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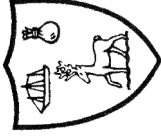
For more details – Gaye Williams 07977 449119

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Google "Barkston Playgroup"

Friends of Barkston Church

Barkston Church has suffered another theft. This time lead has been taken from the roof, incurring a £500 excess on the insurance claim. The Friends of Barkston Church have planned three events in the hope that we can defray this expense.

The first is a Quiz Night on Friday 23 September in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Further details in next issue of 'In Touch'.

Margaret Elnor

Farewell to Barkston

It is quite sad to think that our links with Barkston are about to end, with the selling of my brother John (Nobby) Clark's bungalow. Our great granddad had the farm at the bottom of West Street (now Elnor's) and then his son Ernest. Our granddad Watson worked on the farm and lived opposite the church in one of the terrace houses next to the farm. Mum Edna, married Bill Clark and lived in the house down West Street, where Ruby and Arthur Drury live; John and Michael were born there. They then moved to what was number 9 West Street, where Roy and I were born. Mum, Dad and John moved to The Paddock in 1976.

We all loved Barkston and had links with the sports field, the Mothers' Union, the WI, the Church, the Over 65's and Village Hall Whist Drives and after 66 years of contact we feel heart sore at our loss.

However, we have some friends who have asked us to pop in and John's 'second' family always welcome us at the pub. So thanks for the memories and all the love and help you have given us, especially since Nobby's death.

God Bless

Pauline and Brian Mallett (nee Clark)

Need some Me time?

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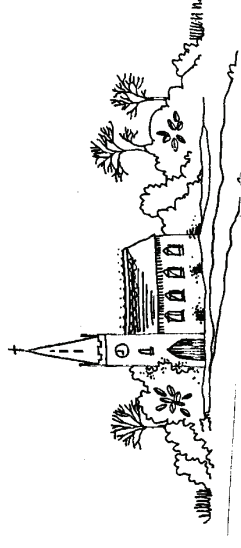
We usually meet on the last Tuesday of each month at:

The Grantham Christian Fellowship Hall, Belton Avenue at 7.30pm
£3.00 per meeting (or £30 for annual membership)

Check out our website for more information on forthcoming events

www.granthamdiywi.org

**Notes for inclusion in the next issue of 'In Touch' to Anne & Bob
Telephone 01476 562154 or email intouchbelton@btinternet.com
by Monday, 29th August please.**



From the Rectory

What is the Church called to be?

This question is explored by Steven Croft in his book "Jesus' People – what the church should do next" (2009 Church House Publishing). Having explored the eight sayings of Jesus known as the Beatitudes, he concludes that the Church locally and nationally is blessed in so far as we, Christ's Body and his Bride, are a community reflecting the character of Jesus.

"The Church is blessed, in other words, when we are poor in spirit [know our need of God], when we mourn for the needs of the world, when we are meek [not the same as being weak], when we hunger and thirst for righteousness [what is right and just], when we are full of mercy [not judgmental, but loving], when we are pure in heart, when we are peacemakers, when we are persecuted for righteousness sake" [my words in square brackets].

"In this journey to become more like Jesus, we need each other. No one individual is sufficient to capture and reflect all of these qualities. In any local church and in a wider grouping there will be individuals who embody one quality or another clearly enough to catch a vision of what it might mean to hunger and thirst for righteousness or to be meek. We also need to hold on to the obvious, but often forgotten, truth that the Church as we are now is by its very nature imperfect..."

Are we committed to shaping our communities well to reflect these vital qualities? As churches, and as individuals, what should we do next to further this cause? Food for thought.

With every blessing,

Revd Alan

Revd Alan: 01400 231145 / ancaster.rectory@btinternet.com

Revd Lilian Hall: 01400 251590

Barkston & Syston Village Hall Diary Dates

Tuesday, August 9th: Village Hall meeting 7:30pm in the hall

Saturday, October 1st: Harvest Supper

Tom Baker

St. Nicholas Knitting Circle, Barkston

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

I should like to thank everyone who supported our Coffee Morning, held at the Community Centre on July 1st, when we received £410 in just over an hour! This will go towards the expensive cost of the transit of our knitting by Feed the Children to very needy children in Africa.

Our Knitting Circle meets on the following Mondays between 2pm & 4pm in the Community Centre, St. Nicholas Close on July 25, August 22, September 26.

Do come and join us for a knit and a chat.

