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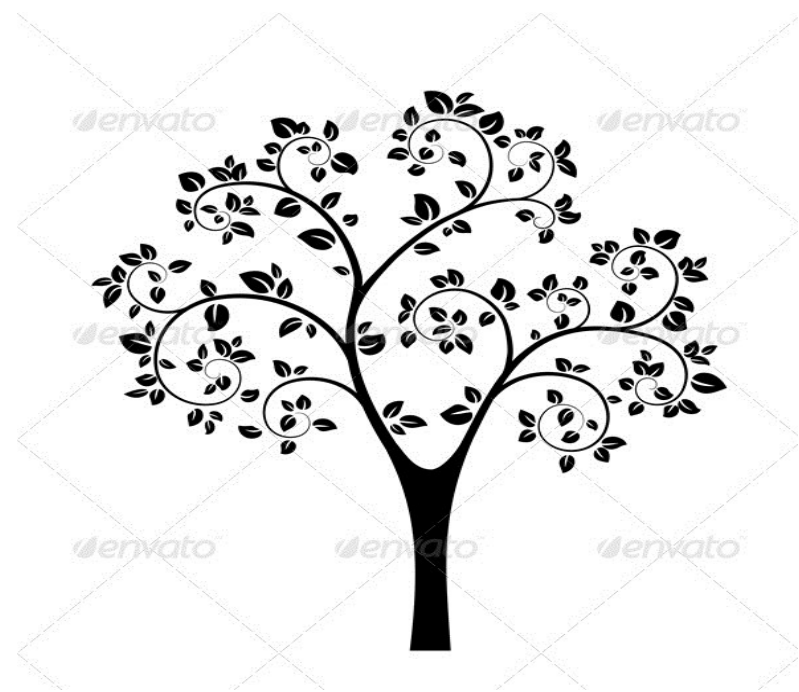
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Editor:	<b>NEW EDITOR REQUIRED</b> (Contact John Jackson 01400 250021)	

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**A Letter from the Rectory:**

Bishop John Saxbee, the former Bishop of Lincoln, gave the sermon recently at the annual Cricket Service held at Somerset cricket ground in Taunton and in the sermon asked what cricket can teach us about the Christian faith and what it means to be a disciple of Christ – and I am sure he won't mind his views being shared beyond the narrow confines of the readership of the Church Times with the wider readership of 'In Touch'!

The match being played on the day of the Cricket Service was being played in the season between Easter and Pentecost and was limited to one innings per side of 40 overs each: this season, Bishop John suggested, is a bit like the interval between innings in a one-day game. Jesus and his disciples have completed their innings. He has come through undefeated, and by his teaching and example, has set a target for others to aim at. As Christians, we are those now called to follow the lead we have been given by loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and our neighbour as ourselves.

Then there is the 4 or 5 day game which puts Bishop John in mind of the of the Old Testament verse from Jonah 3:1 'and the Lord called to Jonah a second time'. One of the joys of Test and County cricket is that, if the first innings don't go exactly to plan, there is the chance to try again and hopefully to do better. Jonah, the bishop notes, messed up big time when God called him to undertake a challenging task, but God called him a second time. At the heart of our faith is the good news of forgiveness and renewal. We mess up, but God calls us a 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> time and for that we are eternally grateful.

And finally the bishop suggests the last form of cricket is arguably the most popular - the 20/20 game - and Ian Botham's comment that "We

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**Items for inclusion in the next issue of 'In Touch' to John Jackson**

**Telephone 01400 250021 or e-mail jajackson101@btinternet.com**

**by Friday, 23rd August, please.**

**Friends of Barkston School**

**SUMMER FETE**

**Saturday, 29th June**

**Noon till 3pm**

There will be a B-B-Q, Bar, Stalls, Games & Raffle. This event provides an enjoyable afternoon for the whole family, please come along.

We would also like to thank you all for your continued support over the past year.

