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From the Rectory

In an interview, the eminent biologist Professor Edward O. Wilson, who campaigns hard on environmental issues, says: 'It seemed to me that, whether you believe in God or not, to save all the life we can, the diversity of it, should be a moral imperative for both the religious and the non-religious. Let's stop fighting over other issues [the existence of God, evolution...] and combine – science and religion, the two most powerful forces on the globe – on the one thing we both consider a moral imperative (or I sure *hope* you do) and save what you call "creation" and I call "global biodiversity."'

So often it is selfishness and greed - the 'I factor' - that stands in the way of truly valuing and protecting our world. Whether it's Donald Trump destroying a Site of Special Scientific Interest in order to build a golf course, or people demanding food/fuel/goods at the lowest possible price, never mind the environmental cost, the result is the same. Why does it matter? Professor Wilson: 'It's the diversity which we're destroying that gives us environmental stability, that gives us free ecological services (if you want to be economic about it) in terms of creating soil, purifying water and on and on, which if they were converted to dollars are equal to the total world domestic product. We know now that the complexity of even a very simple ecosystem – a pond or a marsh – is beyond anything we can hope to imitate. How can we justify, in one lifetime, throwing it all away? I think that future generations will say that what we did was an evil – and they will be able to find villains too: those who made decisions to go ahead with destroying a large part of life unnecessarily.'

All of this is food for thought.

With every blessing,

Alan

Rev Alan Littlewood
 Acting Rural Dean of Loveden

Charity Christmas Fair in Aid of Sue's Place

Barkston and Syston Village Hall Sunday 2nd December 10.00am till 2.00pm

Sue's Place is the Newark and Notts Child Bereavement and Loss Centre.

When Jason's Dad died last year he left behind a very upset and confused 7 year old son. The help and support that Jason has had from Sue's Place has been amazing. This event is my way of saying thank you to them.

Carol Reah

Friends of Barkston School

Christmas Cracker

This years Christmas Cracker will take place at Barkston School on Friday 14th December from 2.00pm. There will be stalls for you to pick up those last minute Christmas presents, as well as a tombola, and cake stall. Refreshments will be available. The children will be singing carols.

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

Sophie Lewis

Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be held in the Community Centre, St Nicholas Close, Barkston at 2.15pm on Wednesdays 14th November (Remembrance) 12th December. The carol service will be on the 19th December. Everyone is welcome.

Joy Bristow

Services of Wholeness and Healing

The next services for Loveden Deanery will be on 8th November and 13th December 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

St Peter & St Paul's Church, Belton

The Rt. Revd. Dr. Tim Ellis, Bishop of Grantham, preached at Belton's Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 7th, assisted by the Revd. Alan Littlewood and the Revd. John Cook. The Bishop also dedicated the new green altar frontal, burse and chalice veil made by Mrs. Ann Hopwell. Refreshments followed.

Anne Burkle, Churchwarden

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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 6th November and 4th December.

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

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by Sunday, 23rd December, please.

St Mary's Church, Syston

A very big thank you to all those who supported and helped at the Coffee Morning held in September at Moatlands in Syston. Grateful thanks too to Mr and Mrs Argles who hosted the event. The splendid total of £287 was raised for Syston Church.

Maryan Nussey. Sec. Syston PCC.

Barkston Church PCC – Church Roof appeal

We're nearly there!

To date, thanks to all the hard work of the wonderful Friends of Barkston Church, nearly £1,800 has been raised towards an expected cost of £2,800 to replace the stolen lead.

Quiz - September 2011	£240
Sponsored walk - October 2011	£684
Bingo - February 2012	£430
Cream Tea - July 2012	£300
Quiz - September 2012	£132

Many thanks to everyone who donated, walked, ate, baked or exercised their little grey cells.

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

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Friends of Barkston Church

Our Quiz night in September was a good success, enjoyed by everyone. Many thanks to Mike James for all his hard work organising the event.

On Saturday October 13th twenty four walkers, and several dogs on leads, completed a walk through Syston Park. We do thank Paul Clegg for his kindness in allowing access. Thanks are also due to Margaret Pacey and Hilary Marshall for walking the course beforehand and to Margaret for providing detailed instructions for everyone.

Our next event is the Christmas Concert, to be held in Church on **Friday 7th December at 7pm** so please make a note in your diary. Once again we will make a collection for the Rainbow Children's Hospice, and mulled wine and mince pies will be served at the end.

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? Please do let us know. We look forward to hearing from you.

Honington 2012 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations photo-book

Photo-books of the Jubilee celebrations are now available to purchase on-line via the **BLURB** website (www.blurb.co.uk, username honington). These are available in both hard-back and soft-back versions and as an iPad compatible e-book. Just follow the simple instructions and your book will be printed to order. Delivery times are quite reasonable.

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Chris Hainstock

Prayer and Praise

Prayer and Praise at the home of Joy Bristow, 38 West Street, Barkston, (01400 250339) will be held on Mondays 5th and 19th November and 3rd December at 4.00pm.

Funding for broadband improvements was going forward. It was reported that this would mean improved cover for 90% of the County.

