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From the Rectory

The spirit of togetherness kindled by the Olympics has been a joy to behold. Praise for the welcome and friendliness shown to athletes and visitors alike has come from all quarters. The power of a welcoming smile, a friendly word and genuine kindness to overcome differences has been demonstrated. This is something to be proud of and much has appeared in the media about how to ensure it becomes a lasting legacy.


Some look to politicians for answers, but it really rests in the hands of the individuals, each of us, to act together and make a difference. How we behave towards one another and respond to need is what counts. The politicians we elect to serve us should be kept informed of our views, particularly when their actions work against what is important to us. How does the selling of playing fields help young people pursue sport? How does the proliferation of gambling machines and online gambling help reduce the problems of debt and increasing cases of addiction to gambling? How does the closing of day centres for those with special needs help meet their needs? (Perhaps the Paralympics will inspire a wave of support for the disabled).

The Olympics have shown what is possible when ordinary people get involved - and with our backing the good work can go on within our own communities.

With every blessing,

Revd Alan

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Belton and Manthorpe Parish Council

The Parish Council met at Manthorpe Village Hall on Thursday 9th August 2012. Seven 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 resubmitted for the change from dwelling to village hall.

Dog Fouling: Belton is OK, the bins work.

Road Surface Noise A607: A letter was received from Mr Thornton of Washdyke Lane, Belton on behalf of the residents of Belton on this subject and the problem of crazing and breaking of the road surface on the Witham Bridge. Mr Heaton, Manager LCC Highways will be replying to him.

NHS Consultation - Community Health Trust. No proposals yet. R. Wootten to attend hospital meeting in September. More news in September.

Crime Levels in Belton. The crime situation seemed to have settled down but the alarm frequently goes off in Belton Garden Centre at all times of the day and night. M. Coney to have a word with the owner. D. Platts reported that lead had been stolen from the Church in Manthorpe last week so metal thieves are still active in the area.

The Queen's Jubilee Celebration. Both villages had a good party and thanks were given to the Parish Council for the money for Jubilee mugs which were very much appreciated.

Path out of Belton Village: R. Wootten reported that the path out of village towards the A607 at Bridgewater House will not be completed until there is more money available. S. Thompson thanked R. Wootten

Planning Applications received.

The Old School, Main Street, Belton – Change of use of residential dwelling to village hall. The council was divided; one objecting and one having no objections but would want the hall to be closed by 11.30p.m. The rest of the councillors did not offer any objections.

Any other business:

Belton Village street lights – Washdyke Lane light on all day and Coach House light covered by creeper. Clerk to report to SKDC. T. Hopwell to speak to Coach House owner.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.10pm. The next meeting will be on November 22nd at 7.30pm.

Tony Hopwell

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

Tuesdays 11th September and 9th October.

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

Macular eye disease

For free help or advice contact Bernard Noyes on (01400) 250359.

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

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by Sunday, 21st October, please.

Christian Aid Week in the Barkston & Hough Parishes

Many thanks to all who collected and contributed to our Christian Aid Week collection. We have sent a total of £497.31 (of which £95.50 was Gift Aided) towards the Grantham contribution.

Stuart Hadley

Mission to Seafarers

Many thanks to those who have once again kept a box at home and saved through the year for the work of the Mission to Seafarers. We were able to send our own cheque for £78.61 together with a special donation of £50.00 towards the work of the Mission in a year in which we recalled their work 100 years ago in Southampton first with the unemployed men who signed on as crew with the RMS Titanic and then with the many widows and orphans who looked to the Mission for support as news of the tragedy filtered through to the ship's home port.

Stuart Hadley

Jocelyn's Year in Honduras with Project Trust

During June I travelled to the Hebridean Isle of Coll to attend a rigorous and intensive selection course with the gap year charity Project Trust. Throughout the week I faced a wide variety of challenges and underwent numerous interviews with different members of staff. I am extremely pleased and proud to say that, in August 2013, I will be flying to Honduras in Central America to spend a year teaching in a bilingual primary school.

Nearly two thirds of Hondurans live in poverty and 45% in extreme poverty. Since education is a key to relieving poverty, I really hope to make a positive difference to the lives of those Honduran children who have had a much less fortunate upbringing than me.

Each Project Trust volunteer is tasked with raising £5,400 to fund their year overseas. I have already been saving the majority of my earnings from the Farm Shop as well as the money I get from babysitting. I also plan to hold a Quiz and an Auction of Promises in the coming months. Any support, advice or donations you may be able to give me would be gratefully received. I am more than willing to do babysitting.

If you would like to know any more about my year in Honduras please contact me on (01400) 250364 or email jocelynstrawson@hotmail.co.uk.

