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From the Rectory


A bible text for the Olympics (Hebrews ch12 v1):

‘Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and **let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us...**’

Here is a sporting metaphor for how to live life. Since the race is marked out for us and perseverance is called for, it is clearly not a quick sprint, but a marathon or cross-country event.

If you’ve ever set yourself the challenge of running for any great distance, you’ll know there may come a point where you’re tempted to stop and walk for a while. ‘Do I really need to run all the way? Haven’t I done enough? Who will ever know? What’s the point of keeping going?’ Perseverance is much more than a physical thing – it is as much to do with mental, emotional, and spiritual stamina and willpower.

What will keep us going? For Olympic Marathon runners it is finishing the race, the cheers of the crowd, perhaps the hope of a medal. For Christians the resurrection of Jesus makes our hope certain. Jesus who ‘endured’ the cross for the joy in front of him is our role model. ‘Lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely. Carrying extra weight doesn’t help – how do people run the London Marathon in those whacky costumes? The race we run as Christians is not about drawing attention to ourselves, it’s about keeping on track and maintaining the momentum. Perhaps that’s why Jesus told the young, rich ruler to divest himself of all his possessions by giving them to the poor? There’s nothing necessarily wrong with the latest gadgets and wanting to look good in fashionable clothes, but what if they distract us from giving and living for Christ? Maybe, as we watch the sleek bodies and minimalist dress of the athletes, it can challenge us about the quality of our dedication.



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The problem with extra weight is that it has become 'the sin that clings so closely.' Sin, although it is draining and detrimental, has become so much part of us that we don't notice it – until we're under pressure. It certainly doesn't assist us in the race of life. Sometimes it's really helpful to come before God and ask him the truth about our sinful selves. It can strengthen our resolve to get rid of the flab and get on with the running.

But who would know if I stopped and walked? It's my choice. Yes, but God has marked out the race and called us into his squad. And we have a huge set of supporters – the martyrs, the Christian philanthropists, pioneer missionaries... the great cloud of witnesses. When we are struggling, then we need to be aware of that great cloud for inspiration – just as athletes can be lifted by the encouragement of a home crowd. Every athlete whose eyes lock-on to the eyes of their coach – the one who has trained with them, shared their struggles, laughed with them, walked with them - feels an extra surge of power. So we run, 'looking to Jesus'! Jesus is no stained-glass image - he's alive and on the road with us.

This Olympic Games - London 2012, let's keep on running our race, whatever team GB do.

With every blessing,
Revd Alan

St Nicholas Church Barkston

Services of Wholeness and Healing for the whole of the Loveden Deanery will be held on the first Thursday of each month at St Nicholas Church, Barkston at 7.30pm. These will be quiet, reflective services of prayer, singing and silence when there will be opportunity for those who wish to receive the ministry of the laying on of hands.

You are warmly invited to come to pray for yourself, for others or for any situation about which you are concerned. Each service will begin at 7.30pm, after which refreshments will be served and there will be an opportunity to speak to a qualified person.

Dates for future services are 5th July and 2nd August.

Barbara Hancock

Friends of Barkston Church

Diary Date

Friday 21st September Quiz in the Village Hall

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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.

Items for inclusion in the next issue of 'In Touch' to Anne & Bob
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by Sunday, 26th August, please.

Barkston and Syston Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting for the Parishes of Barkston and Syston was held on Monday 14th May in the Village Hall. No matters were raised, and this meeting was then followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. 8 members of the Parish Council were present, together with District Councillor Trevor Scott and County Councillor Ray Wootten for part of the meeting. Two members of the public attended.

The meeting commenced with the public forum, during which a matter was raised in connection with the scoping request for the proposed erection of 5 400 foot high wind turbines at Brandon. Although it was accepted that there would be little or no visual impact on Barkston or Syston, the member of the public asked the Parish Council to consider supporting those nearer parishes which would be more affected.

Councillor Maryan Nussey was re-elected Chairman of the Council, and Councillor Alan Card was re-elected Vice-Chairman.

