the premises. It was not apparent that the car wash was adding to the problems being experienced. A request had been received for a bus shelter on Church Street, and it was agreed to refer this to the County Council for consideration to be given to the location of the shelter and any grants available.

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## **The Stag Barkston**

### **Quiz Night**

Tuesday 6th May 2014  
8pm

Quiz Night at your local, Up to 6 per team, £1 per person

Meat Raffle, There is a meat raffle held every alternate Friday night, Draw at 7.30pm. The next one is Friday 2nd May 2014

### **Notes**

The Clerk reported further on changes to the Burial Grant form, in particular in regard to next of kin being responsible for the maintenance of memorials. It was apparent that it would be difficult to pursue next of kin in these circumstances and it was agreed to take no further action in regard to this suggested amendment. The Clerk reported that the average cost of headstone repairs was approximately £75, and he suggested that this could be added to the existing fee. There would then be no need to include the next of kin requirement in the burial grant form. Councillors considered that this amount was too high and agreed to increase the existing fee by £45.

The Clerk said that the information necessary to enable an application for a grant towards the War Memorial repairs was nearly complete. A scrap drive had been organised by Councillor John Jackson and Messrs A West and P Wheeler to help fund the maintenance and cleaning. The Council expressed thanks for these efforts.

In the future, any applications from the Charity or from other Parish Council funds will require backing by an indication of the applicant's financial status, and will require feedback after the grant has been made. The Clerk was asked to redesign the application form.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2014 at 7.45 pm at the VILLAGE HALL.

Malcolm Hall  
Clerk to the Council

## **Friends of Barkston Church**

We invite you to join us for our Sponsored Walk (approx. 4 miles) on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May leaving Barkston Church at 10am. The walk is along farm tracks in and around Syston and Barkston, ending with refreshments on West Street on your return to Barkston Village.

All proceeds shared between Barkston and Syston Churches'  
Fabric Funds .

Sponsor forms available from the Garage, the Church, Joy Bristow or Sue Watson

## **Barkston & Syston Playing Field**

The AGM of the Barkston & Syston Playing Field will be held on Thursday 22 May 2014, 7.30pm in the Pavilion. A warm welcome awaits anyone willing to help maintain this excellent village asset.

Simon Kelly

### **St Nicholas Knitting Circle, Barkston. (we knit for Jacobs Well appeal)**

#### **COFFEE MORNING**

FRIDAY 6th JUNE 2014

At 10.30—11.30am

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Raffle, Crafts, Plants, Cakes, Books.

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### **Cursillo**

#### **What is Cursillo?**

Cursillo (pronounced 'kur see-yo') is a movement of the Church providing a method by which Christians are empowered to grow through prayer, study and action, and enabled to share God's love with everyone.

#### **What our former Bishop, Bishop John, said about Cursillo.**

"Cursillo is to Christian discipleship what weight-watchers is to health and well being! It creates an environment in which who we are can be celebrated, and we can be helped to become the people God would have us be. The support of others who have made the journey before us is at the heart of the Cursillo experience, and it is always encouraging to see lives changed in such a positive way. Cursillo is now well-established as a uniquely valuable way for Clergy and Lay people to refresh their relationship with God by means which are as enjoyable as they are enriching."

#### **What is a Cursillo Weekend?**

It is a long weekend, either Thursday evening to the following Sunday afternoon, or if a Bank holiday weekend, Friday evening to the following Monday afternoon, usually held at The Old Palace.

During these three days, those attending live and work together, listening to a series of talks given by different people, both lay and ordained. The talks lead to lively discussion in small groups.

Learning, praying, sharing, singing, laughing and living together is the basis for discovering what it means to say, "*We are the body of Christ.*"

#### **What is expected of me?**

## **HARVEST SUPPER APPEAL**

Under the capable wings of Mrs Janet Baker the annual Harvest Supper has thrived for many years and can be considered an integral part of the villages of Barkston and Syston's year.

With Janet's retirement, organisation of the Supper is now under the wings of the Village Hall Committee and in particular myself, the current chairperson.

Along with many assistants, preparations for the event, a simple meal and following entertainment, have always been divided and split into many parts so that no one, *except for Janet of course*, has anything near to overload. For example, making ten apple pies is a lot of work for one person, however, ten people each making one pie is more acceptable. Janet's many helpers have been laying tables, plating up, baking potatoes, or washing up, all making their own choice of task or portion of task towards the complete event.

To enable this happy tradition to carry on, we need supplementary volunteers to take on the various tasks between us, and so to that effect the Village Hall Committee is asking those who are willing, to contact Christine Rowell or myself, Elizabeth Cole (250981 or 250557).

