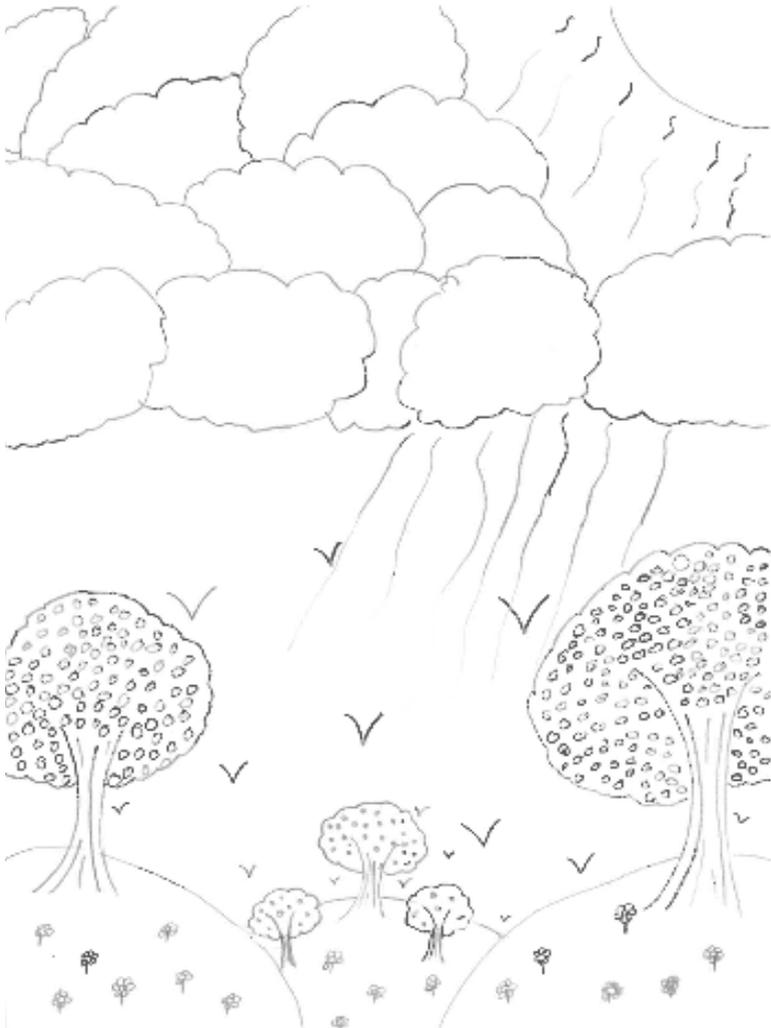


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Editor's Welcome



So here's the summer holidays again and, if in particular you have school children, the anticipation of long days away and a change to the weekly routines. It is also a period of change with a new academic year next month – Carolyn, our vicar, touches on this in a wonderful reflective piece on page 4.

But as well as change, this is also a period of restarts after the summer holidays – the return of regular activities with groups reinvigorated. We have 'Traditional Music & Song' starting again in late September at the Barn and Church Lunches recommencing in early October to kick-off the harvest celebrations.

We also have a seasonal start with a new offering of regular 'social tennis' twice a week, for free, as an initiative by Baston Events to encourage village tennis – read more on the Sports page.

We are also in a period when the seasons start to change as well, long hot evenings easing away into shorter, mild autumnal days. Climate is at the forefront of current news, and although Baston isn't Barcelona yet (!), each year seems to get drier and warmer for longer.

Maybe some of you have seen changes in the countryside with the events organised by the Naturehood group – if not, you still have time to join in with their photograph competition, more details on page 14.

Whatever you are doing these holidays, recharge and enjoy this time, wherever you may be. All the best.

Nick, Editor

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Vicar's View



I have just attended the leavers' services for the schools. The young people have said goodbye to their first school with its familiarity and friendships. Friends may be going to different secondary schools, a huge change for them as making new friends can be daunting.

