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munion FC – Family Communion FS – Family Service Organists: (RH) – Richard
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Holy Communion

Holy Communion is held in the Community Centre, St Nicholas Close, Barkston on Wednesdays; 15th June, 13th July, 17th August, 14th September, 12th October (harvest), 16th November (Remembrance), 14th December and 16th December (Carol Service) at 2.15pm. Everyone is welcome.

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Prayer and Praise


Prayer and Praise at the home of Joy Bristow, 38 West Street, Barkston, (01400 250339) will be held on the following **Thursdays at 4pm.** June 9th, June 23rd, July 7th, July 21st, August 4th and August 18th.

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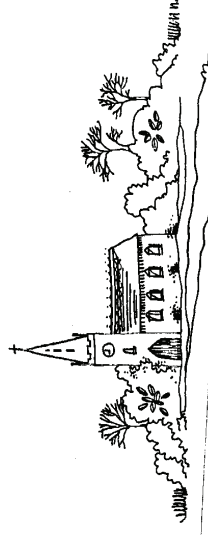
Confirmation Service

A confirmation service will be conducted by the Bishop of Grantham at 4pm on the 24th June. Anyone interested in being confirmed should contact me as soon as possible. Contact details on the front page.

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From the Rectory

In Britain, the weather is a regular topic of conversation, justly so over last winter and this spring - the coldest/wettest/driest, etc, on record, depending on where you live. Whilst most of us here have been enjoying the hotter, drier weather of the last few months, the drought conditions are a source of anxiety for gardeners and, especially, farmers. Both food and fodder crops have failed to thrive and there is genuine concern for the final harvest. Everyone will feel the eventual outcome through the consequent food prices, but it is our farmers who will be bearing the worst effects.

There is another drought that many are suffering which has consequences for us all but is not so well recognised – a spiritual drought. We can become so caught up with our physical and material needs and other concerns that we neglect to feed and water our inner selves. We lose our sense of awe and wonder at the power and presence of God – the source of all life and well-being. Whilst we may recognise a lack, all too often we seek a remedy in the wrong places or things, which cannot bring wholeness and healing. Jesus said, ‘If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.’ (John 7.37). It is the task of the Church to point to the wellspring of life and to provide a safe drinking-place. We pray for farmers and all who work on the land and for everyone going through arid times.

With every blessing,

Revd. Alan

[Revd. Alan can be contacted on 01400 231145

His e-mail address is: ancaster.rectory@btinternet.com

Events at Barkston & Syston Village Hall

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

The Show will be held on **Saturday, 10th September 2011 in Barkston Village Hall.**

Schedules can be collected from the village green opposite The Stag in Barkston from late June.

We are looking for a record number of pumpkins in the children's class this year, so go out and pamper your pumpkin plants!

Vicki Strawson

St Mary's Church, Syston

Strawberry Teas will be served on **Sunday, 3rd July at Hambleton Farm, Syston from 2—5pm.**

Admission £3.00

Bring & Buy Stall - Raffle - Plants
All proceeds in aid of the Church

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Mobile Library Service

Please note new dates and times for the mobile library service, with effect from April 2011:

St Nicholas Close, Barkston: 11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. on the following dates:
Mondays: June 6th, 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:

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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: May 24th, June 21st, July 19th, August 16th, Sept 13th, Oct 11th, Nov 8th, Dec 6th.

Contact telephone number (Customer Service Centre) 01522 782010 or visit web-site www.lincolnshire.gov.uk

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

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**BARKSTON AND HOUGH GROUP SERVICES
MAY & JUNE 2011**

Date	Barkston	Belton	Brandon	Honington	Hough-o-t-hill	Hougham	Marston	Syston	Notes
22 May	11.00 FS JB RF DF	9.30 HC SH	9.30 FS RW	9.30 FS RW	9.30 FS RW	5 p.m. EP AL		9.30 HC JC	
5 th of Easter									
29 May	At	At	At	At	At	At	At	At	All of East Loveden at Honington
Rogation Sunday	Honington	Honington	Honington	Honington	Honington	Honington	Honington	Honington	
6 th of Easter									5.30pm Marston baptism of Lucie Wright-Gibbody
5 June	11.00 MP RW	11.00 HC JC	8.00 HC (Said) AL	9.30 HC AL	9.30 HC AL				
7 th of Easter									
12 June	11.00 HC LH		9.30 HC RW LH	9.30 HC RW LH	9.30 HC RW LH	9.30 HC SH		9.30 HC JC	
Pentecost									
19 June	11.00 HC SH	10.00 FS AS	9.30 MP JC	9.30 MP JC	9.30 MP JC			9.30 HC JC	
Trinity Sunday									
26 June	11.00 FS JB LH		9.30 HC SH	9.30 HC SH	9.30 FS RW	5 p.m. LH HC		9.30 HC JC	
Thanksgiving for HC									

Barkston & Syston Cricket Club Practice

Come & enjoy cricket at Barkston & Syston playing field. For Juniors contact Nigel Parker on 01400 250487. Seniors meet on a Wednesday (when it is not raining) at 6-00 pm. No high impact exercise guaranteed. Mainly standing around, catching, throwing or hitting a cricket ball or kicking a football strangely (equipment provided). See our facebook site (Barkston & Syston Cricket Club) for contacts & information ring David on 01400 251511.

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Home Care Service

Hello my name is Rachel Metcalfe. I am a local lady offering a friendly service of care with a smile to local people in our community.

I am offering to assist with bathing & showering as most of us lack confidence in later life or suffer from mobility difficulties. Finding it difficult to reach certain parts of the body: back; feet, & lower legs (ring any bells?)