Joy Bristow 01400 250339

Concert - From School to Spotlight II

A fundraising concert filled with operatic favourites from Mozart and Handel to Bizet and Strauss featuring performances by: Nicola Pulford, Richard Jeffery, Elaine Bishop, Hannah Coleman and KGGGS students. Pianist: David Eaton

Date & time: Saturday 17th September 2011 at 7.30pm

Location: Roberts Hall, KGGGS, Sandon Road, Grantham NG31 9AU

Tickets: £10 each (first drink and programme included), Students £5 each. To book call 01400 250343. Complimentary snacks and a raffle.

Nicola Pulford is a professional operatic soprano who trained at Trinity College of Music and with English National Opera. She has been offered a fantastic opportunity to study with the stars at the International Academy of Voice. All proceeds from this concert will go towards the £9,500 tuition fees.

St. Peter & St. Paul, Belton

The annual Patronal Service took place on Sunday 3rd July, conducted by Revd. John Cook with Mrs Margaret Cook playing the organ. Afterwards the congregation stayed for coffee and delicious chocolate cake, provided by Mrs. Sally Thompson.

Julie Coney

Barkston, Belton, Honington, Syston and Carlton Scroop Annual Produce and Craft Show - Saturday 10th September.

Schedules are now ready and can be collected from Barkston Village Green opposite The Stag, the Village Hall, Barkston Garage, the Community Centre, in your local church or from committee members. We look forward to seeing you all.

Vicki Strawson, Secretary

Plant Sale

We would just like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed in any way to our plant sale in Barkston and Syston Village Hall on Sunday May 22nd. We are delighted to say that we raised an amazing £1200 for Breakthrough Breast Cancer which will be used for vital research into this devastating disease..

In particular, special thanks to the Reynolds, the Lanes, and the Sheards for their unstinting help and to Jim Hawkins for many of the plants, especially the pumpkins, which many children in the village are now growing on ready for Halloween!

It was a lovely village social event and we are grateful for the support that we are always given for our fundraising.

Linda, John and Megan Painter

Mobile Library Service

St Nicholas Close, Barkston: 11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. on the following dates:

Mondays: July 4th, August 1st, Sept 26th, Oct 24th, Nov 21st, Dec 19th.

NB There will be no service on a Bank Holiday.

The Leas, Barkston: 11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. on the following dates:

Mondays: July 11th, August 8th, Sept 5th, Oct 3rd, Oct 31st, Nov 28th,

West Street, Barkston: 10 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. followed by **Syston:** 10.45 a.m. – 11.15 a.m. on the following dates:

Tuesdays: July 19th, August 16th, Sept 13th, Oct 11th, Nov 8th, Dec 6th.

Contact telephone number 01522 782010 or visit website www.lincolnshire.gov.uk

Christian Aid Week in the Barkston and Hough Parishes

Once again a big thank you to all who took part in any way in this year's Christian Aid Week. We collected the magnificent total of £583.79 [£504 in 2010] of which £240.58 was Gift Aided and this will support the work of Christian Aid across the globe.

Stuart Hadley

St Nicholas' Church, Barkston

St. Nicholas' Church has provided a meeting place for the residents of Barkston for over 700 years. It is not just a place for churchgoers to attend services on a Sunday morning, but also a place where people can meet to celebrate important occasions or merely seek a quiet place for peaceful thought and contemplation. The church belongs to the village. It should be readily available for everyone whether they want to pray, meditate, read a book in quiet, beautiful surroundings, or just seek a place of refuge away from the pressures of modern day life. There is also now a small children's corner with activities to keep them amused.

For a trial period your church will be open to you on Mondays and Thursdays from 8.30am until 5pm. Please feel welcome and free to use it. There is a suggestion box providing you with the opportunity to put forward ideas on ways to make the church more welcoming and open to all. There is a great danger that if churches are not used they are closed. The closure of St. Nicholas' Church would be a tragic loss to the village.

Margot Anderson, Secretary PCC

Strawberry Tea at Syston

The Strawberry Tea at Syston, which was held at the home of Vicki and Martin Strawson on Sunday, July 3rd was a very enjoyable afternoon and a great success. A wonderful total of £466 was raised for Syston Church.

On behalf of Syston PCC I should like to thank everyone who helped on the afternoon, particularly Vicki and family who worked so hard, everyone who came and gave such support, and of course the Clegg family who donated the delicious strawberries.

Maryan Nussey

Bike Ride and Stride

The Annual Bike Ride and Stride this year takes place on Saturday September 10th. If anyone would like sponsorship forms please contact me on 01400 251137 or e-mail carrie.james2@btinternet.com. Remember half the money you raise goes to the Lincolnshire Churches Trust and the other half goes directly to your nominated Church or Chapel.

I will also be looking for volunteers to man Barkston Church on the day between 10am and 6pm. Let me know if you are able to help. Many Thanks.

