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The Magazine of Barkston, Belton, Honington and Syston

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Barkston and Syston Village Hall Regular Bookings

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

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

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County Councillor for Barkston, Belton and Syston is Ray Wootten .
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South Cliff Villages Group
NOT FROM THE RECTORY



Not From the Rectory; a month in which the rector wanders between Essex and Suffolk

For many years the greatest pleasure on receiving the ‘Church Times’ newspaper on a Friday was turning immediately to the back page and reading the short article ‘Word from Wormingford’ written by the writer Ronald Blythe [Akenfield – Portrait of an English Village 1969]

Ronald Blythe was [is] a Reader serving three small Church of England parishes on the very northern edge of Essex where the River Stour marks the boundary with neighbouring Suffolk and for almost as many years as I read his weekly articles, I have wanted to visit this part of the country

The opportunity came in the summer when I had a few nights in Suffolk at Ipswich: the London Liverpool Street train took me through Colchester to Mark’s Tey where there is a traditional branch line serving Sudbury via Chappel and Wakes Colne and Bures and the railway line runs more or less along the line of the River Stour which it repeatedly crosses so that one minute you may be in Essex and the next in Suffolk

The branch line proclaims itself as the ‘Gainsborough Line’ offering a delightful railway journey through landscape straight off a Constable painting crossing the 32 arch Chappel viaduct, with its station home to the East Anglian Railway Museum, through Bures and entering Sudbury through Great and Little Cornard – familiar to us from Martin Shaw’s tune ‘Little Cornard’ to which we sing the hymn ‘Hills of the north’

The specific aim of the journey was to get off at Bures: the station is in Essex and has its own church at Mount St Bures but I was headed across the county boundary – stopping first at the village deli to sample a slice of their cheesecake – to the village and church of Bures St Mary

Here I encountered in the porch a small wooden box containing everything necessary for a ‘pilgrim passport’ in the shape of an ink stamp marked for the Stour Valley Trail and an ink pad while inside the church there is the Waldegrave Chantry with the children kneeling in prayer commemorating a William Waldegrave who died in the early 17th century

The Greater Anglia trains run every hour so I decided to catch the next train the few miles to the next station at Chappel & Wakes Colne where I ate my lunch and looked around and glimpsed the Diesel Rail Bus acquired from the North Norfolk Railway [built in 1958 by Waggon and Maschinenbau] and pulling the levers in the signal box too!

Well, all too soon, my hour was up and it was time to take train back to Mark’s Tey and catch the main line train back to Ipswich crossing at Manningtree for one final time the Stour where the river widens out into the estuary which will join with the Orwell at Shotley and flow into the North Sea between Felixstowe and Harwich – and we really didn’t mean to go to sea!

With every good wish

Stuart Hadley, Rector of the South Cliff Benefice

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VILLAGE LIFE

Having lived in Barkston for over 70 years I feel very privileged to have experienced the pleasures of living in a small community where everyone is willing to help each other. I feel it is now time to appeal to everyone lucky enough to live in this village to take more of an active part in the day to day running of the various amenities they enjoy.

The Village Hall is desperate for new members to help run it and make it available to all organisations in Barkston and Syston. The committee has become so depleted during the Covid epidemic that it has had to resort to someone outside the village taking on the duties of Booking Secretary which is not ideal.

The Playing Field could also do with some young blood joining the committee as at the moment it relies on a few stalwarts to keep it in good order and safe for everyone.

I understand that the appeal for someone to take over running this magazine has fallen on deaf ears and think this could well be the last edition popping through your letter box in which case I would like to thank all those who having given up their time to deliver them around the four villages.

Fly Tipping. We have been informed of people taking rubbish to put in the bins at the Playing Field and would ask that anyone noticing this happen to let a member of the Parish Council know as these bins are not emptied by SKDC but is left to the volunteers who try to keep the field in good order.

FROM THE REGISTER

Holy Matrimony

21/08/2021 Christopher Timothy Ancliffe and Emma Victoria Robertson [Syston]

Holy Baptism

19/09/21 Zachary Robert Jameson (Barkston)

May They Rest in Peace

21/09/21 Susan Biron Evans (Barkston)

TABLE TOP SALE

Community Centre, St. Nicholas Close, Barkston

Friday 12th November 2021

Bric-a-brac

Clothes

Christmas Items

Crafts

Etc

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SHORT MAT BOWLS

Short Mat Bowls has started again in the Village Hall. Bowls are Mondays and Thursdays 1.45—4pm. This is the same as played outside and indoors, but with a shorter green, full sized woods are used. If you think you would like to have a trial roll up, just give us a ring on 01400 250518. All you need are flat shoes/slippers, to be changed in the Hall, we have bowls you can use. Come and have a chat/cup of tea and try us out.

Tom and Janet Baker

Belton and Manthorpe Parish Council Meeting August 2021.

