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**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.

**Rainbows, Brownies and Guides** meet weekly. For more information contact [girlguiding.org.uk](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:rosemary.kaberry-brown@southkesteven.gov.uk) and Ian Stokes 01476 591142 or [ian.stokes@southkesteven.gov.uk](mailto:ian.stokes@southkesteven.gov.uk).  
Clerk to Parish Council is Malcolm Hall 01476 566984 or [starlight.hall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:starlight.hall@hotmail.co.uk).

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**NOT FROM THE RECTORY**



**A Month in which the Rector ‘bounces back’**

Heritage Railways appear to be benefitting from a government ‘Bounce Back’ scheme and we duly bought our ‘Bounce Back’ ticket entitling us to a whole compartment on the 11.15 a.m. departure one day in April from Wirksworth to Duffield on the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway.

In truth this was a trip down memory lane for often of a Saturday I would take mother out for a ride in the car and we covered this area of Derbyshire extensively, perhaps enjoying a picnic in the car park at Alport Heights looking over Wirksworth and then dropping down to the town to see the progress on bringing the railway back to life before eventually travelling on the line including most memorably a ride one year on the Santa Special.

The line south would have joined the Midland main line at Duffield but the intention was to take the route north beyond Wirksworth and join the main line north of Rowsley thus by-passing a stretch of line owned by a rival company between Ambergate and Rowsley. As soon as the Midland Railway was able to, it took over the line from Ambergate and so Wirksworth became and remained a short branch line mainly for freight from the lead mines and limestone quarries; for milk from farms along the route and for a small but regular group of commuters.

The last freight train was in 1989 but the lines remained and the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway was formed to bring life back and today our handsome crimson red carriages were hauled by ‘Eric’ – A Class 14 diesel hydraulic locomotive built in 1965 at Swindon D9537 for shunting duties, latterly working for British Steel before retiring to the East Lancashire Railway but on loan to the Ecclesbourne Valley

Railway.

We can see in the picture we took the beautiful British Railways crest on the carriage side displaying a demi-lion rampant (the British lion) holding between the paws a silver locomotive wheel. The lion is issuant from a heraldic crown of gold on which are arranged the rose (for England), the thistle (for Scotland), the leek (for Wales) and the oak leaf (for all Great Britain).

It is but a short journey to the National Trust property of Hardwick Hall where you would have see the rector doing that which the bishops have instructed – taking some time to rest! We often combine this with a visit to the family grave taking flowers to replace the Christmas wreath.

This letter will be coming out when the church calendar has moved forward into the Trinity season about which John Meade Faulkner [1858-1932] memorably wrote:

We have done with dogma and divinity,  
Easter and Whitsun past,  
The long, long Sundays after Trinity  
Are with us at last;  
The passionless Sundays after Trinity,  
Neither feast-day nor fast!

With every good wish,

Stuart Hadley [Rector of the Southcliff Benefice]

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**Your Village Needs You!**

Can you give up a few hours of your time each month?

We are looking for volunteers to join our village's Community Speed Watch team



**What is Community Speed Watch?**

Community Speed Watch is a scheme to allow trained volunteers to address speed concerns in their communities.

Volunteers work in association with the Police and Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership. Warning signs are displayed on the approach to a speed check area, and volunteers wearing high visibility clothing use a speed detection device to record a vehicles speed. Registered keepers of vehicles exceeding the speed limit will be sent letters of advice from the police.

**Who can be a volunteer?**

Anyone who is over 18 can volunteer and full training will be given. Community Speed Watch teams will comprise of a minimum of three trained volunteers, so you will never be expected to work alone.

**How do I find out more?**

If you would like to find out more about the scheme or would like to register your interest as a volunteer, please email the Clerk, Malcolm Hall, on [barkstonandsystonpc@outlook.com](mailto:barkstonandsystonpc@outlook.com)



**SOUTHCLIFF BENEFICE LENT 2021**

A very warm 'thank you' to all who supported our Lent giving which was for GRACE – Grantham and Rural Areas Covid-19 Effort; together we raised the magnificent sum of £648.

Thank you from Stuart [Rector]

**THE STAG**

We are delighted to have opened up properly from Tuesday 18th May with new menus and back to normal opening hours (see advert). We still have to follow government guidelines of the rule of six or two households along with table service and masks to be worn unless sat at a table.

We would like to thank you all for your support over the last seven years and hope to see you soon.

Sam and Mike

## **BARKSTON & SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

The Annual Parish Meeting for the Parishes of Barkston & Syston was held on 24th May in the Village Hall. Councillor Maryan Nussey was in the Chair as Chair of the Parish Council, and there were seven parishioners present. The Clerk read the minutes of the last meeting (2019), and as there were no issues raised by parishioners, the Chair closed the meeting at 7.48 p.m..

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council followed the Annual Parish Meeting. Seven members of the Parish Council were present, together with the District Councillor Ian Stokes. County Councillor Ray Wootten and District Councillor Rosemary Kaberry-Brown sent apologies. There were no members of the public present.

Councillor Maryan Nussey was re-elected Chair and Councillor Alan Card was re-elected as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

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. The County Council had programmed works to finally deal with the frequent drainage problems at the A607 junction with Church Street, near The Stag, and at the Minnetts Hill/Church Street junction. Works at the latter area would also include improvements to the area in front of the Bedehouses.

