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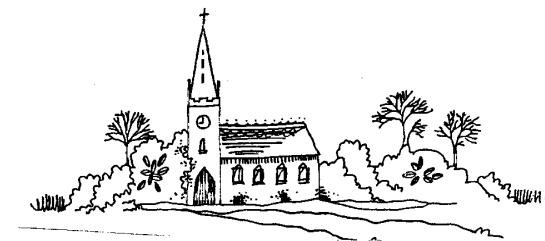
Just a reminder that the Show is on **Saturday 10th September**. We look forward to seeing you all with your exhibits. Schedules can be collected from Barkston Village Green opposite The Stag.

Vicki Strawson

Honington Parish Meeting

The next Honington Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 7th September at 7pm in St. Wilfrid's church."

Penny Swift, Chair - Honington Parish Meeting



From the Rectory

The Revd Alan Megahey RIP

Rector of the Leadenham Group since 2001, Rural Dean of Loveden Deanery from 2003 - leading the Deanery with great skill and care and inspiring much affection, the Revd Alan Megahey died on Friday 19 August, following a short illness. All who knew him will be saddened by the news of his death – his wife Elizabeth and daughter Anne are in our thoughts and prayers.

The question of a replacement priest for the Leadenham group and the future organisation of the Deanery will take time to sort out, but in the meantime the remaining clergy will do their best to maintain services and pastoral support for all the parishes.

With every blessing,

Revd Alan

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**Items for inclusion in the next issue of 'In Touch' to Anne & Bob
Telephone 01476 562154 or e-mail intouchbelton@btinternet.com
by Monday, 24th October, please.**

Friends of Barkston Church

Following the theft of lead from the church roof, the Friends of Barkston Church have planned three events in the hope that £500 can be raised in order to defray the cost of the excess on the insurance claim.

The first, announced in the last edition of 'In Touch', will be a Quiz Night on Friday 23rd September in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Entry will be £10 for teams of four, to include our excellent nibbles, but please bring your own drinks. Entry forms are available from the Church, Post Office, Pat Haynes, Margot Anderson or Margaret Elnor, and should be returned to one of the three Friends. Mike James is organising the event so please come along to support him and our efforts.

On Saturday 15 October we are having a Sponsored Walk of 4 miles - to get the Church water-tight. Arrangements are still being made but it will be away from traffic. Forms are now available as before. Light refreshments will be served in the Church at the end of the Walk.

The Annual Concert will be on December 2nd and we always welcome new talent. We shall be planning the programme from September - so please come along and take part.

Margaret Elnor

St. Nicholas Knitting Circle, Barkston

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

Our Knitting Circle meets on the following Mondays between 2pm & 4pm in the Community Centre, St. Nicholas Close:- 26th September, 24th October

There will be a Coffee Morning on Friday, 18th November at 10am

Joy Bristow 01400 250339

Mission to Seafarers

Once again a big thank you to those who have supported the Mission to Seafarers during the last year. From the collecting boxes and donations on Sea Sunday we are sending a cheque for £110.21 to the Mission to Seafarers. Many thanks.

Stuart Hadley

Prayer and Praise

Prayer and Praise at the home of Joy Bristow, 38 West Street, Barkston, (01400 250339) will now be held on **Mondays at 4.00pm.**

Dates as follows:- 19th September, 3rd and 17th October, 7th and 21st November.

Thank You

On behalf of my family I would like to thank all our friends in Barkston and Syston for the huge support they have given us since January - for the love, care and practical help, for all the cards and letters, for attending Jim's funeral and for always 'being there' during this difficult time.

I have been overwhelmed and touched by all the memories and wonderful comments you have sent - they have made me even more proud of Jim and I shall always treasure them.

Thanks too, to the Revd. Stuart Hadley for the very moving service and to all who gave so generously. To date £716.00 plus has been received for the RNLI Cromer lifeboat.

Jill Hawkins

Soprano Fundraiser

There are still concert tickets available to see Barkston Soprano Nicola Pulford sing at the Kesteven and Grantham Girls School on Saturday 17th September at 7.30pm. To book your places either see Carole at the Barkston Service Station or call 01400 250343. Adults £10, Students £5 (a drink, nibbles and programme included).

Nicola hopes to raise the last of the funds she requires for her tuition fees to study with internationally renowned artists at the Wales International Academy of Voice, commencing study on Monday 19th September. Please join us for a wonderful evening of vocal favourites to help wish Nicola well on her way. Performances will feature students of KGGS, other professional artists Richard Jeffery and David Eaton, as well as local stars Hannah Coleman and Elaine Bishop. We look forward to seeing you there

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Tuesdays: 13th September, 11th October, 8th November, 6th December.

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

Barkston and Syston Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Monday 18th July. All members of the Parish Council were present, together with County Councillor Ray Wootten. Two members of the public attended. Apologies were received from District Councillor Trevor Scott.

The meeting commenced with the public forum, and a member of the public asked the Council to note that a planning application had been submitted for two 130 foot high wind turbines which, while not within Barkston, would certainly be visible from many points within the village. Another member of the public asked about the pedestrian crossing, and was advised that this was not on the list at the moment owing to financial restraints.