Thank you very much.

Jocelyn Strawson.

Friends of Barkston Church

A big 'thank you' to all who contributed money donations, raffle prizes, scones, jam, cakes, strawberries, books, chairs and tables and help on the afternoon of our "Traditional Cornish Cream Tea". We were blessed with a fine afternoon and £300 was raised towards the cost of work to St Nicholas church roof.

Rita & Trevor Masters

FRIDAY 21st September at 7.30pm

Quiz Night in the Village Hall in aid of St Nicholas Church Roof Fund.

Tickets £10.00/table of four to include nibbles. Please bring your own drinks.

SATURDAY 13th October at 10.30am

Sponsored Walk through Syston Park in aid of the Church Roof Fund, leaving the church at 10.30am. Please do help.

Entry forms for both events from Jill Hawkins (01400 250316), Margaret Elnor (01400 251886), Barkston Service Station or the Church.

Margaret Elnor

St Peter and St Paul Church, Belton

The Rt Revd the Bishop of Grantham, Tim Ellis, will be preaching at the 11.00am Harvest Festival Service on 7th October. Everyone is most welcome. Refreshments will be served in the church following the service.

Julie Coney, Churchwarden

St Mary's Church, Syston

Everyone is welcome at a coffee morning on Saturday 15th September, between 10.00am and 12.00 noon, at Moatlands, Syston (next to church). This will include a raffle, plant stall and bring and buy. Donations are welcome and all proceeds will go to St. Mary's Church.

Judith Argles

Services of Wholeness and Healing

Services for the whole of the Loveden Deanery will be held on the second Thursday of each month at St Nicholas Church, Barkston beginning 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 as follows: 13th September and 11th October.

Barbara Hancock

The Clerk reported on contact with LIVES in relation to local emergency cover, following discussions about the provision of a defibrillator at the last meeting. LIVES had suggested a presentation to raise awareness in the area, and with the aim of setting up a local group. This was agreed and the Clerk was asked to arrange it for the next meeting. In relation to financing, Councillor Jackson reminded the Council of the provisions of Section 137, which enabled expenditure to be made on such projects.

In relation to requests to speed up broadband in the area, the Clerk advised that contact details had been forwarded to Members to support the on-line petition for improvements.

The six monthly risk assessment had been carried out, the only issue noted being in relation to one headstone in the Burial Ground.

The Council received an update on the finances so far for 2012/13 and, having considered them in detail, accepted them. It was agreed to support the Village Hall roof repairs in the sum of £1,500 (to include the £500 from the Diamond Jubilee receipts). In regard to grass cutting, the County Council had advised that as their new contractors were cutting the grass more cheaply than the previous contractors, the amount of grant to be paid for verge grass cutting by Parish Councils would be reduced accordingly.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2012 at 7.45 pm at the VILLAGE HALL.

Malcolm Hall
Clerk to the Council

Cut along this line

BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL

“FUN DAY” QUESTIONNAIRE

Would you support/attend an event on the lines of the Diamond Jubilee “Fun Day” if held on 1st June 2013 (to commemorate the Coronation)?

YES

NO

Please tick one answer and return the slip by 1st October 2012 to:

Maryan Nussey – ‘Sunbury’, the Drift, Syston, Sue Evans – ‘Kelling House’, 17 West Street, Barkston or place in the collection box at Barkston Garage.

Barkston and Syston Parish Council

The Parish Council met at the Village Hall on Monday 9th July 2012, and eight members of the Parish Council were present, together with County Councillor Ray Wootten for part of the meeting. Two members of the public attended.

The meeting commenced with the public forum, during which two matters were raised, firstly in connection with parking and access problems in Church Street, Barkston, during the recent School sports. The Chairman agreed to raise this with the School. Secondly, an issue was raised in connection with the programmed central refuge on the A607 in the centre of Barkston, in particular whether there was adequate and safe space. A nearby resident had also expressed concern by letter. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask the Area Surveyor to check and report back.

Roger Kingscott, Chairman of Hough on the Hill Parish Council, and of reVOLT (the organisation set up in opposition to the proposed Brandon wind farm) spoke at the invitation of the Council in relation to the application. A committee had been formed to co-ordinate action.

Many highways matters were discussed, and the Clerk was asked to refer them to the Area Surveyor for action – in particular Bridleway No. 4 leading to Marston, which was being misused by motor cycles and 4WD vehicles, causing damage. Drainage works requested at the last meeting had been programmed for action and the grass cutting had been completed. Flooding in Barkston, near The Stag, which had been a problem in the past, appeared to have been solved only to move over to Station Road. It was agreed to refer this to the Area Surveyor for investigation.