I am in awe of what these young people and their teachers have managed during this cohort's time in Key Stage One despite Government policy U-turns, constant pressure on targets and attainment often with less-than-ideal funding, not forgetting the pandemic which affected a huge percentage of their time. The teachers in our schools have continued to care and support our young people though it all. The children have grown up and have managed to achieve all they needed to.

These young people are seeing the changes in our climate, what happens when a new virus hits, what happens when war affects not only the countries involved but the global economy. They live in a world where communication is instant and constant. They will live with the changes

that AI will bring. These young people are the leaders of tomorrow. They can see what harm has been done. But I have hope. They are resilient, they value community, knowing the impact of isolation and distancing. They are passionate about caring for our environment, each other and the world.

God created us to be stewards of this world and gave us the commandment to love our neighbours as ourselves. History has shown we have failed miserably. I hope that, despite the pressures, our young people can learn to love themselves because they are precious children of God.

And if they remember that, they will be in a good place to love their neighbours and perhaps repair the damage we have inflicted on creation. If you are looking at these young people and thinking that's a bit of a tall order, remember that they are fearfully and wonderfully made. They are resilient and our hope for the future.
God bless, Carolyn

From The Registers

No baptisms or weddings in June or July
 Funeral We offer our prayerful sympathy to the family and friends of:
 Wg Com Patrick Patterson 1st June (South Lincs Crem)

100+ Club Winners

| May Winners | | June Winners | |
|-------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| £50 | no. 291 | £50 | no. 189 |
| £25 | no. 337 | £25 | no. 167 |
| £20 | no. 78 | £20 | no. 267 |
| £15 | no. 8 | £15 | no. 80 |

HOW TO JOIN/REJOIN THE CHURCH 100+ CLUB

September sees the end of our present year and to everyone who has supported us a very big thank you. During September letters will be delivered to every house in Baston asking if you wish to join/rejoin the 100+ Club. (If there is anyone who could offer help with delivery of the letters for Colton Close and Denshire Court, please let me know.) The subscription will still be £12 per year per person and half of the proceeds goes back out in prizes. All is explained in the letter, I do hope you will support YOUR church. *Diane Savage*

Baston Church & Group Services

June and July 2023 in St John the Baptist Church, Baston, unless otherwise mentioned.

AUGUST

| | | |
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| Sunday 6th | 10am | Morning Service |
| Sunday 13th | 10am | Morning Service |
| Saturday 19th | 12 noon | Wedding Stribling/Sedgwick |
| Sunday 20th | 10am | Group Holy Communion |
| Thursday 24th | 10am | Mid-week Communion |
| Sunday 27th | 10 am | Holy Communion |

SEPTEMBER

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|---------------|------|--------------------------------|
| Sunday 3rd | 10am | Morning Service |
| Sunday 10th | 8am | BCP Holy Communion |
| | 10am | Morning Service |
| Sunday 17th | 10am | Group Holy Communion, Langtoft |
| Sunday 24th | 8am | Holy Communion |
| Thursday 28th | 10am | Mid-week Communion |

Church News

WE CELEBRATED OUR CHURCH'S **FEAST WEEKEND** OVER 24 AND 25 JUNE
 Families enjoyed a Treasure Hunt round the village with a theme of space and the planets. Educational and fun! Entries/donations came to £51, prizes were donated and many thanks to all the houses that participated. There was a virtual experience in Church for people with reduced mobility. The prizes given were: Children – Large Book about the Stars and Planets; Young Person – Ravensburger Planetary Vision Jigsaw; Adult – Glass Crystal Ball Paperweight of the Moon. *Eileen Mort*.

