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# IN TOUCH



## The Magazine of Barkston, Belton, Honington and Syston

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### Barkston and Syston Village Hall Regular Bookings

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

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**South Cliff Villages Group**  
**NOT FROM THE RECTORY**



**A day when the rector was sent to Coventry by way of Nuneaton and Rugby!**

The idea for the day had come when by chance we watched a BBC documentary on the building of the new cathedral in the aftermath of the Second World War. It brought into our mind childhood trips to look with awe and wonder at this new building – in my case this would have been a visit with mother on a Mothers' Union outing where we joined a 'procession' some four if not five abreast moving as a single mass around the cathedral.

A day trip from Grantham involves many changes of train but with the simple expedient of taking the Cross-Country train from Stamford there is one single change of train at Nuneaton – or that at least was the plan!

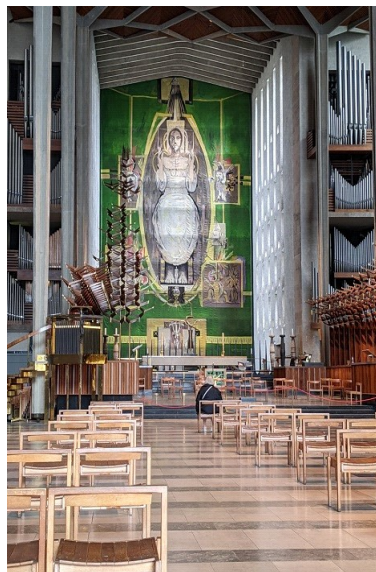
We met our friends at Stamford and travelled together on the Birmingham train as far as Nuneaton only to find the onward train was for some un-specified reason not going to run! The helpful staff directed us to a Euston train for the journey south to Rugby where we had to change to a north bound service for Birmingham to arrive into Coventry some 30 minutes late.

With a taxi we were however still in time to attend one half of the lunch time service of Holy Communion – indeed the arrival of four additional members of the congregation boosted the attendance, so we were told, to the best it had been [12] since they had resumed offering this service as Covid rules relaxed!

After the service there was ample time to wander around the cathedral [while the organist played the Sinfonia from Cantata 29 by J S Bach 'We thank thee, God, we thank thee] and take in the Graham Sutherland tapestry of 'Christ in Majesty'- though for my money it is the John Piper window in the Baptistry which draws the

eye with its blaze of light symbolising the Holy Spirit and merits Pevsner's accolade that it is 'among the best glass of the twentieth century'.

Stepping outside we could see the Jacob Epstein figure of St Michael and the Devil and the way in which Basil Spence linked the old cathedral, destroyed in the bombing of 14<sup>th</sup> November 1940 to the new cathedral built on a north-south axis using the available ground



It fell to our Stamford friends to source the best place for lunch and with the help of a city guide from the cathedral we walked to 'Playwrights' at the Canal Basin which afforded a seemingly rural location in the centre of a commercial and industrial city.

No visit to Coventry would be complete without encountering that most famous citizen – Lady Godiva whose plinth proclaims that she rode forth clad only with her own chastity! And from the upper floor of the 'Cosy Club' we enjoyed her hourly repetition of that famous ride to save the citizens of Coventry from her husband's crippling taxes.

Prayer Book evensong in the cathedral sung by the girls' choir [of 15] drew a congregation of 12 and was a beautiful and peaceful way in which to draw our visit to a close – all that remained was a taxi to the station for the direct North Western service from Coventry to Nuneaton and the onward Cross-Country train to bring us back to Stamford and to our car for the journey home in the rain!

In words from the Coventry Litany of Reconciliation – Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

With every good wish, Stuart Hadley [Rector of Southcliff Benefice]

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## PRODUCTION OF THE IN TOUCH MAGAZINE

Is anyone interested in becoming involved with producing the In Touch magazine, currently six issues per annum, circulated free to each household within Barkston, Belton, Honington and Syston?

The magazine started life in the early 1970's as a humble church newsletter produced for the parishes of Barkston, Belton, Honington and Syston. As costs rose advertising was introduced mid-1970 and the magazine was born. Production of the magazine was undertaken in the school office until the retirement of Mrs Maureen Robotham in 2006.

A copy of each issue has been bound into A5 size books and each book lodged at the County Archives at Lincoln. Collectively they record a social history of the four parishes since the early 1970's. Should parishioners wish to read them they are available by appointment at the County Archives, Lincoln.

The current production team, Mrs Wendy Card, Mr Alan Card and myself, Mr John Jackson, volunteer our services (expenses being paid for travel, printing ink and paper, and postage). Wendy collects/collates the articles as submitted and transfers them within Word/Publisher format to myself. The magazine is then prepared for publishing (including the creation/alteration of advertisements), returned to Wendy and submitted to the printer as a Publisher file in .pdf format. Alan then collects the printed copies (425+) and distributes them to the parishioners in the four parishes who have volunteered to post them through individual letter boxes.

As we emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic (hopefully) the time is right to consider the future production of the magazine. The magazine has historically been managed on a fluid basis, volunteers coming and going, redistribution of jobs, etc.. The monies attributed to the In Touch magazine are still banked in the original St Nicholas Church Bank account but are managed independent of the St Nicholas Parochial Church Council. A throwback to the origin as a church newsletter and the introduction of advertising.

Income is derived from grants from the Barkston and Syston Parish Council, the Parochial Church Councils of Barkston, Belton, Honington and Syston, and advertising. The financial position is secure.

My connection with the magazine started in January 1997 and continues to date but I feel the time is right to handover to the future generation. The November issue of the magazine will be my parting production involvement. I will continue as Treasurer until the end of the magazine's financial year, 31st, December 2021.