The Council received an update on the finances so far for 2012/13 and, having considered them in detail, accepted them. A small extension to the mowing contract, in the sum of £4 per cut was agreed. The Clerk reported that the audit for the last financial year had been completed satisfactorily.

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

Malcolm Hall
Clerk to the Council

Jocelyn's Year in Honduras with Project Trust

Firstly I would like to thank everyone for their support, good wishes and encouragement. My fundraising is going well so far due in no small part to Mr Ray Wilson who is pressurising all the people he meets into buying one of my quiz sheets. There is still time to buy a sheet and complete it by the 15th December.

At the beginning of September I held a bag packing session at Morrisons in Grantham. I was delighted with how successful the bag pack went and we managed to raise over £400 in just four hours! I have another session planned for the New Year which will, hopefully, be equally successful.

My next fundraising event is a Quiz Night on Friday 23rd November at 7pm (for a 7:30pm start) in the village hall. There is a maximum of six people per team and the cost is £3 per person. If you would like to enter a team please contact me on (01400) 250364 to reserve a table.

Thank you again for your ongoing support it is greatly appreciated.

Jocelyn Strawson

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Barkston and Syston Parish Council

The Parish Council met at the Village Hall on Monday 10th September 2012. All members of the Parish Council were present, together with County Councillor Ray Wootten for part of the meeting. One member of the public attended.

Prior to the meeting of the Parish Council, Stephen Hyde and a colleague from the Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service (LIVES) made a presentation to a public meeting about the work of LIVES. The Chairman indicated that this would be considered by the Council later on.

The meeting commenced with the public forum but no matters were raised.

The Council were advised in relation to the need to consider and adopt a new Code of Conduct, and complete the new declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests forms. The Council considered and agreed to adopt the South Kesteven District Council form of Code.

Many highways matters were discussed and the Clerk was asked to refer them to the Area Surveyor for action. Bridleway No. 4 leading to Marston was still being misused by motor cycles and 4WD vehicles, causing damage, and the Clerk was asked to arrange a site meeting to discuss the issue of a permanent barrier. The Area Surveyor was still looking into the precise location of the central refuge in Barkston. Fly tipping was reported on Minnetts Hill, and had been reported to SKDC. It was agreed to monitor the area. Visibility from St Nicholas Close onto Church Street was not good and the Clerk was asked to request a mirror on the opposite side of the road to improve matters. Flooding on West Street in periods of heavy rain, which caused foul water to come up from drains was reported and the Clerk was asked to contact the appropriate authority. There was also a flooding problem reported on Main Street, Syston, again to be referred to the Area Surveyor. It was reported that there was a problem in The Drift, Syston, with excess speeds, and it was agreed to ask the Area Surveyor to consider a 20mph speed limit or traffic calming.

The two replacement seats with commemorative plaques, had been installed on the new bases, and had been very well received.

It was agreed to consider responses in relation to a possible repeat of the 'Fun Day' in 2013 at the next meeting. All villagers had been circulated with a simple response slip in "In Touch".

The Council considered the LIVES presentation which had been made earlier in the meeting, and agreed to convene a formal Parish Meeting to enable a further presentation and discussion of all the issues.

Barkston & Syston Village Hall

Diary Dates

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

SUNDAY 2nd December 10.00am Charity Fair in aid of Sue's Place

FRIDAY 21st December 7:30pm ABI MOORE'S ACOUSTIC CHRISTMAS

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Tom Baker

St. Nicholas Knitting Circle, Barkston

We will be holding a coffee morning in the Community Centre on Friday 16th November, from 10.00am, to raise funds for travel expenses of the children of Chernobyl. Some of our blankets were taken back to Chernobyl this year.

There will be preserves, cakes, books and craft items for sale.

Our next Knitting Circle meeting will be on Monday 26th November 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.

BARKSTON AND HOUGH GROUP OF PARISHES				
Date	Barkston	Belton	Honington	Syston
4 November 4th before Advent	11.00 MP AL	11.00 HC JC		9.30 MP RW
11 November Remembrance Sunday	10.45 RS SH			9.30 HC SH
18 November 2nd before Advent				9.30 HC JC
25 November Christ the King	11.00 FS JB LH			
2 December Advent 1	11.00 MP AL			
9 December Advent 2	11.00 HC SH			
16 December Advent 3	11.00 FS JB LH			
23 December Advent 4				
24 December Christmas Eve	4.00pm CS AL	3.30pm Carols SH	6.00pm Carols AL	11.30pm HC JC
25 December Christmas Day	11.00 HC AL JB			
30 December Christmas I			11.00 HC LH (ZG)	

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
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	9.30 MP RW	9.30 HC JC	10.45 RS LH	
9.30 HC SH	9.30 MP RW		9.30 MP BL	
	9.30 HC JC	5.00pm EP LH		
10.00 MP AS				
	9.30 MP RW	9.30 HC JC		Friday 14th 6.30pm Brandon Carols
9.30 HC SH	9.30 MP RW	5.00pm Carols RW	5.00pm Carols JC	Tuesday 18th 7pm Hough Carols
	9.30 HC JC	5.00pm EP AL		Thursday 20th 7pm Syston Carols
	11.30pm HC SH		11.30pm HC JC	
		9.30 HC LH		
				Group Service

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