The church flower team decorated the building. Several of the flower arrangements incorporated the "space and the planets" theme. Saturday afternoon was busy with children (and adults) crafting flying saucers, mobiles and rockets while others joined in for tea and home made cake. Tea and cake was served on Sunday afternoon too when visitors retreated into the cool of the church from the heat of the day. Summer drinks were served ahead of evening Songs of Praise. A big THANK YOU to all who helped in various ways. *Maryon Avery*

CHURCH CLEANING. Our small team work hard caring for the church building but we could do with reinforcements! If you could help with some vacuuming, dusting, sweeping or even brass polishing! from time to time, please contact me or Church warden Janet. *Diane Savage*

If you are a **pianist or organist** and would like to discuss how you could share your music with your local church, please contact Carolyn on 01778 703093 or ness.rector@gmail.com

The **COMMUNITY LARDER** box in the church porch is being well-used. If you need a meal, please help yourself, if you have plenty please donate.

Our Village

Baston Organisations

BPFMC

Improvements - Following recent successful bids for external funding based on suggestions received from the Village, a combined Parent & Toddler Swing Seat is to be installed and the old, but well-loved see-saw replaced with a new wooden see-saw. The old see-saw was beyond economical repair and its continued long-term safe use could not be assured.

Tennis - Tennis court hire remains available from the Village shop - £5 per court per hour. Family membership is available at £75 per year; details on how to apply are on the BPFMC website - www.bpfmc.org

Vandalism & Damage - Sadly, there have been more instances of vandalism and damage. While Committee members were clearing away broken glass, they noticed that

recent significant damage had been caused to the rebound wall rear panel, possibly by one of the goal posts removed from the pitch for the summer. We made a Crime Report to the Police and requested an increased Police presence in the Village. When examining the CCTV footage to determine if the perpetrators could be identified, it was noted that male adults and boys were urinating behind the Barn. The Police confirmed this is a Public Order Offence.

Committee Vacancies - BPFMC still requires a Secretary to help with Committee administrative matters. If you are able to provide a few hours help each month to support BPFMC and thereby support and maintain the Village facility, please contact the undersigned. Details on the Contacts page. *Martin Wynne Chairman BPFMC*

BASTON PARISH COUNCIL

On Monday 17th July Cllr Paul Delmer and Cllr Phil Redmore invited the LCC Highways team to Baston to walk the village and stress the importance of traffic calming, puffin crossings, 7.5T weight limits, and the safety of children and villagers in crossing Main St and the A15 at Maltby Drive. We will await their response in the coming months. A donation of a 36 place ipad charger has been made to the primary school for the Hive & Stem zone. There is no news on the Parish Council's application to the Prosperity Fund for a new notice board or cricket nets but the Parish Councillors are on the case with District Councillors to get this moving. Grass cutting, bins and Carl's excellent job of keeping the village tidy are all working well. *David Plant*

FROM OUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS

Dear Residents, As your local councillors we wish to keep you up-to-date on District and County Council news. South Kesteven District Council has a new Independent Leader following May's elections. SKDC is responsible for planning applications, planning enforcement and waste collection. Other services include housing, environmental health and licensing. The SKToday magazine is now online and contains a lot of useful information: www.southkesteven.gov.uk/sktoday. Lincolnshire County Council covers South Kesteven as well as the majority of Lincolnshire. LCC's responsibilities include highways, education, social care, waste disposal and mineral extraction. The next County elections will be in 2025, staggered with District elections every four years.

SKDC and LCC work together to improve waste management, being responsible for collection and disposal respectively. Consequently, later this year, households will receive a new wheelie bin for paper and card. We realise some people may struggle to find space for another bin, but separating out these materials will improve recycling rates and, in any case, this measure will soon be required by national legislation. Please get in touch if you have any issues you would like us to address. SKDC: Cllr Smith and Cllr Trollope-Bellew and LCC: Cllr Baxter (Contact details inside front cover)

Our Village

Baston Events

BASTON BEATS 2023 REVIEW

The inaugural Baston Beats 2023 Music and Beer Festival was held 15th - 16th July at the White Horse pub. The event revived the rich tradition of live rock music performances in the village which began in the late 1960s. The weekend was a great success, with around 200 - 250 people attending and raising over £2000 for the 'Don't Lose Hope' charity based in Bourne. People were treated to live performances from Dom Brister, The Rose Haunts, Radius 45, The Brays, and Listen Like Thieves. On Sunday it was the children's turn to perform at the Open Mic. We thank Niamh Addy, Christina Pitchford, and Germaine Stribling, supported by Baston Events and numerous local businesses who gave sponsorship, and we are looking forward to Baston Beats 2024. Dates will be announced soon!