Remember, many hands make light work, with our thanks.

Elizabeth Cole  
(Chair, Barkston & Syston Village Hall Committee)

**Belton BBQ and Fete**  
**Saturday 12th July 2014**  
**12noon until 4.30pm**

The Belton BBQ and Fete will be held at the Old School Village Hall and on the adjacent village green.

Details from Rose Pell

**MUSIC CONCERT**  
**In memory of Monica Littlewood**

A Concert of music for harpsichord played by local international concert artist Douglas Hollick in memory of Monica Littlewood and in aid of Macmillan Nurses, St Barnabas Hospice and Marie Curie Nurses will be held at St Martin's Church, Ancaster on Saturday, 14 June 2014 at 7.30pm.

Free entry – donations invited.

**Barkston War Memorial Centenary Cleaning**

Pete Wheeler and myself should like to thank all the parishioners who responded to our appeal for scrap metal objects. Your donations have been numerous and varied! We have managed to raise £400.00 either by "selling on" or scraping your contributions. The money raised has been forwarded to the Clerk of Barkston and Syston Parish Council, the body which is organizing the clean.

None of our fund raising activities undertaken last Winter and Spring would have been possible without the loan of Mrs Gladys Harrison's garage, for use as a collecting point, at times it felt that we had more "white goods" than Currys! Our thanks to her for her kindness and patience!

Pete and I are now taking a summer break from the roles of "Steptoe and Son" - make your own mind up as to who played which part!

John Jackson

There is no specific response expected of you. Just be open to what happens! 'Let go. Let God'

If you would like more information about Cursillo, or attending a weekend, contact:

Lay Director: Liz Lilley, 01507 440039, [liz.lilley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:liz.lilley@hotmail.co.uk)

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Or look at our diocesan website: <http://lincolncursillo.btkc.co.uk/>

We have members of Cursillo who are happy to come and talk to Deanery Synods and Churches.

Local contact—Susanne Wills 07570583625 or Joy Bristow 250339

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

At the AGM in November it was decided to donate £300 to Barkston LIVES. This year the show is on Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Barkston and Syston Village Hall.

To give you plenty of time to capture the perfect photograph we thought we would tell you the photograph classes: 1. All Creatures Great and Small, 2. Village Life, 3. A Garden scene, 4. Sport 5. Water, 6. Food, 7. Open Class. (To save on space only one entry per class) The Children's photograph class: The Best Photograph I have ever taken.

If you are going to the beach collect material from the shore to make a picture. Afternoon Tea for 2 is a new class.

If you have a few hours to spare on the day of the Show we would appreciate help with the stewarding of the exhibits, please contact Vicki 250057. The Schedules will be ready to collect from the Village Green opposite The Stag from mid-June onwards, please read through carefully as there has been a few changes made.

The Committee

## Church Services for May-June 2014

<b>Date</b>	<b>Barkston</b>	<b>Belton</b>	<b>Honington</b>	<b>Syston</b>
4th May Easter 3	10.30 am RW Morning Prayer	11 am JC Holy Communion		9.30am BG Morning Prayer
11th May Easter 4	11.00 SH Holy Communion			
18th May Easter 5				9.30 am JC Holy Communion
25th May Easter 6	11.00 JB Family Service			
Thurs 29 May Ascension Day	7.30pm Deanery	Service of Holy	Communion at	St Mary's Wilsford
1st June Easter 7	10.30 am RW Morning Prayer	No Service		9.30 am PC Morning Prayer
8th June Pentecost	11am SH Holy Communion	11am (RS) AL Holy Communion		
15th June Trinity Sunday				9.30am JC Holy Communion
22nd June Trinity 1	11.00am JB Family Service			
29th June Peter & Paul	At Honington	At Honington	11.00 am SH Holy Communion	At Honington

## 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 Thursdays, 8th May, 12th June.

Joy Bristow (01400 250339)  
Prayer and Praise

Prayer and Praise at the home of Joy Bristow, 38 West Street, Barkston, (01400 250339), will be held on Mondays, 12th & 19th May, 16th June, 7th July.  
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St. Nicholas Knitting Circle, Barkston

Our next Knitting Circle meetings will be on Mondays, 28th April and 19th May 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.  
Joy Bristow (01400 250339)

### KEY:

**HC** - Holy Communion   **FC** - Family Communion   **FS** - Family Service  
**MP** - Morning Prayer   **ES** - Evening Song   **EP**—Evening Prayer  
**CS** - Crib Service   **RS** - Remembrance Service   **SP** - Solemn Prayers

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