If you feel you wish to become involved in any capacity with the magazine please contact Mrs Wendy Card (01400250462, alan.c.card@btinternet.com) or myself, John Jackson (01400250021, jajackson101@btinternet.com).

Thank you.  
John Jackson



## **Barkston and Syston Parish Council**

A Meeting of the Parish Council followed the Annual Parish Meeting. Seven members of the Parish Council were present, together with District Councillor Ian Stokes and County Councillor Ray Wootten. District Councillor Rosemary Kaberry-Brown sent apologies. 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. Action was proposed: to clear a frequently blocked drain in West Street, Barkston; to clear an overgrown footpath alongside the river from Syston to Barkston, and to investigate overgrowing trees and bushes alongside the A607 from West Lodge, Syston to the northern exit from the village.

The suggested parking provision at the western end of West Street, Barkston, was discussed in detail. Councillor Wootten's intervention via the 'Councillor calls for action' initiative had resulted in an officer report on proposed action, which he outlined. This included road markings and signage, in an attempt to discourage indiscriminate parking, which was still causing significant problems. The Parish Council considered these suggestions unacceptable. Councillor Wootten said that he had spoken with the Chairman of the Highways Committee and would attend the Committee meeting later in the month to stress the unacceptable nature of the officer's proposals.

Community Speedwatch was now able to operate, and training was being organised for volunteers, at the direction of the Road Safety Partnership. The Clerk had carried out further publicity and two further volunteers had joined the group.

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

Various planning applications and decisions, including the Parish Council's comments, were reported.

It was agreed to fund the provision of a dropped kerb to the pedestrian

Many thanks to Rev. Stuart Hadley for leading the ceremony with such sensitivity and kindness; to Sam at The Stag, and to Rachel Metcalfe, formerly one of Joan's carers, who kindly distributed invitations to local people for whom I did not have addresses.

Christine Goldsack



### **FROM THE REGISTER**

**May they rest in peace**

Barkston  
26th July 2021 Joan Audrey Clarke [interment of ashes]

The Reverend Stuart Hadley, Rector, The South Cliff Villages Group

**Interring of the ashes of the late Joan Clarke  
in Barkston Burial Ground  
June 26<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Joan's family would like to thank all the villagers who attended this ceremony requested by Joan who died aged 97 in a Care Home in Leicestershire on August 21<sup>st</sup> last year, having moved there from Hough Road, Barkston some four years previously.

Forty-nine people clustered round the grave in warm sunshine to remember Joan and her husband Frank, of all ages, including all twelve of her great-grandchildren and six family dogs – they both loved children and dogs. We then walked to The Stag where Sam and her team looked after us very well. Sitting outside in the pleasant garden for tea, coffee and delicious sausage rolls and cakes (baked mainly by the children and handed round by them), we were able to reminisce and laugh about her life and the many ways in which she and Frank contributed to the community of Barkston where in retirement they enjoyed some of the happiest years of their lives.

Carol Telford handed me this short poem she had found in a W.I. cook book which Joan had found and contributed. It sums up the warm welcome visitors to her bungalow received, as well as her baking, and her positive and joyous outlook on life :

**RECIPE FOR A HAPPY DAY**

Take one whole pound of kindness,  
Stir it round with thoughts that bless,  
Plenty of patience makes it nice,  
Some fun will add a little spice,  
Don't weigh out love, just pour it in,  
Oil of good cheer will grease your tin,  
Mix well, in just the old-time way  
And you'll have made a happy day!

gate at the Playing Field, to enable access for wheelchairs/buggies and pushchairs.

Consideration was given to the provision of an information board at the picnic area, once the refurbishment was completed, this to be possibly funded via an application to the SKDC Community Fund. Funding of the balance was considered, and it was suggested that local businesses might be asked to sponsor the board, in return for an advertisement on it. Ideas for the content of the board were discussed, and it was agreed to consider financing the balance of the cost at the budget meeting next January.

In regard to the use of the Communal Room at St Nicholas Close for the Outreach Post Office, the Clerk said that nothing had been received from SKDC, despite several reminders. Agreed that SKDC be asked to state their position on the re-opening, and reinstatement of the Post Office at the earliest opportunity.

It was agreed to consider the lighting of a beacon for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, as had happened at the Diamond Jubilee in 2012, subject to the farmer who had allowed the use of his land agreeing.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 at 7.45 p.m..

Malcolm Hall  
Clerk to the Council



**2nd Sept 19.00 Syston  
17th Sept 18.30 Brandon  
29th Sept 17.00 Belton  
13th Oct 19.00 Barkston**

**THE SERVICE ROTA SOUTH CLIFFE VILLAGES GROUP**

Village	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Date	1st Aug	8th Aug	15th Aug	22nd Aug	29th Aug
BARKSTON		10.30 a.m. HC/SH			
BELTON	10.30 a.m. HC/SH				
BRANDON	10.00 a.m. MP/CB				
CARLTON SCROOP with NORMANTON					
CAYTHORPE				10.30 a.m HC/SH	
FULBECK			10.30 a.m. HC/SH		
HONINGTON					10.30 HC/SH
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	
5th Sept	12th Sept	19th Sept	26th Sept	
	10.30am HC/SH			
17.00 HC/SH				
		10.00 MP/CB		
		09.00a.m HC/SH	16.00 EP/SH	
10.30 SoR/SH		10.30 BTC/MT	10.30 a.m. HC/SH	
		10.30 a.m. HC/SH		
	09.00 a.m HC/SH	16.30 HV/SH	10.00 am MSW/JK	
	17.00 EP/CB		09.00 a.m. HC/SH	
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