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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.

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Council Representatives

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



Not From the Rectory: At the Heart of Christmas

It seems ironic that those wishing to attend the Cop 26 Climate Conference in Glasgow and intending to travel by train - thus cutting their carbon emissions by two thirds had they driven by car – were obliged, due to freak weather bringing down trees on the power lines of the West Coast main line, to fly instead from Gatwick!

No such problems had troubled us a mere week earlier when we took the Caledonian Sleeper from Euston to Glasgow and the onward Inter City express across the central belt of Scotland to Dundee and up the magnificent east coast to reach Aberdeen

We were unable to add to our tally of Anglican cathedrals visited as the Episcopal Cathedral of St Andrew's was 'closed for assessment', whatever that might mean, although St Mary's Catholic Cathedral happily promotes itself as a 'Christ Centered Community which is alive, forming and sending out joyful disciples' which is a strap line we should be seeking to copy!

Aberdeen was merely a stepping stone on the journey to the Shetlands which, as far as church is concerned, looks to be engaged on its own version of 'Resourcing Sustainable Churches' trying to encourage in one case the local community to buy its ancient church from the national body

While we might think of Shetland as having a Viking heritage, Christian missionaries had arrived by 7th century. The church in question above is thought to date back to the 11th century and consists of a simple nave for the congregation and re-modelled to suit Presbyterian worship

Celtic Missionaries brought the Christian gospel to Orkney at about the same time although the most distinctive cathedral building of St Magnus in Kirkwall dates to 1137 and was founded by the Viking Earl Rognvald in honour of his uncle St Magnus who was martyred here. It describes itself as a building 'steeped in the presence of God' and today is open to all whether they wish to worship or simply sit and spend time in reflection and contemplation.

Not so many miles away is a much more recent building but one which also is 'steeped in the presence of God' and this is the Italian Chapel built in their spare time and using whatever materials they had to hand by the Italian POW's working on the construction of the Churchill Barriers around Scapa Flow in the Second World War.

The chancel gates join above a small heart set into the floor for, as the blacksmith who created the gates recorded, he would be leaving a small part of his heart on Orkney when he returned to his home in Italy.

And that is the Church of England's 'theme' this Christmas that the family is 'At the Heart of Christmas'. We remember Christmas last year as the Christmas when families and friends could not meet due to the pandemic and it is with delight and anticipation that we look to Christmas this year as a time when once more the family can be at the heart of our celebration.

Look out for invitations to our Christmas Services which – hopefully - will show the accompanying heart shaped logo enfolding the Holy Family – Our Lady, St Joseph and the Holy Child.

And may the peace of the Christ Child be with you this Christmas and as we enter a new year.

Every blessing, Stuart Hadley [Rector of the South Cliff Benefice]

LAST ISSUE

Number 357 is the last issue of IN TOUCH in the current format. The magazine has evolved over time, from 1975/6 as a single sheet church newsletter, to the present time as a commercially printed booklet open to all within the four parishes. Perhaps now is the time for village communications to move into the present day and embrace the web.

I should like to thank the editors, past and present, the volunteer distributors, the Parochial Church Councils of Barkston, Belton, Honington and Syston and Barkston and Syston Parish Council for their annual grants, and the many businesses who have advertised over this period.

The issues of IN TOUCH produced this year will be bound into a book and join their predecessors lodged in the Archives in Lincoln. These books represent a social history of life in the four villages over the last forty five/six years.

When the accounts are closed at the end of the financial year the balance of monies will be returned to St Nicholas Parochial Church Council.

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CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND SWITCHING ON OF LIGHTS

CAROL SINGING ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER

3.30 p.m. All Welcome

ALL WELCOME

BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met at the Village Hall on Monday 8th November. All Members of the Parish Council were present. County Councillor Ray Wootten sent apologies. There was one member of the public present.

The meeting commenced with the public forum, during which a member of the public raised the issue of flooding on Thorold Gardens during heavy rain. It was agreed that the Clerk would raise this with the Highway Authority.