Simon Pitchford (edited)

TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND SONG AT THE BARN EVENTS

Admission is £15 and you can bring your own drinks. We have the summer break during July and August, then more music from September onwards.

28th September: Aaron Catlow & Kit Hawes

Best known as the virtuoso guitar and fiddle players in Sheelanagig, Kit and Aaron are now one of the most exciting duos to emerge in recent years. Using the folk music of the British Isles as a catalyst, they create dynamic, effervescent interpretations of centuries-old material as well as original songs and compositions.

Aaron last played at The Barn with Brooks Williams in June 2022. This acclaimed duo of Kit Hawes & Aaron Catlow is certain to be a great start to our Autumn season of concerts.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AND AUCTION

As you make your jams and pickles over the next month, please save a jar or two for Harvest Festival early in October. There will be a Crafternoon with a Harvest theme on Saturday 7 October 2 – 4 pm in church. Our Harvest Festival Service will be on Sunday 8th October at 10.00am and our Harvest Auction on Tuesday 10th October at 8.00pm in The White Horse. We do hope you will come and join in the celebrations of Harvest, thanking God for all he has given us. Donations of items suitable for our Auction, (tins, jars, packets, jams, chutneys etc) will be welcomed in Church over the weekend of 6/7/8th October. Cakes and any fresh veg, fruit, to The White Horse on the night please. As usual the money raised at the Auction will be split between the Lincolnshire Rural Support Network and the Church.

LUNCHES IN CHURCH

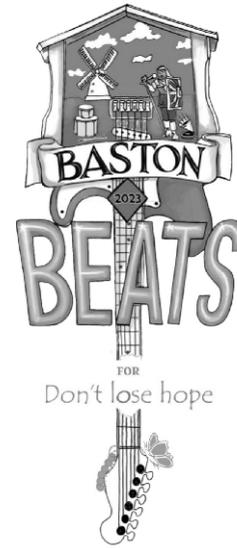
Lunches in the church restart on 5th October at 12 noon until 1.30pm, then 2nd November and 7th December. There will be the usual choice of soup, roll, butter, hot pudding and custard followed by either tea or coffee. All for only £6.50. If you could consider helping with any aspect of these very popular lunches, please contact me for a chat. (See "Contacts")

Diane Savage

Baston Beats Photos - 15th & 16th July



Baston Beats Photos - 15th & 16th July



Photographs courtesy of James Styles (james.styles.photography@outlook.com)



For the next edition we will have a selection of the photograph entries for the Naturehood Photography Competition. Please send through to Simon Pitchford or via <https://naturehoodsk.uk>

Our Village

School's News

Baston CoE Primary School's summer filled with creativity and farewells

This term, our Year 1's embarked on exciting artistic adventures, crafting vibrant masks. With scissors and paintbrushes in hand, they brought their imaginative characters to life. In Design Technology, the young learners explored the world of fruits and vegetables. Tasting, chopping, and slicing, they uncovered a treasure trove of flavours, leading to fun-filled discussions on the most popular fruits among their peers. They designed fruity pictures celebrating the wonders of nature's bounty.

On Wednesday 12th July Year 5 visited the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. They took part in an Animal Grouping & Classification workshop, extending their scientific knowledge and understanding with real life examples. Then they had the opportunity to see many of the animals that live at the park - red pandas, giraffes, rhinos, lions and even polar bears

- up close. It was a particular treat when we posed for a class photograph and the male lion decided to roar, and roar and roar! Maybe he was disappointed not to be asked to be in the picture!

