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Barkston and Syston Village Hall Regular Bookings

<u>Monday</u>	Parent and Toddler Group	10-00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
	Short Mat Bowls	2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
<u>Tuesday</u>	Dance Class	Noon - 4.00 p.m.
<u>Wednesday</u>	Dance Class	Noon - 9.30 p.m.
<u>Thursday</u>	Yoga	10.00 a.m. - Noon
	Short Mat Bowls	2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
<u>Friday</u>	Move it or lose it	9.30a.m - 10.15 a.m.
<u>Saturday</u>	Dance Class	9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides meet weekly. For more information contact girlguiding.org.uk.

The Lincs Trust for Nature Conservation meet every second Friday of the month (Oct - April) 7.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.

Bookings for private functions - Carol Bradford 01400 250744

Council Representatives

County Councillor for Barkston, Belton and Syston is Ray Wootten . Tel:01476400183,e-mail cllrr.wootten@lincolnshire.gov.uk
District Councillors for Peascliffe & Ridgeway Ward which includes Barkston & Syston are: Rosemary Kaberry-Brown 01400 230413 or rosemary.kaberry-brown@southkesteven.gov.uk and Ian Stokes 01476 591142 or ian.stokes@southkesteven.gov.uk.
Clerk to Parish Council is Malcolm Hall 01476 566984 or starlight.hall@hotmail.co.uk.

Mobile Library dates

The library will be in West Street between 2 p.m.—2.45 p.m. on the following Tuesdays: April 13th, May 11th, June 8th. Covid restrictions apply at the moment

Post Office, St Nicholas Close, Barkston

Mondays 9.00am—3.00pm Thursdays 9.00 a.m. - 12 noon
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 NOT FROM THE RECTORY**



Not From the Rectory – the Rector heeds advice to ‘stay local’

At the time of writing, government guidance is to stay at home but by the end of the month the guidance should be modified to allow us to ‘stay local’. It was on some such similar easing of restrictions in 2020 that the Rector took the opportunity of staying local and visiting a place – which despite working for nine years in Lincoln – he had not previously visited and so was able to share Henry Thorold’s ‘excitement’ on catching a first glimpse of Doddington Hall with its three lead domes, rose-red towers and mullioned windows

Henry speaks of Doddington [Lincolnshire Houses] as being one of the most important houses in the county as well as one of the most beautiful: built at the end of the 16th century by the Registrar to the Bishops of Lincoln. On the day of our visit the house was hosting an exhibition of sculpture spread out for the most part around the grounds of the house

We purchased our entrance tickets in the gabled gatehouse but we will have to make a return visit to see inside the house and so pass from Tudor exterior to what Henry promises is the special delight of Doddington - its 18th century interior. There is a local connection as Doddington passed by marriage to the Husseys of Honington.

The gardens were a delight – as those who can see the pictures we took can verify – with a guided trail to lead you around and which we extended by dropping into the pasture land beyond the ha-ha wall where Lincoln Red cattle graze and walking west as far as the Pyramid.

Lunch was enjoyed in a Covid secure way at the Coffee Shop which

is situated next door to the Giant Bike Shop where hopefully on a return visit we can hire a bike and take the mile long Georgie Twigg trail and join the National Cycle Network Route 64 which makes use of the former Lancashire, Derbyshire & East Coast Railway line - turning east to enter Lincoln via the former Pyewipe Junction or west to cross the River Trent over the impressive Fledborough Viaduct which has 4 girder spans as well as 59 brick arches and was constructed seemingly with nine million bricks!

As hire bikes were not available due to Covid restrictions we continued by car to trace the route as best we could via the A57 and the A1133 south towards Newark but turning off to pass through North Clifton and so come as close as we could to the viaduct situated [again to quote Henry Thorold] in 'strange, strange country' forming the 'featureless lands' on either side of the Trent.

We parked at Clifton church between North and South Clifton and from the back of the churchyard climbed a perilously unstable stile to take the path the short distance to the river where it peters out - but with, as those who can see the pictures can affirm, the mighty Fledborough Viaduct beyond.

The church of St George the Martyr - now part of the East Trent Benefice of ten churches - is, in Henry words, 'a prominent landmark, solitary, incomprehensible, and [of course] inaccessible' [Shell Guide to Nottinghamshire]!

I think this letter will reach you as the church celebrates the joy of the Easter season: Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace.

May the Risen Christ walk with you.