Carol Reah (01400 250618)

**Strawberry Teas**

**Saturday, 13th July**

**2.30pm - 4.30pm**

Syston strawberry teas this year will be hosted by Rob and Liz Parkin, Lindisse Cottage, The Drift. Admission £3.50. There will be live music from the Ukelaybouts band (ft. Doug Telford). Stalls for cakes, plants, books CDs and vinyl – donations welcome.

All proceeds will be for Syston Church and Breakthrough Breastcancer.

Rob and Liz Parkin (01400 250693)

**Friends of Barkston Church**

**Cheese & Wine Evening**

There will be a Cheese and Wine evening at the home of Judy and Arthur West, 'The Old Rectory', Barkston on Friday 28th June. The event is to help raise funds to replace stolen lead and other articles from St Nichols Church.

Tickets are available from Judy West, Jill Hawkins or Barkston Garage at a cost of £5.00 per person.

Judy West & Margaret Elnor (01400 251886)

## **NEW EDITOR REQUIRED FOR “IN TOUCH”**

It is countdown time for the “In Touch” Magazine. If a new editor cannot be found by the end of December, the 309th edition (November/December 2013) could be the last in the current series.

The workload is not unduly onerous; just two or three hours every other month plus an hour to collect and deliver the printed copies to local distributors. The format for the magazine is created in “Microsoft Publisher”. Each new edition being an edited version of the last, for example all the advertisements are simply carried forward. If anyone feels that they would like to have a go at editing the magazine but are unsure of “Publisher” or need to discuss the matter then please contact either Mrs M Robotham (01400 250606) or myself.

There is a small remuneration for this task & to cover expenses.

John Jackson (01400 250021)

### **Syston Open Gardens Sunday 14th July**

Eight gardens & the Church will be open between 11.00 a.m. & 4 p.m..  
Admission £3.00 - Refreshments - Stalls - Bring & Buy  
In aid of St Mary’s Church.

Please note “The Songs of Praise” previously advertised is cancelled.

Vicki Strawson (01400 250057)

### **Barkston & District Annual Produce and Craft Show Saturday, 24th August 2013**

Schedules will be available, July onwards, from the Green in Barkston opposite The Stag, the garage, the Community Centre, the Village Hall & all committee members. We look forward to seeing you all either exhibiting or visiting.

Vicki Strawson (01400 250057)

The County Council were to investigate the possible kerbing to prevent erosion of the bank on the corner of Church Street, Barkston by the War Memorial. The new footpath across the corner of the A607/Honington Road junction was intended for installation at the same time as the major works on the central refuge and speed restriction signs on the A607. A possible bus shelter on Church Street, Barkston was deferred to the budget meeting later in the year.

The Burial Ground charges were considered, and were increased by 10%, with a further review programmed in 4 years. NB – a copy of the revised charges is on the notice board at the Burial Ground.

Complaints about the loose grass at the Burial Ground were noted, and it was agreed that residents be advised that the collection of cut grass was not part of the mowing contract. Loose grass was occasionally sprayed onto memorials as part of the cutting process and this would not be removed, for the reason above. It was suggested that families could do this themselves if it remained after cutting.

Councillors Peter Connor and Alan Rowell were appointed as the Council’s representatives on the Playing Field Committee.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 2013 at 7.45 pm at the VILLAGE HALL.

Malcolm Hall  
Clerk to the Council

### **Christian Aid**

Once again a very heartfelt thank you to all who supported Christian Aid whether by helping collect, making a donation or baking cakes. We have sent off to the Grantham area a total of £492.49 of which £152.90 was Gift Aided which will substantially increase our contribution.

Revd. Stuart Hadley

### **Barkston and Syston Parish Council**

The Annual Parish Meeting for Barkston and Syston was held in the Village Hall on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. The Chairman of the Parish Council (Councillor Maryan Nussey) and 10 Parishioners were present. No matters were raised.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council followed the Annual Parish Meeting. 8 members of the Parish Council were present, together with District Councillor Trevor Scott for part of the meeting. Two members of the public attended.