Many highways matters were discussed, and the Clerk was asked to refer them to the Area Surveyor for action – in particular bad drainage in various locations following the recent heavy rain. The footpath from The Drift to Main Street, Syston was in need of cutting, and grass and weeds are growing through the surface. The grass on the triangles at each end of Syston was also considered to be in need of more regular cutting.

The Clerk updated the Council on consultations on planning applications, and on results. The Parish Council considered the matter raised during the public forum in relation to wind turbines, and confirmed its opposition in principle, although noting that the planning application had not yet been received. The Clerk was asked to register this support with the newly formed Committee, and request to be kept advised.

A quotation had been received for the supply of two replacement seats with commemorative plaques, which the Council considered and accepted. Fixing would be done by local volunteer labour.

The Clerk updated the Council on meetings of the Diamond Jubilee Committee, and on the current format of the celebrations.

The Clerk said that the black and green bins for the Burial Ground had been received and were in use, although there was some misuse – i.e. non-green waste in the green bin. All users are asked to be careful to put the correct waste in the correct bin. He said that the Burial Ground plan had been

checked again and there was consecrated space available on half of the unused southern section.

The Council considered a request for the provision of a defibrillator in the area, and Councillor Bernard Noyes gave background information on the benefits of this scheme and the costs. The Council asked the Clerk to check on any scheme of a similar nature run by "LIVES" and to report to the next meeting.

The Council considered a request for action to be taken to speed up broadband in the area, and for members to be advised of the appropriate contact so that they could request action. Community Lincs is supporting a wide-based lobby for improvements, and the Clerk was asked to check this and report to the next meeting.

The Council received an update on the finances as at the end of the financial year 2011/12 and the position so far for 2012/13 and, having considered them in detail, accepted them and also agreed the statement of assurance required for the audit. The Clerk reported that grants were available for the maintenance of War Memorials, from the War Memorials Trust. A letter had been received from the County Council advising the amount of grant to be paid for verge grass cutting, which the Clerk was asked to check, as it was significantly different to the amount currently paid.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 9TH JULY 2012 at 7.45 pm at the VILLAGE HALL.

Malcolm Hall
Clerk to the Council

Barkston & Syston Village Hall

Diary dates

Monday 3rd September 7.30pm - Village Hall committee meeting.

Saturday 6th October - Harvest Supper

Sunday 18th November - Christmas Fair, details from B Mezzo (01400) 231044

Tom Baker

Lost and Found

A gentleman's black umbrella was left behind in Syston Church on 26th April after the memorial service for Mrs Audrey Ryan. Would the owner please contact Maryan Nussey (01400) 250372.

Any Other Business

Cllr Thompson reported that the refurbished path going out of Belton village is not yet finished and there is a huge hole in the old section at the Village end. Although the path work was excellent so far and the Council had said they would complete sections as funding became available in each financial year, the path needs to be finished up to No.9 Main Street. Cllr. Wootten to report to Highways.

The meeting dates for next year are – August 9th, November 22nd, February 14th 2013 and May 16th 2013. Meetings to commence at 7.30pm apart from the AGM meeting in May which will start at 7.00pm.

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

Tony Hopwell

Belton Village Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

The Jubilee celebrations began in Belton on Sunday 3rd June with a special service of Holy Communion in St Peter & St Paul's Church led by the Revd. John Cook.

On Jubilee Monday, 4th June, more than fifty people enjoyed a lavish Jubilee Tea in the garden of Belton Cottage, the home of Mrs Jenny Gardiner, concluding with a rendition of the National Anthem and a champagne toast to Her Majesty the Queen.

Afterwards a small Produce Stall in aid of the Village Amenity Fund raised £41.40.

Anne Burkle

Barkston Church PCC

We would like to express our thanks to all those folks who helped make the Jubilee celebrations such a success. St. Nicholas' church looked wonderful decked out in Red, White and Blue flowers, the cakes and refreshments were superb and the archive exhibition proved very popular. Many thanks to everyone who contributed.

Cora Townson
PCC Secretary

Macular eye disease

For free help or advice contact, phone Bernard Noyes 01400 250 359.

