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

Thank you to everyone who came and supported this year's Show. Whether you were an exhibitor, helper, supporter or donated a raffle prize it is very much appreciated. Once again the Hall looked lovely with all the wonderful entries we received.

The AGM took place on Thursday 27 October.

Show Committee

### **Mobile Library Service**

**St Nicholas Close, Barkston:** 11.30am - 12.30pm on **Monday** 19<sup>th</sup> December.

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**West Street, Barkston:** 10.00am - 10.30am followed by

**Syston:** 10.45am - 11.15am on **Tuesday** 6<sup>th</sup> December.

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**Items for inclusion in the next issue of 'In Touch' to Anne & Bob  
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by Friday 23rd December, please.**



## **From the Rectory**

### **Question: What was special about the year 1968?**

Answer: It was the only year since the end of the Second World War when no British service men or women were killed on active service.

### **Question: What was special about the year 1921?**

Answer: It was the year the Royal British Legion was founded. This year it celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Whilst most people associate the two World Wars with massive loss of life and Remembrance Sunday as a day for remembering those who died, many have lost their lives on active duty since then. Many more have survived conflict, but with physical and mental scars which have affected not only their own lives but also those of family and friends.

Modern warfare has meant a smaller proportion of the population being involved in active service, whilst modern medicine has led to greater numbers surviving with terrible injuries. The passage of time may diminish our memories, but they have daily reminders of the cost of our freedom. Remembrance Sunday is an opportunity to join with members of the Services past and present, along with the British Legion, in Churches and at War Memorials in remembrance of and gratitude for the sacrifice of those who died and those who survived – **will you be there with us?**

With every blessing,

Revd Alan

Revd Alan Littlewood: 01400 231145 / [ancaster.rectory@btinternet.com](mailto:ancaster.rectory@btinternet.com)

Revd Lilian Hall: 01400 251590

### Friends of Barkston Church

The Quiz Night was most successful and everyone had a good time with much friendly rivalry. The winning team was "The Old Grey Whistle Test", Maureen and Ian Robotham and Christina and Peter Banks. Many thanks to Mike James for all his effort in making the quiz so enjoyable.

Congratulations to Monica Wilson, the winner of the bird quiz sheet.

Our first sponsored walk took place on 15<sup>th</sup> of October, when we were blessed with perfect weather. After the obligatory photo, walkers and dogs set off. Thanks go to all who took part and their sponsors and especially to Mr Paul Clegg for giving us access to Syston Park. Over £600 has been promised.

#### **Diary dates:**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7.00pm - Annual Charity Concert

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Bingo Evening

Margaret Elnor

### St. Nicholas Knitting Circle, Barkston

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

Our next Knitting Circle meeting will be on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November in the Community Centre, St. Nicholas Close, between 2pm & 4pm.

We hope you will be able to join us in the St Nicholas Close Centre for a **Coffee Morning on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November at 10am**. There will be cakes, books and preserves for sale and also a raffle. Proceeds will go towards the transport of knitting to Africa.

Joy Bristow 01400 250339

### Barkston and Syston Cricket Club

The Cricket Club will hold their annual presentation evening on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November at the Barkston & Syston Village Hall. Once again both junior and senior sections of the club will come together to celebrate the successes of the season. Awards will be made to both junior and senior cricketers. The entertainment will start at 6.30pm, with the screening of 8 horseraces. Cricket club supporters are invited to sponsor either a race (£10) or an individual horse (£2) with the successful owner winning a bottle of wine. There will also be a buffet and a licensed bar.

Tickets priced at £7 for adults and £4 for children are available from Nigel Parker (01400 250487). We hope that all our supporters will attend what promises to be another enjoyable evening.

Graeme Reynolds

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 Syston Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September. 8 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, the only matter raised being in relation to the new school car park, which it was considered improved parking on Church Street.

A representative of Community Lincs gave a presentation in relation to a proposed housing needs survey. This had arisen following a request made to the District Council during the very early stages of the sites allocation procedure, and related to the need, if any, for affordable housing in Barkston and Syston. Each household would receive a questionnaire and there would be other publicity, including a "drop-in" session later in the year. The Council agreed to support the survey being carried out.