Carrie James

BELTON AND MANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council met at Manthorpe Village Hall, on Wednesday 12th May 2011. Five Councillors were present plus District Councillor Ray Wootten and Mrs J.Smith.

Matters pertaining to Belton were as follows:-

DOG FOULING:

Michael Coney had installed the Belton bins and was now emptying them as required.

LARKFLEET PROPOSED URBAN EXTENSION - Manthorpe.

Councillor Wootten advised that it was likely that the Developers would appeal against the decision to refuse planning permission. The Council felt they had no grounds for an appeal. It is a matter of waiting for any action by the Developers.

SHEFFIELD AND HALLAMSHIRE MOTOR CLUB LTD – Donation.

Following a resident's complaint in the previous year, regarding noise from an event on Barkston Heath Aerodrome, by this Club, they had been to great pains to instruct their members to act responsibly and keep noise to a minimum for this and future years. Their letter to this effect had been posted on the Belton Council notice board, by the Belton Church gates. In addition, they had sent a donation of £100 to the Parish Council in a gesture of good faith. The Council were grateful for the donation but thought it wrong for the Council to accept this money and therefore agreed to forward it to SSAFA Forces Help.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Michael Coney raised the proposed conversion by the National Trust of the Belton Old School building into a Village Community Centre. He suggested that it might be appropriate for the Parish Council to make a donation towards the facilities in the Hall. This item to be put on the agenda of the next PC meeting when the outcome of the planning application may be known.

NOTE.

Since the meeting, the Council Highways Department has re-laid a further stretch of the village pavement on Belton Main St., from the A607 by Chandlers, into Belton Village. They had said they would upgrade the full length of this damaged pavement over the years as funds allowed. The prompt work was unexpected in the current financial climate as they had addressed the main trip hazards on that stretch of pavement but the work was nonetheless welcome.

Next PC Meeting – 7.30 pm. 18th August 2011 at Manthorpe Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.25 pm.

Tony Hopwell

Councillor Ray Wootten is your County Council representative for Barkston and Syston Parishes and will be happy to deal with any matters of concern.
Tel: 01476 400183 - e-mail cllr.wootten@lincolnshire.gov.uk

BARKSTON AND HOUGH GROUP OF PARISHES				
Date	Barkston	Belton	Honington	Syston
3rd July Thomas	11.00 MP RW	11.00 HC (SS P&P) JC		
10th July Trinity 3	11.00 HC (RS) AL JB			9.30 HC SH
17th July Trinity 4	11.00 HC SH			
24th July Trinity 5	11.00 FS JB RF DF			9.30 HC JC
31st July Trinity 6	At Honington	At Honington	9.30 HC JC	At Honington
7th August Trinity 7	11.00 MP RW	11.00 HC JC		
14th August Trinity 8	11.00 HC (RoS) AL JB			9.30 HC LH
21st August Trinity 9	11.00 HC SH			
28th August Trinity 10	10.30 Deanery Service (DS) at Carlton Scroop			

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

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is held in the Community Centre, St Nicholas Close, Barkston on Wednesdays at 2.15pm. Dates are as follows:- 13th July, 17th August, 14th September, 19th October (please note alteration) 16th November, 14th December & 16th December (carol service) at 2.15pm. Everyone is welcome.

Baptisms

1 May Freya Gill - Hough on the Hill 5 June Ryan Bawden - Barkston
 11 June Lucie Wright-Gilbody - Marston 26 June Sam Barns - Marston

SERVICES DURING JULY & AUGUST 2011				
Brandon	Hough o + H	Hougham	Marston	Notes
	8.00 HC (Said) AL		6.30 Choral Evensong	
	9.30 MP RW	9.30 HC JC	4.00 Pets' Service	Sat 9th at 2.00 Marston Baptism Holly Critchlow
10.00 FS AS	9.30 HC JC		9.30 HC SH	
9.30 HC SH	9.30 FS	5.00 EP (RoS) LH		
At Honington	At Honington	At Honington	At Honington	3 1st 2.00 at Marston Wedding Bromley/Stephens
	8.00 HC (Said) LH		9.30 HC LH	Sat 6th at 1.30 Barkston Wedding Bowers/Grundy
	9.30 MP BG	9.30 HC SH		
10.00 FS AS	9.30 HC JC		9.30 HC SH	
	10.30 Deanery Service	5.00 EP (RoS) AL	10.30 Deanery Service	DS (with optional Heal- ing Ministry)

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

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

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:- 18th July, 1st, & 15th August and 19th September.

Weddings

7 May Peter Hesketh and Joanne Coaten.- Barkston
 28 May Bryan Parsons and Natalie Edmonds - Hougham

Funeral 12 April Lily Green - Honington