As the academic year draws to a close, we bid a fond farewell to our Year 6 class. With hearts full of gratitude and pride, we wish them all the best as they embark on their next chapter. Heading into the summer break, we cherish the moments of joy and learning we have shared. We look forward to welcoming back our students refreshed and rejuvenated for the adventures that await in the coming year.



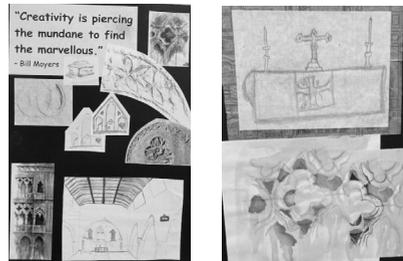
Wishing everyone a lovely and unforgettable summer! *Lucy Tyler (edited)*

KIRKSTONE HOUSE SCHOOL

In June, the year 9 students from Kirkstone House School came to St John the Baptist Church on a sketching trip. The weather was beautiful, warm and sunny, enabling us to sketch both inside and outside the Church building. We have been investigating the work of John Piper and Ian Murphy, both of whom create art work which celebrates the dramatic beauty of light and shade on the buildings, as well as the fascinating texture of the natural stone.

Thank you for keeping the Church open and accessible. *Alice Briant.*

Here is some of the work that we produced:



Our Village

Village Champion - Jonathan Walker



Following our theme from the last edition, we had already selected Jonathan before his unexpected announcement that he had sold his business. Considering he has supported the village through his shop and Post Office spanning over four decades, we thought it appropriate to still recognise all he has done, but maybe more as a valedictory piece.

How long did you live in Baston & where did you move from previously: Almost 35 years (at the shop), previously from Bridgnorth, Shropshire.

What are you involved with in the village: previous shop-keeper & Post Office master.

What was your previous job: District Manager for Nationwide Building Society (at Bridgnorth). **Favourite village memory:** The friendly community, the shop's location

overlooking the playing fields and all the various village events over the years.

Favourite film/TV series: Game of Thrones and '24'.

Quote/motto: No matter what issues you have in your personal life, when you are in the workplace you leave them behind.

Tea or coffee: Water or Oasis!!

Jonathan sold the business on 12 June '23, so the editorial team take this opportunity to welcome Mihir Patel, his wife Bhumi, his brother Dhruv and family into our community. They have already added some tasty delights on the shop shelves and are offering the same support to the village community as we had previously – thank you!

Local Business Focus

Grace Wilder

Let me introduce myself: I am Grace Wilder and I have lived in the village for over 11 years on School Lane. I love being in this village and I also love my job as a personal psychotherapist and counsellor. During the summer months I'm hoping to have some quality time to reflect away from my busy life and get ready for the next change of season and new horizons that it brings with it. I think when we have a holiday, it gives us the chance to realise how busy we are and stop and check if this is in line with where we are wanting to be. Everyone, young and, could benefit from some self-reflection in a safe non-judgemental space.

How do we actually look after our body and mind on a daily basis? How do we nourish our brains? I am a qualified personal psychotherapist and hypnotherapist who can help with a variety of problems from stress and anxiety, relationship issues, to helping identify healthy coping mechanisms in this crazy world. I can also help with loss and big life changes and stages. When looking for a personal psychotherapist or counsellor always make sure they are a member of the National Counselling and Psychotherapy Society (NCPS) and meet with them to see if you like them as it is so important to have good rapport. If you would like to discuss any problems you are having and see if I can help, please call me on 07775 915 892



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Clubs

C.A.M.E.O. ☕

Thanks to Dave Fletcher, folk singer, who came to entertain us in June. We had a lovely afternoon at Waterside for a plant talk and afternoon tea in July. Future planned events; in August we have Nigel, singer, accompanied by the organ, and in September we have the PCSO from Stamford. I'd like to thank the ladies who continue to support the club. *Rosa Coia*

BASTON DOG WALKERS 🐕

A reminder that if you have a dog and would like to join other fellow dog minded people then the Baston Dog Walkers would be happy to welcome you. For more information or to join contact Matt & Louise Lee, see the contacts page for information.