As usual, many highways matters were discussed. Considerable discussion took place on the area to be covered by proposed double yellow lines in Church Street, and it was agreed that the Clerk would obtain a plan and that Councillor Jackson would mark the area accordingly, after consulting immediate local residents. This would then be sent by Councillor Wootten to the Area Surveyor.

Signs advising of no access for motor vehicles had been installed on Barkston Gorse road. Street name plates were requested for Station Road, visible from both directions on the A607. Action was also requested on a poorly repaired part of the bridleway to Marston, near the tunnel under the east coast line.

The District Council had considered the recommendations in relation to sites for development in Barkston (none were proposed for Syston), and these had been confirmed. This means that there will be no sites allocated for development in the Local Development Framework plan.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2011 at 7.45 pm at the VILLAGE HALL.

Malcolm Hall, Clerk to the Council

### THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

The Parish Council have discussed arrangements for celebrations connected with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012, and it was agreed to request interested organisations and individuals to contact either the Clerk or any Parish Councillor to express an interest in forming a group to further arrangements. The local Silver Jubilee celebrations in 1977 were organised on a similar basis, with the Parish Council facilitating the first meeting and thereafter a Committee of representatives from village organisations taking over and organising what everyone thought afterwards was a highly successful celebration.

The Parish Council will consider responses at the next meeting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November, so any expressions of interest by that date would be welcomed. It would also be useful if anyone has any ideas for specific events that these could be brought along or notified to me or any Councillor.

Malcolm Hall, Clerk to the Parish Council

## **Belton and Manthorpe Parish Council**

**The Parish Council met at Manthorpe Village Hall, on Thursday 18th August 2011.  
Five Councillors were present plus District Councillors Ray Wootten & Mrs J.Smith.**

**Matters pertaining to Belton were as follows:-**

### **Dog Fouling**

Sally Thompson reported nothing lying around in Belton and Michael Coney was still emptying the bins there.

### **Belton Old School – Village Hall**

Michael Coney and Tony Hopwell had sent their apologies. Council to wait until next meeting for update from them. It was, however, understood that an objection had been raised by the Highways Department concerning the entrance to the parking area. No Planning Application received by Clerk on this proposal. Cllr Wootten said he would check with SKDC Planning Department.

### **Larkfleet – Manthorpe Development**

Cllr Wootten has put a report into the inspector plus a petition. The next meeting is 30<sup>th</sup> August. The Parish Council resubmitted its objections. The Parish Councillors are to write individual letters again as the ones written for the last meeting will not be put forward for this one. Clerk to ask SKDC for the procedure for Parish Council to put forward representatives.

### **Correspondence**

A letter was received from Western Power Distribution re the change from overhead to underground electricity lines in parts of Main Street and Barkston Heath Lane, Belton. The work will take place in 2012 subject to budget requirements and resources and is currently at the planning stage. The Clerk to write to Western Power Distribution to make them aware that the Parish Council is not responsible for street lighting in the village and should notify SKDC. Tony Hopwell had already confirmed to Western Power that they would have to liaise with SKDC on replacement of two street lights in Barkston Heath Lane with heritage lamp standards as elsewhere in Belton.

A letter of thanks was also received from Mr Cook of SSAFA Forces Help for the donation passed on by the Council which had been received from The Hallamshire Motor Club re their car event on Barkston Heath Aerodrome.

### **Any other business**

Sally Thompson asked that a note be sent to Michael Coney thanking him for the grand job he carried out cutting back the hedge on the path going north out of Belton.

**Next P.C Meeting – 7.30pm on 24<sup>th</sup> November at Manthorpe Village Hall.**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.20pm.

### **Post Meeting Note**

The Minutes of the Belton Village/National Trust liaison meetings are now to be posted on the Parish notice board at the Church entrance and also on the Parish Council web-site.

Tony Hopwell

## **Friends of Barkston School**

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Many thanks to all who attended the school's Macmillan Coffee Morning on September 23. We raised £450 in aid of the Macmillan Nurses charity.