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. Works to improve drainage at The Stag corner were due sometime before Christmas. Delays had occurred as other jobs had overrun. The Minnetts Hill/Church Street scheme was still on the list to be addressed during the current financial year, but given the size of the scheme this would be led by what happened over winter in terms of bad weather and availability of drivers and machinery. The use of third party assets was being considered. The Council were concerned at flooding in the above two areas, and agreed that, noting that works in these areas had been identified as to be carried out by LCC, if they were not carried out by December then consideration would be given to taking the matter further.

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. The Clerk was asked to find out the current position, via Councillor Wootten.

Nothing further had been heard from LCC in regard to the overgrowing trees/bushes on the A607, or in relation to the blocked path from Main Street to the A6097 at Syston, and the Clerk was asked to send an appropriate reminder. The roadside hedge adjoining the Council bungalows on West Street, Barkston had been reported and was on a list for cutting. The dilapidated grit bin on Minnett's Hill had been reported, and would be replaced and the covering vegetation cut back. The Clerk was asked to refer the poor state of the road edges near the Hough Road Railway Crossing to LCC with a request for renewal of the stoning on the road edges.

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Sunday 12th December, 7.00 p.m. Christmas Concert at St. Vincent's Caythorpe by the Hungate Singers.

Wednesday 15th December, 7.00 p.m. Carols and Lessons at Syston.

Thursday 16th December, 7.00 p.m. Carol Concert for the Rainbows by the Loveden Quartet at Barkston.

Friday 17th December, 6.30 p.m. Carols and Lessons at Brandon.

Thursday 23rd December, 7.00 p.m. Carols and Lessons at Hough on the Hill.

Friday 24th December 3.00 p.m. Carols and Lessons at Belton
4.00 p.m. Crib Service at Marston
5.00 p.m. Carols and Lessons Honington
7.00 p.m. Carols and Lessons Fulbeck
11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass Hough on the Hill

Saturday 25th December 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Fulbeck

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Community Speedwatch was now operating, and two familiarisation sessions had been held. A further live session was being planned.

Various planning applications and decisions, including the Parish Council's comments, were reported. The Clerk was asked to request an answer from SKDC in relation to the two applications in Barkston which had been refused.

Work on the picnic area was now almost complete. Clearance of rough vegetation was on the way, and the sign was in the process of being refurbished.

Members reviewed and agreed policies, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, and re-appointed the Internal Auditor.

Some discussion took place on the appropriate location for the planting of trees, which had been considered at the last meeting, and the Clerk was asked to clarify the locations and advise members.

Further to the discussion at the last meeting about the emptying of litter bins within the parishes, the Clerk reported on a list received from SKDC. The District Council had already advised that they could not empty any more bins, but could empty those on the Playing Field if another in the parish was removed from the list. SKDC had advised, however, that all bins were usually full, and in their opinion it might not be a good idea to move any. Following a discussion, it was felt that the bin near the phone box could be moved, but as the email from SKDC was unclear, the Clerk to ask for clarification.

The Council gave further consideration to the filling of the vacancy for a Councillor for Barkston, and Mr Colin Pell was proposed and seconded. There were no further nominations, and Colin Pell was therefore declared elected.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 10th JANUARY 2022 at 7.45PM.

Malcolm Hall
Clerk

THE SERVICE ROTA SOUTH CLIFFE VILLAGES GROUP

Village	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Date	5th Dec	12th Dec	19th Dec	26th Dec	
BARKSTON		10.30 HC/SH			
BELTON	10.30 HC/SH				
BRANDON	10.00 MP/CB				
CARLTON SCROOP with NORMANTON			18.00 CS/SH		
CAYTHORPE				10.30 HC/SH	
FULBECK			10.30 HC/SH		
HONINGTON					
HOUGH ON THE HILL		09.00 HC/SH		10.00 MSW/JK	
HOUGHAM	17.00 EP/CB			09.00 HC/SH	
MARSTON	9.00 HC/SH	16.00 Bede/SH	17.00CS/CS		
SYSTON			09.00 HC/SH		

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1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	
2nd Jan	9th Jan	16th Jan	23rd Jan	30th Jan
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