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From the Rectory

In the first three centuries, the period of fasting before Easter did not last more than two or three days. The first mention of a period of forty days dates from AD 325 and did not become universal for many more years. During the early centuries the observance of the fast was rigid: only one meal a day was allowed and meat and fish were forbidden. Lent was also observed as a time of penance by abstention from festivities, by almsgiving, and by devoting more time than usual to religious exercises. (Paraphrasing 'The Concise Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church').

Though many may still aspire to 'give something up for Lent', it seems that far fewer Christians today take Lent seriously. Unless we give time to self-examination, to recognising our need of repentance, forgiveness and the healing power of the Holy Spirit, we become vulnerable to complacency and self-righteousness. We can end up working for the kind of Church we want, instead of asking, 'What kind of Church does God want us to be?' The gospel according to St Matthew ends with Jesus saying, 'Go and make disciples of all peoples.' What sort of Church is needed to make disciples of Jesus today?

How will you observe Lent this year?

With every blessing,

Revd Alan

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Barkston and Syston Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Monday 9th January. All members of the Parish Council were present, together with District Councillor Trevor Scott and County Councillor Ray Wootten for part of the meeting. One member of the public attended.

The meeting commenced with the public forum. Two matters were raised, firstly in relation to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and the availability of commemorative trees from the Royal Estate. The Clerk was asked to look into this and report to the Council at the next meeting. The second matter raised was in relation to litter on Station Road. A local resident (David Smith) offered to collect the litter on a regular basis if arrangements could be made to dispose of it, and the Clerk undertook to raise the matter with SKDC.

Many highways matters were discussed. The Clerk advised that the "conservation" street light issue raised at the last meeting had been looked at, and the lights could be provided but the cost would have to be met by the Parish Council, as would the cost of ongoing maintenance. After some discussion it was agreed to take no action. Various small highway maintenance issues were raised, and the Clerk was asked to take these up with the Area Surveyor.

The street name plates for Station Road/Sand Lane had now been installed. The application for double yellow lines on Church Street, Barkston, had been submitted to the Parish Council's specification, although there was no further information at present. Councillor Wootten advised that the County Council were looking at the A607 pedestrian crossing again.

The Parish Council had opposed the proposed development at the rear of Holmleigh, Honington Road, Barkston, and the Chairman, Councillor Maryan Nussey, was delegated to speak for the Parish Council when the application was considered by the Development Control Committee.

The Clerk reported that a small number of people had contacted him in relation to the meeting about Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 2012, which was to be held on 13th January. The Council agreed that the £1,000 allocated from the precept would stay under Parish Council control.

The trees for the Burial Ground had been received and planted by a team of Councillors Jackson, Rowell and Card and Mr Peter Wheeler. The Council expressed thanks for the efforts of those concerned. A grant had been received from the County Council. The Clerk was asked to enquire if the District Council would be able to supply a black and green bin for the Burial

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2012 is St. Barnabas's 30th year and Events Fundraiser, Andy Deighton, is embarking on a tour of thirty of South Kesteven's town & village halls to raise both awareness and funds for St. Barnabas Lincolnshire Hospice. To this end, St. Barnabas has teamed up with Lincolnshire Sports Partnership to create a Lincolnshire League of New Age Kurling (NAK) enthusiasts. There are already 20 teams across the county and it's played in South Witham and Ponton on a weekly basis.

On Friday 30th March, between 10am and noon, Andy will be bringing along the NAK kit to the village hall so you can find out for yourself how easy it is and how much enjoyment you can get from it, regardless of your age, fitness or mobility. He'll also be challenging you to have a go at getting the highest score and becoming the 'St. Barnabas Roadshow NAK Champion'.

Andy will supply the tea & coffee along with the NAK Challenge. There will be prizes for high score on the day & overall 'Roadshow'.

Please bring any cakes/biscuits you may want to share/raffle. All raffle prizes and donations will be greatly welcomed. Also, if you have any clothes, books, cd's, dvd's or bric-a-brac surplus to requirements Andy will be happy to deliver to the St Barnabas's Bourne shop to save you a journey.

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County Council Representatives

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Both will be happy to deal with any matters of concern.

Ground, to improve current methods of disposal of refuse.

The Council received the usual update on the finances as at the present time, and the "best guess" figures for the end of the financial year, together with a report on suggested amendments to the budget for 2012/13. Councillor Jackson advised that the bid to WREN for funding for improvements to the children's corner at the Playing Field had been unsuccessful. Although some funding had been received from other sources, it was not enough to carry out the project. Accordingly, funds earmarked from the Parish Council and the Charity Account were now available, and he suggested that amendments to the budget could be considered. The £1,000 for the Jubilee celebrations could come from the Charity Account instead of the General Fund, reducing the precept by £1,000. A further £1,000 from the Charity Fund was earmarked for the Village Hall Committee, towards repairs to the roof, and a further allocation of £91 from the General Fund would mean that the precept from the Parish would be at last year's level, £7825, i.e. no increase.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 12th MARCH 2012 at 7.45 pm at the VILLAGE HALL.

