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IN TOUCH

NEW EDITOR REQUIRED FOR 'IN TOUCH'

By the time this edition of 'In Touch' is delivered Anne and I will be living in Buckinghamshire. Consequently, it will be impractical for us to continue editing the magazine.

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. If you would like to take on this most satisfying task please contact John Jackson, whose number is given below.

Bob Campbell-Barr

The Magazine of Barkston, Belton, Honington and Syston

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From the Rectory

My copy is due to the editor on 19 April, which my calendar informs me is the feast day of Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury. Alphege died a martyr's death in the year 1012, which is a reminder that not all holders of that office have met with a quiet retirement. It also acted as a reminder of the visit we made to the home of later archbishops at the Palace of Lambeth.

The red Tudor gatehouse, seen in most TV broadcasts, was built by Cardinal Morton in about 1490 while the most modern addition is the glazed roof courtyard known as the Atrium, opened by the Prince of Wales in 2000. This connects the main Palace buildings, which date from the time of Archbishop Howley (1833), to the 13th century chapel and crypt. The chapel ceiling was damaged by an incendiary bomb during World War II and has now been replaced with an artwork entitled 'From Darkness to Light'. A small room overlooking the chapel was used by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer and is thought to be the room where he compiled the first Book of Common Prayer.

One of the main rooms we visited was the Great Hall, which houses the Lambeth Palace Library and was restored following bomb damage during World War II. Part of the visit includes the extensive gardens of the palace, which have the distinction of being the oldest continuously cultivated gardens in the capital. As well as this chapel, prayer and worship is also offered in the Crypt Chapel below although it only came into use as such after the bomb damage referred to above. This is the oldest part of the building and today has a fresco of Christ in Glory given by Pope Paul VI to Archbishop Michael Ramsey in 1966.

The other public or state rooms we visited on the tour included the Guard Room in which the First Lambeth Conference was held, the Pink Drawing Room as well as the State Dining Room and State Drawing Room.

The archbishop has a private apartment, which is not a part of the tour though from the smell of burnt Welsh rarebit we hazarded a guess that Rowan was perhaps in residence!

Stuart Hadley

Barkston PCC

Gift Aid at Lincoln Cathedral

Lincoln Cathedral is now promoting a 'gift aid' scheme for UK taxpayers. If you gift aid your entrance fee (normal rates £6.00 adult or £4.75 concession), you will be given a free annual pass, as a 'thank you'. This pass allows free entry into the Cathedral for a whole year and includes ground, roof and tower tours when available.

Cora Townson, PCC Secretary

Friends of Barkston Church

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 the Church.

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

Judy West

Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be held in the Community Centre, St Nicholas Close, Barkston at 2.15pm on Wednesdays 15th May and 12th June. Everyone is welcome.

Joy Bristow

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 9th May and 13th June

Barbara Hancock

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Adults' or Children's Clothing

Sheets

Blankets

Curtains

Soft toys

Shoes

Belts

Handbags

Place any of these items into a bin liner and bring them to the school, either in the evening before the collection or before 9.00am on 17th May.

As always we appreciate your support.

Indulgence Evening

Tickets the Indulgence Evening on 26th April are just £3.50 and are on sale at the school or by phoning Carol Reah (number below).

There are a minor changes from the notice in the last edition of 'In Touch'. The medium and angel cards lady will no longer be attending but the place will be taken by the Body Shop, which will help compensate for closure of the former outlet in the George Centre.

Many thanks for your help and supporting the school

Carol Reah (01400) 250618

Syston Open Gardens

Syston PCC is organising an 'Open Gardens' day on 14th July. Anyone willing to open their garden to help raise funds for the church should contact Joan Wilkie on (01400) 250529 by 31st May.

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

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by Friday, 21st June, please.

Becoming a full member of the Church of England

For those who are interested in becoming full members of the Church of England there will be preparation sessions, starting after Easter, which will examine what Christians believe and what it means to be a member of the Anglican Communion.

Sessions are open to young people over the age of 12 and to adults. At the end there is a service of confirmation, where the Bishop lays his hands upon your head and prays for you. As a full member of the church you are then able to receive Holy Communion and are eligible to be on the Church Council.

The Deanery Confirmation Service will be on Thursday 20th June at 7.30pm at one of the churches within the Deanery.

If you are interested, please contact Revd Canon Valerie Rampton on 01636 626665 or valerie.rampton@waitrose.com or at 'Tansy Cottage', Hillside, Beckingham, Lincoln LN5 0RQ, as soon as possible.

Stuart Hadley

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

Saturday 24th August. If you have any suggestions for the classes please put a note through my door - Hambleton Farm, Syston - or tell a committee member.

Vicki Strawson

St. Nicholas Knitting Circle, Barkston (we knit for Friends of Chernobyl's Children)

Our next Knitting Circle meetings will be on Monday 20th May and 24th June in the Community Centre, St. Nicholas Close, between 2.00pm and 4.00pm.

We also invite you to join us at our COFFEE MORNING, at 10.00am on WEDNESDAY 19th June, in aid of Friends of Chernobyl's Children (Vale of Belvoir Branch), which brings a group of very poor children from Belarus to Grantham each year. The funds raised go towards the cost of air fares and therapeutic treatment and also for clothing for the children while they are here.