The latest meeting of the Belton and Manthorpe Parish Council was held on Wednesday 25th

August 2021. Brief details of the meeting:

- No apologies – all members present
- There was a vacancy for a Parish Councillor in the Belton Ward. The relevant process had been followed and Mrs Eve Farley of Belton was Co Opted on to the P.C. as a Councillor. This was a unanimous decision by the Parish Council.
- Ian Cooper – General Manager of Belton House spoke to the meeting and updated those present on current issues, including the reopening of the Liongates, Biomass Boiler at Belton – the SKDC Environment officer had recently attended and he was satisfied at the processes that were in place for this , the OFGEM Emissions Certificate had been issued. National Trust were working together with Woodland Trust this included future planned work re the car parks at Londonthorpe and Belmont Tower. Winter Light show would go ahead again this year, There were plans for an extended trail and he was hopeful that this would not impact on Belton village or those who lived close by.
- **Finance.** The Clerk had circulated a Financial report prior to the meeting, there were no queries from councillors, and it was RESOLVED, to accept the report and agree to the payments that had been made.
- The Clerk had circulated a report on all the planning applications since the last meeting. The vast majority were straight forward and had required no comment or objection.
- **Belton Telephone Box.** – The Chair outlined the history to this matter and the fact that BT were looking to get a local organization to adopt the phone box. A full discussion took place by all present. RESOLVED – it was not appropriate for the P.C. /

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

The dropped kerb to the pedestrian gate at the Playing Field had now been installed, and enabled easier access for wheelchairs/buggies and pushchairs. A new bench had been acquired and was to be installed shortly.

In regard to the use of the Communal Room at St Nicholas Close for the Outreach Post Office, the Council noted with pleasure that the office was now open on Mondays and Thursdays, as before closure.

The site of the beacon for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, as had happened at the Diamond Jubilee in 2012, had been agreed by Mr Scarborough. The beacon would be lit on 2nd June 2022 at a time to be notified.

Some discussion took place on the emptying of litter bins within the Parishes, particularly within the Playing Field. Checks had been made and bins were routinely emptied in some neighbouring authorities, but not within SKDC's area. The issue of emptying also extended to the dog waste bin outside the Burial Ground. SKDC had stated that they were trying to reduce the number of bins that were emptied throughout the District, but could empty the Playing Field bins if another, less frequently used bin, was removed from the schedule. Clerk to find out, for the next meeting, which bins were in fact emptied, with a view to consideration being given to removing one, if little used, in place of the Playing Field bin.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2021 at 7.45PM.

Malcolm Hall
Clerk to the Council

Barkston and Syston Parish Council Report for ‘In Touch’

The Parish Council met at the Village Hall on Monday 13th September. Seven members of the Parish Council were present. Councillor Steve Elnor sent apologies owing to work commitments. District Councillor Ian Stokes and County Councillor Ray Wootten sent apologies. There were no members of the public present.

Prior to the meeting starting, the Chair referred to the recent and sad death of Councillor Sue Evans, a member of the Parish Council since 2009. Sue had been a steadfast member of the Council who always did her best for the local community. Members stood in silent tribute before the meeting commenced.

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 was asked to find out the current position with regard the promised works at the Minnetts Hill/Church Street junction, and The Stag corner. Action had been taken or was proposed to clear an overgrown footpath alongside the river from Syston to Barkston, (now cleared) 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. Unfortunately, owing to Councillor Wootten’s absence, a detailed update was not available, although it was noted that some signage work had been carried out.

Community Speedwatch was now able to operate, and a familiarisation session had been organised for the end of the month. The two further volunteers that had joined the group had now completed their training.

In relation to the bus stop clearway proposals in Church Street, Barkston, these had been approved at the recent meeting of the Planning and Regulation Committee and work would shortly commence on the necessary signage.

to adopt the phone box but it would hopefully be adopted by another local organization.

- Date of next meeting Wednesday 24th November 2021.

Full details and the draft minutes can be viewed on the Parish Council web site:

<https://belton-manthorpe.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

ADDITIONAL CHURCH SERVICES

Harvest Celebration 19.00 Barkston Wednesday 13th October

Holy Communion on the first Wednesday of the month at St. Vincents, Caythorpe 10.00am

St. Nicholas, Barkston Wednesday 17th November for the Feast of St. Hugh followed by Coffee.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE GREEN

All are welcome to participate

We are organising a walk to support the decorating of the Village Green, near the Stag, and reconnecting the community together.

Date: Saturday 9th October 2021

Time: 11.00am

Distance: Approximately 5 miles

Cost: Adults: £5, Children £2

The walk will start from the Stag, complementary tea/coffee served after the walk. Please check the Notice Boards around the village a week prior to the event for any updates.

Children and Dogs are welcome. Please ensure that dogs are kept on leads at all times due to walking in areas where other animals are. Raffle and any donations appreciated.

Please contact Les or Rachel Metcalfe. 07920096439 (text only) met57rach@gmail.com

THE SERVICE ROTA SOUTH CLIFFE VILLAGES GROUP

Village	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Date	3rd Oct	10th Oct	17th Oct	24th Oct	31st Oct
BARKSTON					
BELTON					
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. MP/SB		10.00 a.m. MSW/JK	
HOUGHAM	17.00 EP/CB			09.00 a.m. HC/SH	
MARSTON	9.00 a.m. MP/CS		17.00HS/ CS		
SYSTON			09.00 a.m. HC/SH		

In Addition: see church notice boards or web site www.southcliffchurches.uk

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	
7th Nov	14th Nov	21st Nov	28th Nov	
	10.00 REM			
10.30 HC/SH				
10.00 MP/CB	18.00 HC			
	10.00 REM	09.00 HC/ SH		
	10.50 REM		10.30 a.m. HC/SH	
	10.50 REM	10.30 a.m. HC/SH		
	10.00 REM		10.00 am MSW/JK	
17.00 EP/CB			09.00 a.m. HC/SH	
09.00 a.m. HC/SH	10.45 REM	10.00a.m MP/CS		
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