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 to find the lost,
 to heal those broken in spirit,
 to feed the hungry,
 to release the oppressed,
 to bring peace among peoples,
 to make a little music with the heart
 and to radiate the Light of Christ,
 every day, in every way,
 in all that we do and in all that we say.
 Then the work of Christmas begins.

Wishing you a happy and peaceful 2013,

Alan

Rev Alan Littlewood
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Charity Christmas Fair in Aid of Sue's Place

I would like to thank you all for coming to the Christmas Fair in aid of Sue's Place., which took place on Sunday 2nd December. We had a fantastic turnout on the day and raised an amazing £1,250.00 in total.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported and helped with the event. Many thanks to you all.

Carol Reah

Jocelyn's Year in Honduras with Project Trust

I would like to thank everyone who attended my Quiz Night on Friday 23rd November. I was so thrilled by how many people attended the event. It was a great success and £595 was raised.

I would also like to thank anyone who bought one of my Quiz Sheets. I hope you enjoyed doing it and didn't find it too difficult. After collecting all of the correct entries together the winner picked out of the hat was Mrs Jill Hawkins of West Street, Barkston. Correct entries were also received from Mrs Bland, Monica Wilson, Sarah Ancliffe, John Cuckson, Mrs Robotham, John & Linda Painter and Wendy Card. In total 259 Quiz Sheets were sold.

As a result of these successes my fundraising total now stands at just over £4,100 meaning I am ever closer to my £5,400 target. Thank you very much for your ongoing support, I really do appreciate it.

Jocelyn Strawson

Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be held in the Community Centre, St Nicholas Close, Barkston at 2.15pm on Wednesdays 16th January and 13th February. Everyone is welcome.

Joy Bristow

Services of Wholeness and Healing

The next services for Loveden Deanery will be on 10th January and 14th February at St Nicholas Church, Barkston beginning at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served and there will be an opportunity to speak with a qualified person.

Barbara Hancock

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Items for inclusion in the next issue of 'In Touch' to Anne & Bob

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by Friday, 22nd February, please.

Friends of Barkston Church

We had a full Church for the Concert on the 7th December. Thanks are due to everyone who took part in what was a very good and varied programme. We should also like to express our appreciation to Barkston School for their continued support. £250 was raised for the Rainbow Children's Hospice from the collection and sale of raffle tickets

Our next event will be our annual Bingo evening to be held in the Village Hall on Friday 1st March at 7 p.m., £5 for adults and £2.50 for children. Please make a note in your diary to get your tickets in the new year from Margaret Elnor, Jill Hawkins or Barkston Garage. Boxes will be put in Church and the Centre for prizes, with our grateful thanks.

Margaret Elnor 01400 251886

Would you be willing to join the Friends? We need more people to help maintain our Church. Would you be willing to help us on occasions? Do you have skills that would be of help – baking, flower-arranging, furniture moving etc?

Barkston Church PCC – Church Roof appeal

If you feel you could help the church as a regular giver, please contact our Treasurer, Carrie James (Tel: 251137). She'll be able to tell you how your donations can be gift aided, making a little go a little further. Or if you'd prefer to give a one off donation, that too could be gift aided.

Cora Townson, PCC Secretary

Prayer and Praise

Prayer and Praise at the home of Joy Bristow, 38 West Street, Barkston, (01400 250339) will be held on Mondays 7th and 21st January and 4th and 18th February at 4.00pm.

Children's Society

Thank you to those who bought tickets in the Children's Society Christmas Raffle. The money we sent makes a difference to children's lives up and down the country as the Society works with those suffering neglect, abuse or isolation and who face very challenging times in their lives. The Children's Society has written to say 'thank you from us and on behalf of all the children we work with'.

Stuart Hadley

Belton and Manthorpe Parish Council

The Parish Council met at Manthorpe Village Hall, on Thursday 22nd November 2012. Six Councillors and one member of the public were present plus District Councillor Ray Wootten.

Matters pertaining to Belton were as follows:-

Belton Old School – Village Hall. Planning Application has been approved with conditions. There is no timescale as yet for the work to be done.

Road Surface Noise A607. The road in the vicinity of the Witham river bridge has been built up to remove a dip and resurfaced. Villagers have reported a decrease in road noise and are much happier with the results.

NHS Consultation Community Health Trust. Cllr Wootten reported that there are proposals to keep A&E at Grantham Hospital for the next 20 years. There will be better facilities for outpatients, additional children's wards and a Day Care Centre will be opened. They are, however, proposing to close the Maternity Unit. There will be various consultation events until April next year.

Councillor Hopwell said that he had read the consultation report which seemed to make sense given the low level of hospital births at Grantham. However, he wondered whether this was a self fulfilling prophesy since it seemed that mothers had been dissuaded from using Grantham due to possible risk if there were complications. This had resulted in mothers going to the larger local hospitals and hence a low level of births at Grantham. He felt that a growing town like Grantham should have a full maternity unit.

Crime Levels in Belton. Belton much quieter but M. Coney had 2 sheep troughs stolen over the last couple of nights.

Street Lighting in Belton: Lights have been repaired and SKDC have confirmed that it is responsible for all lights in Belton.

CORRESPONDENCE

Gritting Routes 2012/13. Belton on the list but Cllr Wootten to have a word to give Belton more priority. Councillor Hopwell said that "Highways" had refused to put Belton on the gritting route because their lorries could only do the existing route on their one load of grit/salt. However their existing route included Syston which probably had less need for gritting than Belton. Councillor Hopwell said his proposal was that Syston/Belton should be gritted on alternate gritting runs. Cllr Wootten to take this up.