There will be a raffle, chocolate tombola, cakes, books and craft items for sale. We look forward to seeing you

Joy Bristow (01400 250339) and friends

The Council acknowledged with thanks the work put in by Messrs A West and P Wheeler in litter picking and general tidying in the villages.

The Council agreed to review the Burial Ground charges at the next meeting.

Further consideration was given to the proposed presentation by "Lives" and it was agreed that this be held at the end of May/beginning of June. **(NOTE – SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED THAT THE PRESENTATION WOULD BE HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 30TH MAY AT 7PM).**

Further consideration was given to quotations for mowing for 2013, and it was agreed to accept the quotation from Veolia, the current contractors. The War Memorials Trust had acknowledged the Council's application for a grant but no final decision had been made, in view of pressure of other applications.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 13th MAY 2013 at 7.45 pm at the VILLAGE HALL.

Malcolm Hall
Clerk to the Council

St. Peter & St Paul, Belton

On the 25th March Belton PCC hosted a Church Tea for Anne Burkle and Bob Campbell-Barr, who have since moved to Buckinghamshire. We thank Anne for her work as Churchwarden and Bob for all his contributions to the life of the church in Belton. Anne and Bob were presented with an Olive Tree.

We wish them well in their new home. We will miss them.

Julie Coney

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Tuesdays 21st May and 18th June.

Please use your local mobile library service or we may lose it altogether!

Barkston and Syston Parish Council

The Parish Council met at the Village Hall on Monday 11th March 2013. Eight members of the Parish Council were present, together with County Councillor Ray Wootten and District Councillor Trevor Scott for part of the meeting. Seven members of the public also attended.

The meeting commenced with a public forum. Mrs Kerry Walmsley of the SKDC Conservation Team attended to explain the proposals for extensions to the Barkston Conservation Area and to answer questions from members of the public. The existing area had been designated in 2001 and the District Council had a statutory duty to review all such areas.

There were three proposed extensions – a large area around The Grange and The Granary, a smaller area to the north of Pear Tree Farm and an area on Honington Road from the Bede Houses to the junction with the A607, including the Burial Ground. Residents made many points in relation to the proposals, and these comments and SKDC responses can be read in the full minutes (available on the Parish Council website).

The Parish Council considered the proposal later in the meeting and resolved to support the objections put forward by residents and oppose the extension of the Conservation Area as proposed for the areas around The Grange and The Granary and the area to the north of Pear Tree Farm, but to raise no objection to the eastern extension off Honington Road, subject to the exclusion of Safari Lodge, as agreed by Mrs Walmsley.

Many highways matters were discussed, and the Clerk was asked to refer them to the Area Surveyor for action. The road to Barkston Gorse was to be repaired with the largest depressions filled. The situation regarding Bridleway No. 4 leading to Marston was again discussed. The Clerk was requested to refer the continued illegal use by 4WD vehicles/motorbikes to the Area Surveyor with a request that the previously suggested gate be installed – despite earlier refusals. Concern was expressed about the poor state of the path in front of the Bede Houses at Barkston, which was continually flooded in wet weather and presented a danger to pedestrians. Local residents had also complained and the Clerk was asked to again refer the matter to the Area Surveyor.

The Clerk was asked to continue to press for action to slow traffic in The Drift, Syston. Other matters raised included damage to verges in Syston and West Street, Barkston; erosion of the bank on the corner of Church Street, Barkston by the War Memorial (parent parking); new footpath across the corner of the A607/Honington Road junction and investigations into a possible bus shelter on Church Street, Barkston.

Barkston & Syston Village Hall

Diary Dates

THURSDAY 30th May at 7.00pm - 'LIVES' first responders presentation by Steve Hyde. All who would be interested in this project, which could benefit Barkston, Syston, Belton and Honington, are invited to attend.

TUESDAY 4th June at 7.30pm - Village Hall Annual General Meeting. This is an open meeting and everybody is welcome to attend. Please make an effort to support the village hall.

There will be vacancies for a caretaker and bookings secretary. Anyone interested should contact a committee member.

Tom Baker

Prayer and Praise

Prayer and Praise at the home of Joy Bristow, 38 West Street, Barkston, (01400 250339) will be held on Mondays 13th & 20th May and 3rd & 17th June at 4.00pm.

Jerusalem and Middle East Church Association

Thank you to those who contributed to Stuart's roving Lent Collection on behalf of the Jerusalem and Middle East Church Association.

Aided and abetted by friends at Foston, Claypole, Dry Doddington, Stubton and Westborough we raised £55.60 from the sale of Prayer Book Society erasers and Thornton's chocolates.

To those worried by the suggestion we ate chocolates in Lent, do remember the Sundays don 't count in arriving at 40 days!

Stuart Hadley

Dog Fouling

Barkston and Syston Parish Council have received reports that dog fouling in Church Street, Barkston, particularly in the area from the War Memorial towards The Stag, is on the increase. Dog owners are strongly urged to clean up after their pets and to take the waste home or use the dedicated bin outside the Burial Ground.

Malcolm Hall

Clerk to Barkston and Syston Parish Council

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Forthcoming nuptials

The Revd Lesley Harding, former house-for-duty priest in the Barkston and Hough group, now priest-in-charge, St Barnabas, Hattersley, is to marry Pete Atkins, a licensed lay minister, on 20th July.