Belton and Manthorpe Parish Council

The Parish Council met at Manthorpe Village Hall on Thursday 17th May 2012. Six Councillors and two members of the public were present plus District Councillor Ray Wootten.

Matters pertaining to Belton were as follows:-

Belton Old School – Village Hall: No further progress at the moment. The National Trust had been totally occupied with the changes to the “Ride” and the Carriage hall at the shop at Belton House.

Larkfleet Homes. - 1000 Houses at Manthorpe. The secretary of State has rejected the planning application. All local bodies applauded this decision. A further appeal is thought unlikely.

The Queen’s Jubilee Celebration. The Parish Council agreed to make a donation of circa £100 each to Belton and Manthorpe, to go towards the festivities and jubilee mugs for the local children.

Community Lincs - Bulk Oil Buying Scheme Cllr. Hopwell had investigated and reported that there were several schemes of this nature available which required a joining fee of £20. Chandlers were operating a free scheme in the local area which seemed very competitive and there was thus no point in paying for a scheme.

NHS Consultation Community Health Trust. Cllrs. Hopwell and Thompson had attended the Sleaford consultation meeting. Cllr. Hopwell said the changes seemed a good thing, in changing to a bottom up patient driven organisation. The Trust would be driven by patient committees but would rely on the doctors. Theoretically it looked a good thing but could give difficulties in practice.

Crime Levels in Belton. Cllr. Hopwell reported that incidents in the village had decreased however Cllr. Coney said that there had been six burglaries in Belton garden centre in the last two weeks.

Road Surface Noise A607 at Belton Although Highways had advised that no work would be needed for 20 years Ray Wootten said that any new surface would be noisier due to cheaper materials being used. On the stretch from Chandlers to Witham Bridge there is a dip in the surface and Cllr. Wootten would speak to Highways and let the Council know who to report to.

Cllr. Hopwell said he had studied the road surface and there were signs of crazing and breaking up. He found it difficult to believe it would last the 20 years stated.

Barkston & Syston Cricket Club

Can **you** help our Junior Section?

Barkston & Syston CC Junior Section was set up 10 years ago, to provide opportunities for youngsters of all abilities to enjoy playing cricket and develop their cricketing skills. We have grown steadily from a handful of U11 players, competing in a local softball competition, to a thriving group of over 80, with ages ranging from 8-15.

In 2010 we were awarded ECB ClubMark status, which formally recognised the quality of our junior setup. Our teams at U11, U13 and U15 age groups compete in the Lincolnshire Youth Cricket League. The U15 squad won the league’s Fair Play Trophy two years in succession. We also have an U13 girls’ team which reached the final of the County Cup in their very first season!

Those currently involved in running our junior section have found it great fun and very rewarding; however, in order to maintain and indeed improve on what we do, we now urgently need more help. In particular we need;

- Organisers for our end-of-season Junior Presentation Evening.
- People to help organise/manage (but not necessarily coach) our junior teams.
- People to train to become junior coaches.
- Child Welfare Officers for each age group.
- Help with refreshments at junior matches.
- Help preparing pitches for training and games.
- Help to keep our kit store organised.
- Help organising ordering of kit & equipment.
- Funding will be available from our club for you to go on training courses for coaches & Child Welfare Officers.

So, if you are as enthusiastic about junior cricket as we are and can spare just a few hours each week over the summer months, we would love to hear from you. Whatever your talents are, we can find a role for you, and you can make a real difference by becoming involved in your local cricket club.

For further details and an informal chat, please contact Graeme Reynolds (07980 608410) or Nigel Parker (07947 754361).

Graeme Reynolds

Barkston and Syston Diamond Jubilee Events Report

The weekend of 2nd to 4th June saw local residents enjoy many and varied celebrations to mark Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Events started on Saturday 2nd June with a celebration tea for local Senior Citizens in Barkston and Syston Village Hall. Over 80 people enjoyed sandwiches, cake and many other eatables, with of course tea and a celebration tot of sherry to toast Her Majesty. There were videos of events in 1952 to interest those attending, and a series of photographs of local events from the past which brought forward many memories. The organisers of the event had worked very hard, and thanks to them for all the effort.