The meeting commenced with the public forum. A member of the public raised the issue of fly tipping on Station Road which, although already reported, had not been removed. The items appeared to be sheet asbestos. The Clerk was asked to report this again to SKDC.

Many highways matters were discussed, and the Clerk was asked to refer them to the Area Surveyor for action. Speeding and road safety in The Drift was discussed, and it was agreed that the local Parish Councillors would compile and distribute a leaflet urging all residents to be aware and to encourage slowing down. The situation regarding Bridleway No. 4 leading to Marston, was again discussed, and the Clerk was requested to refer the continued illegal use by 4WD vehicles/motorbikes to the local Police, with a request that surveillance be undertaken. The County Council had programmed the erection of formal signs warning of the illegal use.

The Clerk advised that the County Council were unable to take action in relation to the poor state of the path in front of the Almshouses on Honington Road, Barkston, in view of the cost implications. Councillors considered that this response was totally unacceptable. It was pointed out that if the location of the electrical cables was not known then logically it could not be known whether they were too high or low, which had been suggested as one of the problems. The Council agreed to compile a portfolio of documentation and ask the Member of Parliament to take the issue up with the County Council.

### **Prayer and Praise**

Prayer and Praise at the home of Joy Bristow, 38 West Street, Barkston, (01400 250339) will be held on Mondays 1st & 15th July and 5th & 19th August at 4.00pm.

Joy Bristow (01400 250339)

### **St. Nicholas Knitting Circle, Barkston**

Our next Knitting Circle meetings will be on Mondays 22nd July and 19th August in the Community Centre, St. Nicholas Close, between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. We knit for Friends of Chernobyl's Children.

Joy Bristow (01400 250339) and friends

### **Services of Wholeness and Healing**

Wholeness and Healing services are held on the second Thursday of each month at St Nicholas' Church, Barkston at 7.30pm. 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.

St Nicholas' Church is warm and has toilet facilities. Refreshments are served after the service. The next services will be on Thursdays 11th July and 8th August.

Joy Bristow (01400 250339)

### **St Nicholas Church, Barkston**

Missing - An electrical extension cable has gone missing from the base of the bell tower. Would anyone who has used the church recently please check that they have not inadvertently packed the extension cable away with their equipment when leaving the church.

Mrs J Hawkins (01400 250314)

BARKSTON AND HOUGH GROUP OF PARISHES				
Date	Barkston	Belton	Honington	Syston
7th July 5th after Trinity	MP 11am	HC 11am		MP 9.30am
14th July 6th after Trinity	HC 11am			
21st July 7th after Trinity				HC 9.30am
28th July 8th after Trinity	FS 11am			
4th August 9th after Trinity	MP 11am	HC 11am		MP 9.30am
11th August 10th after Trinity	HC 11am			
18th August 11th after Trinity				HC 9.30am
25th August 12th after Trinity	FS 11am			

**KEY:**

HC - Holy Communion FC - Family Communion FS - Family Service

MP - Morning Prayer ES - Evening Song CS - Crib Service

RS - Remembrance Service SP - Solemn Prayers

AL - Alan Littlewood 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 BH - Barbara Hancock DH - David Hitchcock

RW - Bob Wall MT - Ministry Team (RS) - Richard Shireby (BW) - Brian West

Organists: (ZG) - Zoe Glossop (RH) - Richard Hyley (RoS) - Roger Sadler

SERVICES DURING JULY—AUGUST 2013				
Brandon	Hough on the Hill	Hougham	Marston	Notes
MP 9.30am			HC 9.30am	
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	HC 9.30am	ES 5pm		
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	HC 9.30am	ES 5pm		

**In Memoriam**

**Honington**

4th May 2013, James Findlay-Henderson [internment of ashes].

**Hough on the Hill**

15th May 2013, Elaine Theresa Massen.

**Syston**

17th June 2013, Michael Andrew Feneley.

**Belton**

8th March 2013, Sarah Baring

19th June 2013, Ju7ne Pauline Green [internment of ashes]

**Holy Baptism**

**Honington**

19th May 2013, Octavia Lucie Shearn.