It had been confirmed that the dyke opposite the Village Hall, which was blocked along parts of its length, resulting in water flowing in the direction of The Stag was in fact owned by LCC. Action to deal with the blockage would be taken at the same time as the works referred to above.

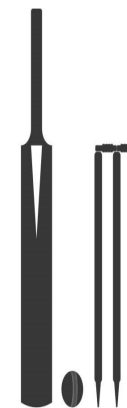
County Councillor Wootten's "Councillor calls for action" initiative had been successful in that the Highways Committee had supported the request, and had instructed officers to proceed to further investigate and report back to the Committee after the May Elections. Nothing further had been heard since before the elections, although it was expected that a report would be prepared soon.

Community Speedwatch was now able to operate, and training was

## **BARKSTON AND SYSTON CRICKET CLUB FIXTURES**

All fixtures are played on a Sunday and start at 1p.m..

June 6th	Lindum Academy	Home
June 13th	Waddington	Home
June 20th	North Scarle	Away
July 4th	Blankney	Away
July 11th	Caythorpe	Away
July 18th	North Scarle	Home
July 25th	Bassingham	Away
Aug 1st	Blankney	Home
Aug 8th	Waddington	Away
Aug 15th	Old Lincolnians	Home
Aug 22nd	Hykeham	Home
Sept 5th	Caythorpe	Home
Sept 12th	Sleaford 2nd	Away
Sept 19th	Lindum Academy	Away

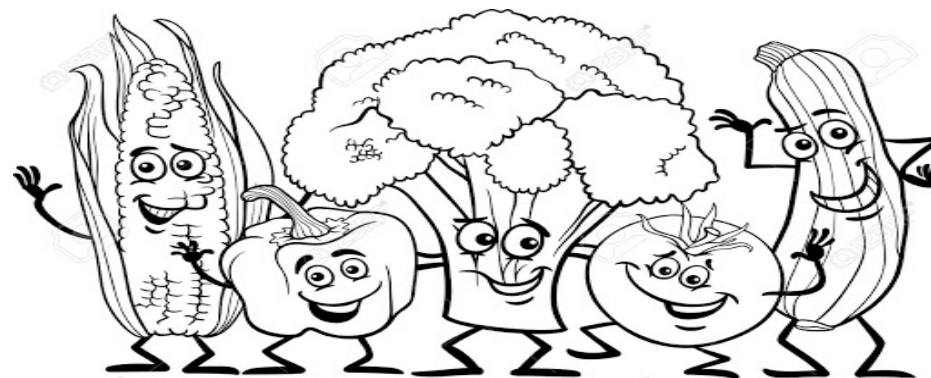


## **BARKSTON SYSTON BELTON HONINGTON AND CARLTON SCROOP ANNUAL PRODUCE AND CRAFT SHOW**

The Committee with regret has decided to cancel this year's Show, due to the Covid 19 uncertainty in the coming months. I am sure you all understand.

Fingers crossed we look forward to seeing you at next year's Show when the hall will be full once again of all your wonderful exhibits.

Vicki Strawson ( Secretary )



## 1<sup>st</sup> Caythorpe & Duke's Covert Scout Group - We're back!

Smiles, shrieks and whoops of joy could be heard across Duke's Covert Scout Campsite, Ancaster, as we got back together again after months of Zoom calls.

With an exciting programme of outdoor activities planned, including cooking on open fires, tracking, outdoor craft and wide games, you too can enjoy making new friends and learning skills for life by joining us.

Beavers are our youngest section, aged 6-8, swiftly followed by Cubs, aged 8-10½. Up until the school summer holidays, Beavers and Cubs will be meeting on Thursday evenings at Duke's Covert Campsite. Our Scouts, aged 10½ to 14, also meet at the campsite once a month on Saturdays.

We currently have spaces for boys and girls across all our sections, and we're recruiting volunteers to help run our meetings too. If you'd like to find out more about joining us, simply email [1stCaythorpe@granthamscouts.org.uk](mailto:1stCaythorpe@granthamscouts.org.uk).



being organised for volunteers, including at Belton and Manthorpe Parish Council, and the Clerk suggested that a further call for volunteers be made, which was agreed.

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

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

In regard to the use of the Communal Room at St Nicholas Close for the Outreach Post Office, the Clerk said that he had established contact with the Post Office, and their officers were in touch with SKDC in regard to the re-opening of the Communal Room, for the Outreach Post Office. The Post Office had, at SKDC's request, submitted a Health & Safety Risk Assessment, which was being assessed by the Council. SKDC had said that they were following Government guidelines, and subject to any last minute alterations intended to re-open the room on, or shortly after, the 21st June.

Details of the SKDC Community Fund had been received and circulated to all Councillors to enable them to give consideration to any projects which might qualify for a grant under the scheme. The Council considered that an application for a dropped kerb at the pedestrian entrance to the Playing Field should be made in the first instance, followed by an application for an information board at the picnic area when the Clerk had costed the proposal.

The next meeting is on Monday 12th July at 7.45pm

Malcolm Hall. Clerk to the Council



**THESE SERVICES DEPEND ON CLOSURE BEING LIFTED**

**THE SERVICE ROTA SOUTH CLIFFE VILLAGES GROUP**

Village	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Date	6th June	12th June	20th June	27th June	
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					
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	
4th July	11th July	18th July	25th July	
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