Malcolm Hall, Clerk to the Council

Message of Thanks from Tony Carlton

Thank you all for the love and support when Hilda Irene Carlton 'let go' on 9th January and when we held her service at St. Nicholas' Church on 20th January.

The Bell was rung – thank you Alan; the church was beautiful – thank you friends. The service was homely, the congregation was full and even those who were not able to attend – their presence was felt. Donations to the Alzheimers Association and to St. Barnabas Hospice raised almost £200 for each cause, with further gifts to Barkston Village Hall and the Salvation Army.

In my short address I mentioned a few items of time in Mum's life yet I know that Mum and Dad aided many local people and they always held people with respect and loyalty. They both also supported many through their own dying times.

This is a memorial where I could mention many things like gardening, cleaning, chimney sweeping, churchyards and cemeteries and Syston School. Mum bicycling back in the morning before I set off for school. Time, sitting with the clock ticking, the shock of the Hospital's truth, Mum's brave heart. Mum and Dad were both so strong and had such conviction. A cold would never touch them, they had to have illnesses of such severity to allow them their time to rest. Thus ends 57 years of life in Barkston.

Tony Carlton, Lydney, Glos.

Barkston & Syston Village Hall

FRIDAY 30th March between 10.00am and noon. Tea and coffee 'roadshow' in aid of St Barnabas Hospice with an introduction to NAK (New Age Kurling).

All are welcome.

FRIDAY 20th April at 5.00pm. Rummage sale in aid of roof funds.

Admission free.

The hall will be open from 9.00am on the 20th April for any unwanted items.

Tom Baker

Friends of Barkston School

Community centre box

Don't forget the Friends Of Barkston School has a box in the community centre in St Nicholas Close for donations of raffle prizes, unwanted gifts we might be able to make use of, plus old mobile phones and toner ink cartridges that we can recycle in aid of FOBS funds. You can also drop off any supermarket school vouchers that you might have collected. As always, your support is very much appreciated!

Victoria Phillips

St. Nicholas Knitting Circle, Barkston

(We knit for Feed the Children, Knitting Saves Lives Appeal)

The next Knitting Circle meetings will be on Monday 26th March and Monday 23rd April in the Community Centre, St. Nicholas Close, between 2pm & 4pm.

Joy Bristow 01400 250339

Friends of Barkston Church

There will be a special Songs of Praise, Afternoon Tea and a photograph by the War Memorial on Jubilee Sunday, 3rd June.

Details in the next issue of 'In Touch'.

Please reserve this date.

Margaret Elnor

Belton could not be added to the gritting route at this time, the road was indeed gritted last Sunday after the latest snowfall. The village was grateful to Highways for the service.

4. Cllr Hopwell also advised that the crime level in Belton had increased from an average of 3.5 incidents p.a, to 19 incidents in 2011, including metal thefts (68% of incidents). This was a 543% increase overall. Manthorpe also reported lead thefts. Cllr Wootten to take these concerns to the next policing meeting.

The next meeting will be held on 17th May 2012. This will also include the Annual Council Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting. Therefore, it was decided to start at 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.45pm.

Tony Hopwell

Fly tipping

Belton Parish Councillors will be pleased to hear from anyone having information regarding building rubble tipped on the footpath at the eastern approach to the village.

Mobile Library Service

St Nicholas Close, Barkston

Monday 12th March between 11.30am - 12.30pm .

N.B. There will be no service on 9th April as this is Easter Monday.

The Leas, Barkston

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

Tuesdays 27th March and 24th April.

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

**Items for inclusion in the next issue of 'In Touch' to Anne & Bob
Telephone 01476 562154 or e-mail intouchbelton@btinternet.com**

by Monday, 23rd April, please.

Belton and Manthorpe Parish Council

The Parish Council met at Manthorpe Village Hall, on Thursday 16th February 2012. Five Councillors were present plus District Councillor Ray Wootten.

Matters pertaining to Belton were as follows:-

Belton Old School – Village Hall: No further progress. The National Trust is expected to submit their planning application for building change of use within the next few months.

Larkfleet Homes - 1000 Houses at Manthorpe. The secretary of State is due to give his decision on this proposed development on 19th March.

The Queen’s Jubilee Celebration. The Parochial Church Council is organising a Jubilee Tea at Belton Cottage at 3pm on Monday 4th June. It was also suggested that the Parish Council should perhaps make a contribution to the Belton and Manthorpe celebrations.

Planning Permission - has been granted for the the National Trust’s installation of an electrical substation housing including associated trenching works.