SCOUTS 🦋

1st Thurlby Scout Group continues to provide children across the Ness group villages with a range of excellent experiences to help them make new friends, have amazing adventures, and learn new skills. Our Scouts enjoyed the 3-night Stamcamp in the grounds of Burghley House, bringing together groups from across Stamford and Bourne regions, to engage in bush crafts, water sports, archery, axe throwing, air-rifle shooting, crafting and many more wonderful activities.

In May we hosted a group camp, bringing together our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Here the children learned to make camp, safely light fires, make shelters, enjoy a sing-song around the campfire and of course, enjoy some toasted marshmallows!

In June the group took to the water for a day of sailing, rowing, paddleboarding and rafting and our Cubs will also get to enjoy their big camp for the year, LinCub.

Giving children these wonderful experiences is only possible due to the wonderful team of volunteers we are blessed with. If you would like to get involved and help out, please contact me: karen.thomas@stamfordbournescouts.org.uk *Karen Thomas*

BASTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE (WI)

Members enjoyed Lucienne Bennet's presentation "Tulips from Amsterdam" which gave members a fascinating insight into the history of the tulip.

Sandra Nelms, presenting Avon Calling in July, told members that their company was founded 135 years ago. Their core purpose is "to create a better world for women which is a better world for all."

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

August 1ST OPEN MEETING NORDIC WALKING

Discover Nordic walking for fun, fitness, fresh air and friendship with Jo Douglas. Practical sessions may be available at a later date should there be sufficient interest.

September 5th THE LIFE OF A RACEHORSE

Geoff Evans who worked for a Newmarket stud will tell members how they breed racehorses. Both meetings are at 7.30pm in The Barn. Visitors and new members always welcome.

OPEN MEETING

Baston WI are hosting a meeting in The Corn Exchange, Bourne on Monday September 25th 2023 at 7.30pm. Speaker: Roz Edwards, "The Mannequinn Lady". A mountain of old mannequin body parts has been turned into a lucrative business for a former homeless woman from Lincolnshire.

Tickets: £8 Closing date 31st August. No refunds for cancellations. To obtain more details of any of the above see contacts' page. *Steph' Balderson*

Sport News

Baston Cricket Club

We have had a busy June and July, playing 6 matches so far during this period, winning 4 and losing 2. We have had some notable matches. We beat Skegness 2nd XI at home (203/AO vs 140/AO), David Greenfield scored 71 off the bat, and bowler David Conlon with an impressively dangerous 7/26! We had a similarly good match away at Castor and Ailsworth 2nd XI (73/AO vs 135/AO). Batting first, James Roffe scored 34, before the opposition were put into bat with Rowan Good taking 5 wickets for 34 runs. We now find ourselves climbing one place to 4th in the South Lincs and Border League, Division One.

We have more home matches coming up in August and September. Do feel free to come along and spend a couple of hours supporting us in the sun!

Ben Hudson (Club Captain), Andy Burrill (Edited)

Fixtures for August/September:

(Home) Castor & Ailsworth 2nd XI. Sat 5th Aug, 1pm

(Home) Spalding 2nd XI. Sat 19th Aug, 1pm

(Away) Boston 2nd XI. Sat 26th Aug, 1pm

(Home) Ancaster 1st XI. Sat 2nd Sept, 1pm

(Home) Billingham 1st XI. Sat 9th Sept, 1pm

(Away) Grantham 3rd XI. Sat 16th Sept, 1pm

Baston Tennis Courts – Social Hours

Calling all keen and budding Tennis players! From 2nd August to late September (weather permitting) we are pleased to announce two weekly slots of 2 hours each where the courts will be free to use for all comers: Sessions for the Social Hours will be Wednesday afternoon 6 – 8pm, Sunday morning 9 - 11am. Just bring along a racquet and a cool drink – and channel your inner Murray or Raducanu We have tennis balls and admission kindly supported and funded by Baston Events and BPFMC for this year. Contact Jack Wilder (07834 310 594) for more information – or simply come along! *Jack Wilder*