Sunday 3rd June saw a Songs of Praise event in St Nicholas Church, Barkston, where much effort had been expended in decorating the Church in red, white and blue flowers. The Church was full, and those attending sang many of the most popular hymns, led by Joy Bristow. Memorabilia of local village events from the past attracted considerable interest, as did the tea and cake after the service. A planned photograph outside was moved inside due to the weather. Many thanks to the service and flower arrangers.

The Fun Day on Monday 4th June was in danger from the overnight rain, but thankfully the rain stopped in the early hours and Monday dawned clear and dry! Barkston and Syston Playing Field was the scene for an afternoon of fun and games, enjoyed by a big crowd, with the main event being a cricket league, organised by Graeme Reynolds and Nigel Parker. The final of this saw Modds Messi Marauders beat Reynolds Raiders. Thanks to the organisers for the considerable effort put into this event. Other events included Welly Wanging, Name the Teddy, Bottle Bonanza, Throwing wet sponges at Guides, a Bouncy Castle, Guess the weight of the cake, raffle and Treasure Map. There was a bar, music and displays of classic cars and bikes and a display by Pegasus Motor Cycle Club.

The Parish Council had funded commemorative mugs or medals for children from Barkston and Syston under 16, and these were presented by Bernard Walker, Barkston's oldest resident.

Funds raised so far total nearly £550, and this will go towards repairs to the Village Hall roof. A final accounting of money from individual games etc., will be posted on the Parish Council notice boards in due course.

The day concluded with the lighting of the bonfire beacon at Heath Farm, courtesy of Tony Scarborough, which was witnessed by a good crowd of nearly 100 from the Playing Field. Thanks should be recorded to Mr Scarborough for making the land available, collecting fuel for the fire and lastly for lighting it on

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Diamond Jubilee Thanks

Our sincere thanks and congratulations go to all the wonderful people involved with organising and helping with the Diamond Jubilee celebrations for Barkston and Syston.

The Over 60's tea in the Village Hall, the Songs of Praise service in Barkston Church and the Fun Day on the playing field were greatly enjoyed. These, linked with the television coverage of the spectacular events nationwide, made for an amazing weekend.

Between us we have lived in Syston for over 144 years (81 and 64 respectively!) and have participated in some great village celebrations but this Jubilee weekend 'topped the lot'.

Many thanks to everyone.

George and June West, Syston.

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

The Show is on Saturday 1st September. Schedules for this year's Show can be collected from the Green (opposite the Stag), The Garage, Village Hall, Community Centre, all 5 Churches and Committee members. We are also looking for 2 or 3 people to help in the afternoon (between 12noon and 2.30pm) when the judging is taking place. If you would like to volunteer please phone Vicki Strawson (Secretary) on (01400) 250057.

Vicki Strawson

Friends of Barkston School

Summer Fete Reminder

Barkston and Syston School's summer fete takes place on **Saturday, June 30** between **noon and 3.00pm**. We hope to see you there!

Attractions this year include our very popular bar and barbecue, bouncy castle, cakes and teas, traditional village games, tombola, giant raffle, children's games and lots to buy. We will also have performances from the school band.

Admission is free and all funds raised go to the Friends of Barkston School.

Donations box

Thank-you very much to everyone who has left items in our donations box in the St Nicholas Centre. Your raffle prizes and school vouchers are always very useful to us. Don't forget you can also drop off old ink toner cartridges and mobile phones (minus the SIM card) which we can recycle for money in aid of FOBS.

Race Night

Thanks to everyone who supported our school Race Night. The evening was a resounding success and enjoyed by all, with in excess of £800 raised for FOBS' funds. We are very grateful to everyone who came along or sponsored a race for us.

Victoria Phillips

St. Nicholas Knitting Circle, Barkston

We knit for Global Hearts for Children (formerly Feed the Children)

Our next Knitting Circle meetings will be on 23rd July and 20th August in the Community Centre, St. Nicholas Close, between 2.00pm and 4.00pm.