Correspondence - Community Lincs - Bulk Oil Buying and Broadband Services – Cllr Hopwell will look at.

Any Other Business

1.Cllr Thompson reported that villagers in Belton were complaining of road surface noise from the A607 Belton bypass and enquired if it was due to be resurfaced and, if so, could a ‘quiet’ material be used. Cllr Wootten to investigate. Subsequent to the meeting Cllr Wootten contacted LCC Highways who advised “that the A607 at Belton had been examined recently and established that this section of the road would not need any work for another 20 years.”

Cllr Hopwell said that in his experience the roads in Lincolnshire gave more tyre noise than most roads in the rest of the country. The A607 through Manthorpe was due to be resurfaced shortly. This would be a full resurfacing, not just a top dressing with chippings. LCC Highways seemed to use a coarse aggregate in the tarmac which resulted in more tyre noise than a smooth tarmac surface. This was possibly for long surface life.

2. The NHS Consultation on Becoming a Community Foundation Health Trust which was sent to Parish Councillors to give their opinions on was discussed. Most thought they did not know enough about it to offer comments as a Parish Council but that it was more a personal thing and people should respond personally. Cllr Hopwell said he would take a further look at it.

3. Cllr Hopwell reported that despite being advised by LCC Highways that

St Nicholas Church Barkston

FRIDAY 2nd March at 7.30pm Women's World Day of Prayer Service . The theme is ‘Justice for All’ and this year’s service has been put together by the Women of Malaysia. Everyone is welcome (men included).

Revd. Lilian Hall

Prayer and Praise

Prayer and Praise at the home of Joy Bristow, 38 West Street, Barkston, (01400 250339) at 4.00pm on each Monday in March and on 2nd and 16th April

Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be held in the Community Centre, St Nicholas Close, Barkston at 2.15pm on the second Wednesday of each month.

Dates are as follows:- 14th March and 11th April .

Everyone is welcome.

From the Registers

Baptism

22nd January - Jayden Junior Conway [Honington]

Wedding

7th January - Simon Morton and Lisa Grafton [Syston]

Funerals

20th January - Hilda Irene Carlton [Barkston]

17th February - Michael Frederick Darnell [Barkston]

Thanksgiving for 25 Years of Marriage

19th February - Martin & Teena Swaby [Hough on the Hill]

Belton P C C

A Jubilee tea is being planned for Belton villagers on Monday, 4th June at 3pm, to be held in the garden of Belton Cottage.

Final details in the next issue of ‘In Touch’.

Anne Burkle

BARKSTON AND HOUGH GROUP OF PARISHES				
Date	Barkston	Belton	Honington	Syston
4 March Lent 2	11.00 MP RW	11.00 HC JC		
11 March Lent 3	11.00 HC AL JB			9.30 HC SH
18 March Mothering Sunday	11.00 HC SH			
25 March Lent 5	11.00 FS JB LH			9.30 HC JC
1 April Palm Sunday	11.00 MP RW	11.00 HC JC		
5 April Maundy Thursday	7.30 HC SH			
6 April Good Friday	Noon-3pm Quiet Prayer			
8 April Easter Day	11.00 HC AL JB	11.00 HC JC		9.30 HC JC
15 April Easter 2	11.00 HC SH			
22 April Easter 3	11.00 FS JB LH			
29 April	At Honington	At Honington	9.30 HC (RoS) SH	At Honington

HC - Holy Communion **FC** - Family Communion **FS** - Family Service
AL - Alan Littlewood **SH** - Stuart Hadley **LH** - Lilian Hall **JC** - John Cook
JB – Joy Bristow **PC** - Peter Coombs **DF** - Di Fairhead **RF** - Dick Fairhead
SM - Sheila Mitchell **JR** - Jean Rogerson **AS** - Angela Sims **RW** - Bob Wall
Organists: **(RH)** - Richard Hyley **(RoS)** - Roger Sadler **(RS)** - Richard Shireby

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10.00 FS AS	9.30 MP JR/JL		9.30 HC SH	
9.30 HC SH	9.30 MP RW	5 p.m. EP LH		
	8.00 HC (Said) LH		9.30 HC LH	
	7.30pm GFS SH			
	11.00 HC SH	9.30 HC SH		
10.00 FS AS	9.30 HC JC		9.30 HC LH	
9.30 HC SH	9.30 FS RW	5 p.m. EP AL		
At Honington	At Honington	At Honington	At Honington	Group Holy Communion

MP - Morning Prayer **EP** - Evening Prayer **GFS** - Good Friday Service
CS - Crib Service **RS** - Remembrance Service
BG - Betty Groves **BH** - Barbara Hancock **JL** - John Lord **BL** - Ben Lyte
MT - Ministry Team
(BW) - Brian West