As usual, many highways matters were discussed. Councillor Wootten advised that the school safety zone would not now be implemented, and the County Council were instead looking at some form of restriction involving yellow lines. After a long discussion it was agreed to support a scheme involving no parking at any time on both sides of the road from the end of the existing restriction outside the school, and a point opposite, around the corner to the end of the Churchyard. The Area Surveyor had given details of action proposed to remedy the various deficiencies identified in the recent "walkabout" although many of these would not be done immediately.

A request had been made via Councillor Wootten for reactive speed signs, and he advised that there was no finance available in the current financial year. The signs were available to buy at £6,500 each. It was agreed to note this for the budget meeting in November.

The website continued to be quite well used. Should anyone have anything to publicise, of a local nature, please contact the Clerk.

The sites consultation was nearing a conclusion, and a meeting had been held at The Guildhall last week so that SKDC could receive comments from Parishes on the recommendations which they were making to the Cabinet. It was noted that no sites were proposed for development in Barkston.

The scheme of re-planting for the frontage of the Burial Ground was discussed, and it was agreed that 5 trees each side of the gate would be adequate. The Council agreed to purchase appropriate materials to replace the damaged guttering on the Bier Shelter. A quotation for cutting the hedges was considered and agreed.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2011 at 7.45 pm at the VIL-LAGE HALL.

Malcolm Hall, Clerk to the Council

Barkston & Syston Village Hall Diary Dates

Friday, 23rd September: Quiz Night in aid of church roof repairs

Saturday, 1st October 7pm for 7:30: Harvest Supper - BRING YOUR OWN DRINK
Tickets £6:00 adult £3:00 child from:- June West (Syston Church), Margot Anderson (Barkston Church), Janet Baker (Village Hall) 01400 250518

Entertainment Abbi Moore singer / songwriter

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Friends of Barkston School

This year's Barkston and Syston School Fete raised a magnificent £1650. The fete took place between 12 noon and 3pm on Saturday, June 25 and was a wonderful success. Our stalls looked busier than ever and the bar and barbecue did a roaring trade all afternoon. We were very lucky with the weather too which all helped raise a record total!

A huge thanks to everyone who came from the villages. As always your kindness is much appreciated.

A big thank you to all the FOBS members who worked so hard to make the event a success, the teachers who gave up their time and helped on the day, parents and children who donated items and helped on stalls and of course all those who came along and supported.

A box has been set up in the community centre in St Nicholas Close on behalf of FOBS. If you have any unwanted gifts, supermarket school vouchers, empty printer toner cartridges, or old mobile phones we can use the unwanted 'pressies' for tombola or raffle prizes at future events. Printer cartridges and phones can be recycled for money in aid of the school.

Many thanks.

Victoria Phillips

Belton and Manthorpe Parish Council

A report of the meeting held on 19th August will be contained in the next edition of 'In Touch'.

Councillor Ray Wootten is your County Council representative for Barkston and Syston Parishes and will be happy to deal with any matters of concern.
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BARKSTON AND HOUGH GROUP OF PARISHES				
Date	Barkston	Belton	Honington	Syston
4 September Trinity 11	11.00 MP RW	11.00 HC JC		
11 September Trinity 12	11.00 HC (RoS) AL JB		5pm Harvest AL	9.30 HC SH
18 September Trinity 13	11.00 HC SH			
25 September Trinity 14	11.00 Harvest JB LH			9.30 HC JC
2 October Trinity 15	11.00 MP RW	11.00 HC JC		
9 October Trinity 16	11.00 HC LH JB			9.30 HC JC
16 October Trinity 17	11.00 HC SH			
23 October Bible Sunday	11.00 FS JB RF DF			9.30 HC JC
30 October 4th before Advent	At Honington	At Honington	9.30 HC 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 **(RoH)** - Roger Sadler **(RS)** - Richard Shireby

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is held in the Community Centre, St Nicholas Close, Barkston on Wednesdays at 2.15pm on 14th September, 19th October (please note alteration) 16th November, 14th December & 16th December (carol service) at 2.15pm. Everyone is welcome.

Wedding

6th August Pierre Philippe Bowers / Sarah Elizabeth Grundy [Barkston]

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	9.30 MP PC	9.30 HC JC	4pm Family Service LH	
10.00 FS AS	9.30 HC JC		9.30 HC SH	Thursday 22 Syston Harvest Supper 7pm
9.30 HC SH	9.30 FS RW	5pm.Harvest LH		Friday 30 Brandon Harvest Supper 6.30pm
	9.30 RW Harvest		9.30 HC AL	
	9.30 MP RW	9.30 HC LH		Friday 14 Belton Harvest Supper 7.30pm
10.00 FS AS	9.30 MP JC		9.30 LH Harvest	
9.30 HC SH	9.30 FS RW	5pm EP LH		
At Honington	At Honington	At Honington	At Honington	

MP - Morning Prayer **EP** - Evening Prayer

BG - Betty Groves **BH** - Barbara Hancock **JL** - John Lord **BL** - Ben Lyte
MT - Ministry Team
(BW) - Brian West

Funerals

19th July Mary Hargett [Betty] MacKenzie [Syston]

22nd July Peter Henry [Jim] Hawkins [Barkston]

Burial of Ashes

25th July Viola Muriel Thornton [Belton]