Planning Application No S12/2589 Automation of Existing Entrance Gates – Belton House. No objections.

that there had only been 4 replies, the Council decided to take no further action or to back any event financially.

Funding for broadband improvements was progressing, and Members were being kept advised by regular emails from OnLincolnshire.

The Council received the regular update on the finances so far for 2012/13 and, having considered them in detail, accepted them. The budget consideration was deferred to January 2013 to enable Members to give some thought to items they wished to put forward for consideration, and to enable the Clerk to investigate prices and obtain quotations if necessary. Appropriate amendments to the Financial Regulations were agreed. The Internal Audit Plan was also agreed.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 14th JANUARY 2013 at 7.45 pm at the VILLAGE HALL.

Malcolm Hall
Clerk to the Council

Friends of Barkston School

Donations box

The Friends of Barkston School has a collection box in St Nicholas Close Community Centre for unwanted gifts, old mobile phones and toner cartridges, which can be recycled in aid of FOBS funds

Apology

Sorry to all those people I've had to re-contact and to anyone whose e-mail has not been received. My computer's power supply failed just 72 hours before the copy deadline for this edition.

BCB

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West Street, Barkston between 10.00am - 10.30am followed by

The Old School House, Syston between 10.45am and 11.15am on

Tuesdays 29th January and 26th February.

Barkston and Syston Parish Council

The Parish Council met at the Village Hall on Monday 12th November 2012. All members of the Parish Council were present, together with County Councillor Ray Wootten and District Councillor Trevor Scott for part of the meeting. One member of the public attended.

The meeting commenced with the public forum. The member of the public raised awareness of the SKDC Wind Energy Supplementary Planning Document, mentioning for consideration later the effect on birds and other wildlife of the Frinkley Lane turbine, and the fact that it failed to turn at optimum speed most of the time. He reminded the meeting that the Carlton Scroop application had been refused, but that other applications were in the pipeline.

Many highways matters were discussed, and the Clerk was asked to refer them to the Area Surveyor for action. The situation regarding Bridleway No. 4 leading to Marston, was discussed. The County Council were only prepared to erect signs warning of the penalties for misuse, and the request for a meeting to discuss the issue of a permanent barrier was not agreed. The Clerk was to write to the Area Surveyor to pursue the request for a gate. The Area Surveyor had sent a plan showing the precise location of the central refuge in Barkston, which was discussed and agreed. It was noted that the works would not commence until June/July 2013, delayed from April to accommodate other works and the reactive speed signs.

The fly tipping on Minnetts Hill had been the subject of action by SKDC, and a prosecution was pending. It was agreed to continue to monitor the area. The visibility issue from St Nicholas Close onto Church Street had improved in that the overhanging vegetation had been cleared. The Area Surveyor was not able to authorise a mirror on the public highway.

The Area Surveyor had advised that 20mph limits could not be imposed in The Drift, Syston, although 30mph repeater signs could be installed. The Council asked the Clerk to repeat the request, pointing out the danger to children. Other matters raised included a request to continue the new path on Honington Road, which had been improved, but which stopped at the Bede Houses, pointing out the danger from water and mud on the unimproved stretch of path.

The Council considered the SKDC Supplementary Planning Document on Wind Energy and opposed the erection of more wind farms in principle, in view of their proven inefficiency. The Clerk was asked to produce a response based on the Council's previous objections to the turbines at Frinkley Lane and Carlton Scroop and circulate it for Members to consider.

The possible repeat of the Fun Day in 2013 was considered and, bearing in mind

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The problem of water not soaking away and flooding the road halfway between Belton House entrance and the river was again raised. The Clerk had written to Highways on this matter. Cllr Wootten to take up this matter.

Note. Since the meeting, Highways have written to say that they have investigated the drainage system in the area and are now preparing a re-build of the old drainage system to hopefully overcome the problem.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.00pm. The next meeting will be on February 14th, 2013 at 7.30pm.

Tony Hopwell

Barkston & Syston Village Hall

Diary Date

FRIDAY 1st March - Bingo evening in aid of Barkston Church

St. Nicholas Knitting Circle, Barkston

Many thanks to all who supported our Coffee Morning, at which we raised the splendid sum of £245 for Friends of Chernobyl Children. We knit for this charity, for the Salvation Army's work with the Homeless and for Premature Baby Units.

Our next Knitting Circle meetings will be on Monday 28th January and 25th February in the Community Centre, St. Nicholas Close, between 2pm & 4pm.

Joy Bristow (01400) 250339

County Council Representatives

Ray Wootten is County Councillor for Barkston, Belton and Syston Parishes.
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Chris Farrar is County Councillor for Honington Parish.
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Both will be happy to deal with any matters of concern.

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Date	Barkston	Belton	Honington	Syston
6 January Epiphany	11.00 MP	11.00 HC JC		9.30 MP
13 January The Baptism of Christ	11.00 HC SH			
20 January Epiphany 3				9.30 HC JC
27 January Epiphany 4	11.00 FS JB AS			
3 February Presentation of Christ	11.00 MP	11.00 HC JC		9.30 MP
10 February next before Lent	11.00 HC SH			
13 February Ash Wednesday				
17 February 1st of Lent				9.30 HC JC
24 February 2nd of Lent	11.00 FS JB AS			

HC - Holy Communion **FC** - Family Communion **FS** - Family Service
AL - Alan Littlewood **SH** - Stuart Hadley **LH** - Lilian Hall **JC** - John Cook
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	9.30 MP	9.30 HC JC		
9.30 HC SH	9.30 MP		9.30 MP	
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MP - Morning Prayer **EP** - Evening Prayer **CS** - Crib Service
RS - Remembrance Service
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