The Clerk updated the Council on consultations on planning applications, and on results. The Parish Council also considered the matter raised during the public forum in relation to wind turbines, and re-confirmed its opposition in principle, and support for reVOLT.

The two replacement seats with commemorative plaques, had been received. Unfortunately, it had been found that the existing bases were inadequate to secure the seats and a quotation had, therefore, been obtained and this was accepted.

The Clerk gave a brief update on the activities around the Diamond Jubilee celebrations from 2nd to 4th June. Financially, the Fun Day had been a success, raising over £500 for the Village Hall roof repair fund. Councillor Ray Wootten presented a certificate to acknowledge the £150 donation from the Big Society Fund, which had been used for the Senior Citizens' tea.

THE COUNCIL CONSIDERED WHETHER THE DIAMOND JUBILEE FUN DAY EXPERIENCE SHOULD BE REPEATED IN 2013. IT WAS AGREED TO CIRCULATE A SHORT QUESTIONNAIRE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF BARKSTON AND SYSTON TO GAUGE INTEREST.

Barkston & Syston Village Hall

Diary Dates

MONDAY 3rd September at 7.30pm Village Hall committee meeting.

SATURDAY 6th October at 7.00 for 7.30pm Harvest Supper.

Tickets £6:00 adult £3:00 children are available from :- June West (Syston), Margaret Elnor (Barkston Church) and Janet Baker (Village Hall). Entertainment after the supper by singer/songwriter Abi Moore.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINK

SUNDAY 18th November Christmas Fair
details from B Mezzo (01400) 231044

There are still a few Jubilee photo dvd's available at £2.00/each.

Tom Baker

St. Nicholas Knitting Circle, Barkston

Global Hearts for Children has closed through lack of funding so our blankets will now go, via The Salvation Army, to the homeless in both Grantham and Nottingham. In future we will be knitting hats, scarves and mittens for the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal and premature baby clothes and blankets for hospitals throughout the UK.

Our next Knitting Circle meetings will be on Mondays 24th September and 22nd October in the Community Centre, St. Nicholas Close, between 2pm & 4pm.

We invite you to join us.

Joy Bristow (01400) 250339

Prayer and Praise

Prayer and Praise at the home of Joy Bristow, 38 West Street, Barkston, (01400 250339) be held on Mondays 3rd and 17th September and 1st and 15th October.

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.

BARKSTON AND HOUGH GROUP OF PARISHES				
Date	Barkston	Belton	Honington	Syston
2 September Trinity 13	11.00 MP AL	11.00 HC JC		9.30 MP DH
9 September Trinity 14	11.00 HC JC			
16 September Trinity 15				9.30 HC JC
23 September Trinity 16	11.00 Harvest FS JB LH		5pm Harvest AL	7pm Thu 20th Harvest AL
30 September Trinity 17	At Honington	At Honington	11.00 HC (ZG) SH	At Honington
7 October Trinity 18	11.00 MP tba	11.00 HC JC		9.30 MP RW
14 October Trinity 19	11.00 HC JC			
21 October Trinity 20				9.30 HC JC
28 October Trinity 21	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
JL - John Lord **BL** - Ben Lyte **SM** - Sheila Mitchell **AS** - Angela Sims
Organists: **(ZG)** - Zoe Glossop **(RH)** - Richard Hyley **(RoS)** - Roger Sadler

Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be held in the Community Centre, St Nicholas Close, Barkston at 2.15pm on 12th September and 17th October. There will also be a Harvest Songs of Praise on Wednesday 10th October. Everyone is welcome.

Joy Bristow

SERVICES DURING SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2012				
Brandon	Hough o + H	Hougham	Marston	Notes
10.00 MP AS			9.30 HC AL	
	9.30 MP RW	9.30 HC JC		
No Service (see 28/9)	9.30 Harvest RW		9.30 MP BL	
Fri 28th Harvest LH	9.30 HC JC	5pm Harvest LH		
At Honington	At Honington	At Honington	At Honington	
10.00 MP AS			9.30 HC LH	
	9.30 MP RW	9.30 HC JC		Friday 12 th Belton Harvest Supper 7.30pm
9.30 HC	9.30 MP RW		9.30 MP BL	
	9.30 HC JC	5pm EP AL		

MP - Morning Prayer **EP** - Evening Prayer **CS** - Crib Service
RS - Remembrance Service
BG - Betty Groves **BH** - Barbara Hancock **DH** - David Hitchcock
RW - Bob Wall **MT** - Ministry Team
(RS) - Richard Shireby **(BW)** - Brian West

Funeral

30th July - Lilian Wright (Barkston)