Music News

Traditional Music and Song Review

Bryony Griffith and Alice Jones 22nd June 2023 Baston tonight I was greeted by a rainbow over the village. A sign? Or perhaps just a joyous celebration of the end of another fabulous season a Baston Folk Club. Either way it was a colourful way to start off the last concert before the obligatory summer break. Bryony and Alice describe themselves as a 'Yorkshire Folk Music Duo' with clear emphasis on the Yorkshire. They would not have been out of place in the first series of the recent BBC 'The Gallows Pole', a series set in 1760s West Yorkshire. Bryony was formally of the Witches of Elswick so had appeared at Baston in 2007, sixteen years ago! Likewise Alice had appeared here eighteen years ago with the John Dipper Band in 2005. Bryony plays fiddle, Alice harmonium and guitar, both share vocals. They've been a long time coming back!

The duo's most recent album with the great title, 'A Year Too Late And A Month Too Soon', mixed and produced in 2022 by Joe Rusby, showcases their work admirably and much of what we heard can be found on that album. Their songs are rooted deeply in working people, coal, hard graft and, on occasion, a spot of murder or murderous intent. So another season at Baston comes to an end. Let's hope that everyone has a good summer and returns in early autumn fully refreshed and with tales of holidays, fresh air walks and new music. See you in September! *Toby Wood (edited)*

Nature Watch

There has been some interesting wildlife observed in the churchyard nature area, including the (un) common broomrape, lady's bedstraw, burnet saxifrage, and various hawkbit species. Often, several butterfly species can be spotted at any one time. This is the first year that we have allowed this area to grow, and we have needed to 'just observe' growth patterns. We thank the village for their support with this. We are now in a better position to make decisions and provide a more structured management practice, as well as inviting more participation from volunteers in the next seasons. We would like to place bird/bat/hedgehog boxes in the area in the Autumn, hopefully a nice way of bringing forward this involvement.



As part of the Baston, Langtoft and Thurlby Naturehood group, we now have a website up and running: <https://naturehoodsk.uk> Please take a look! As mentioned in the last issue of the Baston Voice, you will now be able to view the full details online on this web address for our Wildlife (digital) Photography competition (Deadline for entries 30th September).

Please get clicking for the remainder of the Summer. If anybody is unable to view the website but is interested in submitting an entry, please do contact me for details. *Simon Pitchford*. If you have any queries, please see contacts page.

Past Times

Baston In the Year 1937 (86 years ago); sourced from our *1985 Baston Newsletter*. Our village was much quieter than today. Few lorries came into the village to collect farm produce or make deliveries and gravel extraction down the Fen was in its infancy. Car traffic was minimal compared with today. A majority of villagers worked in farming, though tractors had taken over from horses on the eight+ major farms and were not really suitable on roads.

Main drainage did not exist and disposal was either through septic tanks. Many had overflows piped into the village dyke (*north beyond the cemetery and flowing eastwards*), or each house had outside earth 'privys', these being dug out once a year and spread over the land! Seemingly many cottages kept a pig, fed on house and garden waste and field gleanings, for food over the winter.

Baston had two grocers, one incorporating the Post Office with village postman for twice daily deliveries. Services included a butcher, baker, carpenter and wheelwright, builder, plumber, blacksmith, a cobbler, a haulage contractor, our own permanent village policeman, five public houses, one village school for ages 5-14 and the church with our own vicar and a choir; plus clubs to help the unfortunate. All were an integral part of our village of some 550 people. Self-sufficiency was the key. *Peter Rayner – village historian /contributor*