Stuart Hadley [Rector of the Southcliff Benefice]

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BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL

A virtual Meeting of the Parish Council was held on 8th March, via 'Zoom'. Eight members of the Parish Council were present, Councillor Evans sending apologies. District Councillor Mrs Rosemary Kaberry-Brown also sent apologies. County Councillor Ray Wootten was present, together with District Councillor Ian Stokes. There were no members of the public present.

The Clerk, as usual, updated members on the progress with various matters in connection with roads and footpaths, which had been raised at previous meetings, and reported that some of the items raised had been dealt with, or works were proposed. A job card had been raised for works on potholes on Minnetts Hill, although it was not known when the works would be done. A broken stile on Hough Road, near the railway crossing, had been replaced with a gate; a request for the footpath adjacent to the A607 north of Barkston to be sided back had been completed; and the County Council had advised that a request for a grit bin near the Station Road/A607 would be considered in the summer when plans for next winter were being dealt with.

It had been noted that during recent bad weather the dyke opposite the Village Hall was blocked along parts of its length, resulting in water flowing in the direction of The Stag. This had been reported to Highways and investigations into ownership were underway.

County Councillor Wootten's 'Councillor calls for action' initiative with regard to the provision of parking at the end of West Street had been successful, in that the Highways Committee had supported the request, and had instructed officers to proceed to further investigations and report back to the Committee after the May elections. Comments from local residents had been received and would be considered at the next meeting, hopefully alongside a report on County Council proposals.

Community Speedwatch was still paused Countywide, at the direction of the Road Safety Partnership, although it was noted that the camera enforcement van would be deployed in Barkston in the near future.

TRAINING NIGHTS

Seniors -
Starting 31st March, 6 p.m. and Sunday afternoons (until the season starts) from 2 p.m. Please come along, all abilities and gender, everyone welcome. It would be a good development to be able to run a women's softball team.

Juniors -
We will be running this season, for eight weeks, starting on Tuesday, 18th May at 6.30 p.m..

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Thanks to everyone for your support.

Nigel Parker



BARKSTON AND SYSTON CRICKET CLUB

Firstly I would like to thank everyone who came to our rescue last year and helped the club stay viable through the Covid pandemic, it was a challenging time for us money wise and playing wise.

We managed to get ten mini league games played finishing 4th out of the eight teams, so good effort by everyone. Unfortunately no junior cricket was able to be played or training nights run.

2021 Season

Hopefully a full season of juniors and seniors will take place. We have a full league programme ready to be played on Sundays and junior nights on Tuesdays beginning in May.

SENIORS

We are again playing Sunday cricket in the Lincoln and District league, The fixtures are available on our Facebook page @Barkston&SystonCricketClub. We have been busy during the winter period with the refurbishment of the cricket nets whenever Covid rules have allowed, the nets have been replaced with a different surface and new poles and netting making them longer and safer. The works were all done by players and helpers. 40 tonnes of crushed concrete was all barrowed and laid by hand, well done to all. It is our pleasure to announce our shirt sponsors:

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In relation to the bus stop clearway proposals in Church Street, Barkston, a report was being submitted to the Planning and Transportation Committee of LCC in April.

In regard to the use of the Communal Room at St Nicholas Close for the Outreach Post Office, the Clerk said that he was still trying to contact the appropriate officer at the Post Office to discuss their plans for re-opening the office. SKDC to be asked to consider opening the Communal Room on a very limited basis for the Post Office only, on Mondays and Thursdays.

Meetings with the new Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner's Safer Together Team were scheduled for the future, when face to face meetings were resumed.

All recently reported fly tips had been cleared, and no new sites reported.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 10th MAY 2021 at 7.45PM.

Malcolm Hall
Clerk to the Council

FROM THE REGISTERS

May they Rest in Peace

**Belton
22nd February 2021 March Richard Farley**

**Barkston
9th March 2021 Trevor Lloyd Masters**

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Village	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Date	4th April	11th April	18th April	25th April	
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BELTON	10.30 a.m. HC/SH				
BRANDON	10.00 a.m. MP/CH				
CARLTON SCROOP with NORMANTON					
CAYTHORPE				10.30 a.m. HC/SH	
FULBECK			10.30 a.m. HC/SH		
HONINGTON					
HOUGH ON THE HILL		09.00 a.m. HC/SH		10.00 a.m. MSW/JK	
HOUGHAM	17.00 EP/CB			09.00 a.m. HC/SH	
MARSTON	9.00 a.m. HC/SH		10.00 a.m. MP/CS		
SYSTON			09.00 a.m. HC/SH		

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	
2nd May	9th May	16th May	23rd May	30th May
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		10.30 a.m. HC/SH		
	09.00 a.m. HC/SH		10.00 am MSW/JK	
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