There will be a Coffee Morning to raise funds towards the expensive costs of transport to Africa on **Friday, 6 July at 10.00am in the Community Centre**. This will also include a sale of cakes, preserves, books etc.

Joy Bristow (01400) 250339

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is held in the Community Centre, St Nicholas Close, Barkston on 11th July and 12th August

Everyone is welcome.

Joy Bristow

time!

On behalf of the Committee can I thank all those local residents who gave up their time to attend planning meetings over the weeks and months prior to the Jubilee weekend; all those who organised or had a part in organising events over the weekend, especially on the Fun Day itself, and lastly to all those who attended and supported the events and contributed so generously. We hope that everyone enjoyed themselves!!

Malcolm Hall
Secretary to the Diamond Jubilee Committee

Barkston and Syston Diamond Jubilee Thanks

On behalf of the villages of Barkston and Syston may I say a huge thank you to all those who worked so hard to make the Jubilee Celebrations the great success that they were. They include Janet, Pat and the team who organised and served the Senior Citizens' Tea at the Village Hall - and didn't the Hall look wonderful! - and then Margaret and the team who arranged the beautiful flowers in Barkston Church for the combined Songs of Praise on the Sunday, which Joy had put together so carefully. Barkston Church rarely has such a large congregation, I'm sure. Thankfully, the weather was 'kind' for the Fun Day on the Playing Field on the following day and many people enjoyed the events during the afternoon and the lighting of the bonfire in the evening. Several people put much effort into organising this including Stuart, Matt, Peter and the 'setting-up' team and all those who manned stalls on the day.

Finally, we must not forget our long standing Parish Clerk, Malcolm Hall, who, together with his wife, were the organising force behind the Jubilee weekend. I think they have been awarded associate membership of Barkston and Syston! Someone has said 'are we doing it all again next year?' I'm not sure about that but we certainly hope that future generations will carry on the tradition! Certainly judging by this year's events it would be very well supported by the villagers. Thank you all so much.

Maryan Nussey.
Chair of the Jubilee Committee.

Barkston and Syston Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Souvenir DVD

A photo DVD is being produced of the villages' celebrations of this event. If you are interested in purchasing one please ring Janet/Tom (01400) 250518 to order. Any profit made will go towards the hall roof repair fund.

Tom Baker

BARKSTON AND HOUGH GROUP OF PARISHES				
Date	Barkston	Belton	Honington	Syston
1 July Trinity + 4	11.00 MP AL	11.00 HC JC		9.30 MP RW
8 July Trinity + 5	11.00 HC AL			
15 July Trinity + 6				9.30 HC JC
22 July Mary Magdalene	11.00 FS JB LH			
29 July Trinity + 8	At Honington	At Honington	11.00 HC JC	At Honington
5 August Trinity + 9	11.00 MP (tba)	11.00 HC JC		9.30 MP (tba)
12 August Trinity + 10	11.00 HC SH			
19 August Trinity + 11				9.30 HC JC
26 August Trinity + 12	11.00 FS JB LH			

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

Prayer and Praise

Prayer and Praise at the home of Joy Bristow, 38 West Street, Barkston, (01400 250339) be held on Mondays 2nd and 16th July and 6th and 20th August.

SERVICES DURING JULY & AUGUST 2012				
Brandon	Hough o + H	Hougham	Marston	Notes
10.00 MP AS			9.30 HC AL	
	9.30 MP RW	9.30 HC SH		
9.30 HC SH	9.30 MP RW		9.30 MP BL	
	9.30 HC JC	5 p.m. EP LH		
At Honington	At Honington	At Honington	At Honington	
10.00 MP AS			9.30 HC LH	
	9.30 MP RW	9.30 HC LH		
9.30 HC SH	9.30 MP RW		9.30 MP BL	
	9.30 HC JC	5 p.m. EP AL		

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

Wedding

23rd June - Lisa Marie Wheeler and Gavin Pell [Caythorpe, formerly of Belton]