Regular Events

WEEKLY

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| Mondays | 2.00pm - 4.00pm | Church (Baston) | Warm Welcome gathering |
| Mondays | 6.00pm - 7.00pm | The Barn | Pilates session |
| Tuesdays | 10.00am - 11.00am | The Barn | Tai Chi at The Barn |
| Tuesdays(term-time) | from 5.00pm | The Barn | Wildcats Theatre School |
| Tuesdays | 8.00pm - 9.30pm | Lawrence Park, Thurlby | Explorer Unit (Scouts) |
| Wednesdays | 11.00am - 12 noon | The Barn | Pilates session |
| Thursdays | 9.45 - 10.45am | Mayfield Gdns Community Centre | Chair Based Exercise class |
| Thursdays(term-time) | 10.00am - 11.30am | The Barn | Baston Baby and Toddler group |
| Thursdays | 6.45pm - 8.15pm | Langtoft Church | Ness Group Choir practice |
| Fridays | 6.15pm - 7.15pm | Lawrence Park, Thurlby | Beavers |
| Fridays | 6.45pm - 9.15pm | Lawrence Park, Thurlby | Cubs |
| Fridays | 8.00pm - 9.30pm | Lawrence Park, Thurlby | Scouts |
| Saturdays | 10.30am - 12 noon | Church (Baston) | Bell Ringing |

MONTHLY

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| 1st Tuesday | 7.30pm start | The Barn | Women's Institute (WI) meeting |
| 1st Thursday | 12 noon - 1.30pm | Church (Baston) | Church Lunches |
| 1st Thursday | 8.00pm start | The Barn | BPFMC meeting |
| 1st Sunday | 2.00pm start | Denshire Court footpath | Baston Dog Walkers |
| 2nd Wednesday | 2.00pm - 4.00pm | Mayfield Gdns Community Centre | Cameo |
| 2nd Thursday | 7.15pm start - no meetings Jan & Aug | The Barn | Parish Council meeting |
| 3rd Tuesday | 11.00 - 11.45am | Main Street StyleHse | Library Bus |
| 4th Tuesday | 12.30pm for 1.00pm start | The Black Horse | Ladies for Cancer Research UK (booking req) |
| 4th Thursday | 8.00pm start - no performances July & Aug | The Barn | Traditional Music & Song |
| Sunday, fortnightly | 8.00pm start | The White Horse | Quiz Night (free entry) |
| Last Friday | 7.00pm for 7.30 start | The Barn | Cash Bingo |

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Events Specifically for August / September

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| Wed 2nd Aug | 6.00pm - 8.00pm | Tennis Courts | Tennis Social (start of weekly sessions) |
| Sun 6th Aug | 9.00am - 11.00am | Tennis Courts | Tennis Social (start of weekly sessions) |
| Sun 13th Aug | 8.00pm | The White Horse | Quiz Night (tbc) |
| Tues 22nd Aug | 11.00am - 11.45am | Main Street, Style Hse | Library Bus |
| Sun 27th Aug | 8.00pm | The White Horse | Quiz Night (tbc) |
| Sun 10th Sept | 8.00pm | The White Horse | Quiz Night (tbc) |
| Tues 19th Sept | 11.00am - 11.45am | Main Street, Style Hse | Library Bus |
| Sun 24th Sept | 9.00am - 11.00am | Tennis Courts | Tennis Social (last weekly ses-) |
| Sun 24th Sept | 8.00pm | The White Horse | Quiz Night (tbc) Quiz Night (tbc) |
| Wed 27th Sept | 6.00pm - 8.00pm | Tennis Courts | Tennis Social (last weekly session) |
| Thurs 28th Sept | 8.00pm | The Barn | Traditional Music & Song (restart) |
| Sat 30th Sept | 12 noon | deadline for Naturehood Group photo competition | Details on page 14 |

Coming Soon in October

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| Thurs 5th Oct | 12 noon - 1.30pm | Church (Baston) | Church Lunches (monthly restart) |
| Sun 8th Oct | 8.00pm | The White Horse | Quiz Night (tbc) |
| Tues 10th Oct | 8.00pm start | The White Horse | Harvest Auction evening |

And Finally...

Our congratulations to Jacob Bush, son of Emma and Darren, who has been selected to represent the Great Britain Cycling Team in the time trial at the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships in Glasgow, running from 3-13 August. Well done Jacob!

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