### **Christmas Cracker event**

Barkston School's Christmas Cracker afternoon takes place on Wednesday, December 7 from 3pm in the school hall. Do come along and support us, we will have various stalls, a raffle, teas and coffees and of course mince pies! You'll also have the chance to hear the school choir sing and see some of the school's musicians perform. Guaranteed to put you in the festive mood!

### **Dog fouling**

There has recently been a problem with dog mess outside the school. On one occasion a pupil trod on some just outside the gate and tracked it right through the school, which was very unpleasant. We have also found lots of mess on the green by the church. We have asked parents who walk dogs to school to ensure any mess is picked up but would also appeal to villagers with dogs to be considerate, as the vast majority are.

Victoria Phillips

## **Barkston & Syston Village Hall**

### **Harvest Supper**

A big, big thank you to everyone who came and helped set up, gave food, raffle prizes and time to make this event a great success. Just over £300 was raised and this has been divided between Syston & Barkston Churches and the Village hall. Thanks again.

Janet Baker

### **Diary Dates**

SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> November at 8:00pm - Special winter concert featuring Jane Taylor and the J T Band playing violin, double bass and percussion, with vocals.

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### **No bar - bring your own drink**

This concert is promoted by Jane Taylor (who has hired the hall for this event)

SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.30pm - Christmas concert in aid of village hall funds featuring the Legends Jazz Band, with music from the 20's, 30's, 40's, 50's and 60's.

### **Bring your own drink and dancing shoes**

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Tom Baker

## **Grantham and District Talking Newspaper**

Many thanks to all who contributed to the £1,109.32 raised.

Sally Thompson

BARKSTON AND HOUGH GROUP OF PARISHES				
Date	Barkston	Belton	Honington	Syston
<b>6 November</b> 3rd before Advent	11.00 MP RW	11.00 HC JC		
<b>13 November</b> Remembrance Sunday	10.45 RS SH			9.30 HC SH
<b>20 November</b> Christ the King	11.00 HC SH			
<b>27 November</b> Advent Sunday	11.00 FS LH JB			9.30 HC JC
<b>4 December</b> Advent 2	11.00 MP BL	11.00 HC JC		
<b>11 December</b> Advent 3	11.00 HC LH JB			9.30 HC JC
<b>18 December</b> Advent 4	11.00 Carols SH			
<b>24 December</b> Christmas Eve	4.00pm CS AL	3.30pm Carols JC	6pm Carols SH	11.30pm HC JC
<b>25 December</b> Christmas Day	11.00 HC JC JB	No service	No service	No service

**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. Dates are as follows:- 16th November, 14th December & 16th December (carol service) at 2.15pm. Everyone is welcome.

### **Funeral**

21<sup>st</sup> October - Christine Watkin [Honington]    8<sup>th</sup> September - Grace Olive Woods [Belton]

SERVICES DURING NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2011				
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	8.00 HC (Said) AL		9.30 HC AL	<b>Tues 1<sup>st</sup></b> 7pm Patronal Choral Evensong - Hough on the Hill
	9.30 MP RW	9.30 HC JC	10.45 RS LH	
10.00 FS AS	9.30 MP JC		9.30 HC SH	
9.30 HC SH	9.30 FS RW	5.00pm EP LH		
	8.00 HC LH		9.30 HC LH	
	9.30 MP RW	9.30 HC SH		<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup></b> 6.30pm Carols - Brandon LH
No Service (See Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> )	4pm Carols AL	5pm Carols RW	5pm Carols LH	7.00pm Carols - Syston AL
	11.30pm HC SH	11.30pm HC LH	4.00pm CS LH	
9.30 HC SH	No service	No service	9.30 HC LH	

**MP** - Morning Prayer    **EP** - Evening Prayer    **CS** - Crib Service  
**RS** - Remembrance Service  
**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** on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December

### St Nicholas Church Barkston

The church will continue to be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 8.30 to 5.00 while weather permits. Please note that we are open to people of all denominations, faiths and those of no faith at all.