I hold a NVQ Level 3 in Health & Social Care for adults & vulnerable people. I also have 9 years experience in care work. I have various other certificates & hold a current CRB.

I am also offering support to people in other ways in their homes depending on their needs: assistance with meal preparation (cooking); cleaning; washing, & ironing. Please feel free to call me for a friendly chat to discuss your requirements on 01400 250755 (home) or 07920096439 (mobile).

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St. Nicholas Knitting Circle

COFFEE MORNING

Friday, 1st July at 10am

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Joy Bristow

Barkston and Syston Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Village Hall on Monday 16th May. The only persons present were Parish Councillors. No matters were raised which could not be dealt with by the Parish Council and the Chairman closed the meeting.

Prior to the commencement of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, Councillors signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

As there were no members of the public in attendance, the public forum did not take place. 7 Parish Councillors were present, apologies being received from Councillors Peter Connor and Simon Kelly (the latter attended during the meeting). Councillor Trevor Scott (District Councillor) sent apologies, and Councillor Ray Wootten (County Councillor) attended later in the meeting.

As usual, many highways matters were discussed. The problems in relation to scramble and quad bikes using the roads in the area of Barkston Gorse continued, and would be attended to by the Police as and when manpower was available. It was agreed to continue to raise this matter at meetings of the local Police Forum. Problems in relation to flooding and blockage of drains on the A607/Church Street corner continued, and it appeared that the cause had been established. Efforts were being made to contact the owner and require him to take action. A number of outstanding matters were raised again, and the Clerk was asked to send reminders to the Highway Authority. A “walkabout” with a member of the Area Surveyor’s staff had identified a number of problems, and suggested solutions were offered, with action during the year.

The website continued to be quite well used, and had now been enhanced with a Village Hall section, containing details of regular uses and contacts, as well as special events. Should anyone have anything to publicise, of a local nature, please contact the Clerk.

The scheme of re-planting for the frontage of the Burial Ground was discussed, and Councillor Jackson reported that he had sourced trees at a cost of approximately £30 each. The replacement planting scheme was suggested for the autumn, and this was agreed. The replacement of the damaged guttering on the Bier Shelter had not taken place, as suitable guttering was being sourced.

The year-end accounts were presented, discussed and agreed. It was also agreed to continue with the existing insurance at a discounted rate for a period of five years, subject to review after that time.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 11th JULY 2011 at 7.45 pm at the VILLAGE HALL.

Malcolm Hall
Clerk to the Council

Friends of Barkston Church

We had a most pleasant Soup Lunch and thank everyone who helped and came along. We must also express our thanks to Margaret Salter for once again producing beautiful Menus and doing the posters. She has helped us in this way for a long while and she will be missed. We wish her much happiness in her new home.

We are selling Quiz Sheets to raise the top up needed to purchase a new vacuum cleaner for the church. This is MUCH needed so please buy a Quiz and help us to keep the church immaculate.

The Quiz Evening in aid of church funds is now to be held on **Friday, 23rd September**. Please note this new date and come along. Entry forms will be available from July.

This year's Christmas Concert will be held, weather permitting, on **Friday, 2nd December** - a date for your diary.

Margaret Elnor

Scouts

Leaders and helpers required

1st Caythorpe And Dukes Covert Scouts is an active group consisting of Beaver Scouts (age 6-8), Cub Scouts (age 8-10½) and Scouts (age 10½-14) meeting at Ancaster and Carlton Seroop. The Beavers and Cubs meet weekly during term time and the Scouts meet monthly, often for an all day event. The groups are open to both boys and girls.

We are looking for additional adults to train as leaders or helpers in all sections, who are able to commit to regular meetings. Previous experience is not necessary, however, enthusiasm and the willingness to get wet and mucky on occasion is essential.

Please contact Andrew Hutton, Group Scout Leader for more information.

Telephone (01400) 230599 or e-mail caythorpedukesgs@grantham-scout.org.uk

1st Barkston Rainbows

The Rainbows have met again after the many public holidays and will now enjoy their summer activities.

We finished Spring with a visit by two lambs, kindly brought in by Andrew and Louise Blankley. Many thanks.

Our Coming of Age party will be on a Sunday in August, when we shall welcome 'old' Rainbows to come and join with us in our celebrations.

Pat Haynes

Friends of Barkston School

The Friends of Barkston School Fish and Chip Supper and Quiz was a great success with more than 10 teams competing. The night raised over £400 for FOBS which was a fantastic total. Our thanks go to quizmaster Mike James for all his hard work and also to everyone who took part.

The Bags to School collection took place on Wednesday, 4th May. Many thanks to everyone in the villages who cleared out their wardrobes and donated clothing and bedding. We are still waiting to find out how much this year's collection raised, but the amount of bags we had this year looked promising! This is an annual fundraiser for the school, so do look out for your bag being delivered next year. As always, FOBS members are happy to collect your bag from you or provide you with an extra bag, if necessary.

The Barkston School Summer Fete is on Saturday, 25th June from

12 noon until 3pm. Please come along and support your local school - it is always lovely to see so many faces from the villages at our events and is much appreciated. This year we will have a barbeque, beer and refreshment tent, cakes stall and lots of games and stalls to enjoy. There will also be a bouncy castle, music, raffle and tombola. Admission is free.

On Sunday, 17th July the Friends of Barkston School are holding a Treasure Hunt around the village.

This promises to be a really great afternoon out for all the family, with lots of fun and the chance to learn about some of Barkston's history too! Anyone can enter—just turn up at school to register at 2pm and you will be given a time slot. Entry is £5 per team.

The Hunt will take place on the church and school side of the main road and can all be completed on foot. It is suitable for everyone—but prepare for some surprises along the way!

There will be prizes for the winners and refreshments will be on sale at the school.