

The Parish of The Asterby Group

Newsletter

May
to June
2026



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Seeds of Hope: Finding Peace in Our Fields and Hearts

As the hedgerows burst into life and the rhythm of the agricultural year moves into its busiest stride, May and June bring a particular kind of energy to our corner of the world. For those working the land, it is a season of frantic growth and watchful waiting. For the rest of us, it's a time when the evenings stretch out, and the countryside seems to hum with a quiet, vibrant power.

In the Church calendar, this period is equally busy, marked by three significant festivals that speak directly to our lives here in the rural heart of England.

In early May, we celebrate Rogation Sunday. The word "rogation" comes from the Latin *rogare*, meaning "to ask." Traditionally, this was when the parish would "beat the bounds," walking the boundaries of the village and asking for God's blessing on the newly sown crops.

In an area like ours, Rogation isn't just a quaint tradition; it's a recognition of our dependence on the earth. It reminds us that whether we are farmers or gardeners, we are all stewards of this soil. It's a moment to pause and appreciate the delicate balance of nature that sustains us.

Moving into late May, we reach Pentecost (or Whitsun). Often called the "birthday of the Church," it celebrates the arrival of the Holy Spirit—described as a rushing wind and tongues of fire.

If Rogation is about the earth beneath our feet, Pentecost is about the spirit within us. It's a festival of transformation and communication. In a world that often feels divided, Pentecost reminds us of the power of understanding one another and the energy that comes when a community is truly "on fire" with a shared purpose.

Finally, we mark Trinity Sunday. The idea of "Three-in-One", God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, can feel like a complex theological puzzle, but it can teach us simple, beneficial, things. While it is about mystery and relationship, in a practical sense it reminds us that unity and diversity can coexist – different roles, different gifts, one community. It suggests that at the very core of existence, there is balance and there is love.

It would be remiss to look at our peaceful fields and ignore the fact that the wider world feels anything but peaceful right now. From global conflicts to economic shifts, the news can often leave us feeling small and utterly helpless. How can we possibly make a difference when the problems seem so vast?

The answer, perhaps, lies in the very nature of the crops growing in our fields. A harvest isn't one giant event; it is the result of millions of individual seeds taking root. We can mimic what nature has developed over millennia: small acts, collective large ripples. Like a phone call to a neighbour who has been quiet lately, choosing patience at the shop when things are going slow, or picking up a few bits of litter.

Peace isn't always a grand treaty signed in a distant city. More often, it is a quiet choice made in a kitchen, a field, or a village hall. These small acts of peace ripple outward.

When they join together, they create a current that can change the atmosphere of an entire community, countries even.

As we move through May and June, let's carry the themes of these festivals with us. Let's be thankful for the land (Rogation), open to new energy (Pentecost), and committed to supporting one another (Trinity).

Whether you find your "peace" in a church pew, on the seat of a tractor, or simply walking the dog down a quiet lane, may these months bring you a sense of renewal and hope.

The Asterby Group Ministry Team

St Peter's Church Churchyard, Asterby

As previously reported in this newsletter, the churchyard at Asterby St Peter's needs stewards. Since the winter, the churchyard has been cleared sensitively, paid for by a Councillor's Community Grant from local District Councillor Daniel Simpson, and a grant from the Asterby Group Parochial Church Council.

It looks a little stark in the photo at the moment as so much bramble and tree saplings had to be removed around the graves. But, it is now in a good state for ongoing maintenance. We are now looking for some enthusiastic people to look after the churchyard as a local amenity, and in line with current priorities at local and national level, in a way that encourages wildlife and biodiversity.

Similar churchyards in other parts of the country have secured grants to provide advice and materials to develop the space around churches for this purpose.

Are you local to Asterby or Goulceby? Do you have a connection with St Peter's?

Or do you know someone that does? Are you interested in conservation, biodiversity and the environment? Do you want to help preserve our outdoor heritage?

Would you be willing to be part of a project to look churchyard at St Peter's for future generations?

Please contact Neil Walker on 07771 861202 if the answer to any of the above is yes, or you just want to know a little more. When a church is closed it is still the responsibility of the PCC to maintain the churchyard. With St Peter's we had to employ a contractor to do this. Monies raised from advertising in the newsletter help towards projects like this.



Who's Who in the Group

Priest in charge

Our Oversight Minister is the Rural Dean.
Contact the South Wolds Group Administrator.

Lay Minister

Ann South, 01507 313792

Partnership Office

Debbie Knight, South Wolds Group Administrator, 01507 525600
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Group Parish PCC

Chair: Rotates amongst PCC members
Secretary: Caroline Taylor, 01507 343352 (for 2025/2026)
Treasurer: Sally Cosgrove, 01507 343788
Ministry Team Coordinator: Neil Walker, 07771 861202

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Asterby : Sally Cosgrove, 01507 343788

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Acting Church Wardens, Bella Campbell and Gillian Stewart

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Russ Hibbins (acting) 01507 343581 - Di Eddington, 01507 343336

Scamblesby Derek Elmhirst, 01507 343631 Peter Myers, 01507 343680

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A Repair Cafe for Horncastle

There are plans afoot to set up a Repair Cafe in Horncastle, to be based in the Library.

It could potentially run once a month on a Saturday morning.

Would you like to help with :

Serving refreshments - Receiving and listing items brought in for rescue

Creating posters and fliers -

Repairing Portable electrical items, Technicals, computers etc

Textiles, clothing, bags, toys - Pottery repairs - Mystery items

If you want to know more, contact Jil Greenwood on 01507 313552



Goulceby Coffee Mornings - Will resume in September.

Thanks to all who have supported these over the winter months.

Your donations have helped our Restoration Fund for the church.

Thank you : Caroline and the Friends of Goulceby Church.

Maggie Lindley raised money for Aspire as reported in the last newsletter.
The amount should have read "£600 raised" - with apologies from Maggie

Coffee, Cake and Chat

Donington on Bain Village Hall

First and Third Thursday of the month from 10.30am - all welcome !



Deadline for next Newsletter

All articles and adverts for inclusion in the **July to August 2026** edition to be with Sue, on **07826 772452** or email: **moomoski@btinternet.com** by **15th June 2026**. Please let me have your items written out, or, preferably emailed, as you would like them to appear, and as early as possible, **please don't wait until the deadline**.

To place an advert please contact Sue on the above number. All items on behalf of the church have no charge. Any other events or adverts will have a minimal charge. This helps to maintain and develop your newsletter. Contact **Sue** by email here at **moomoski@btinternet.com**

Stamps, foreign coins, banknotes and postcards, used or new, are still being collected by Sue. All these items can be placed in the 'stamp collection boxes' in most of the churches or directly to me at Bramley House, Benniworth. **07826 772452**.

Donington-on-Bain Parish Council

donington-bain.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk



Chairman's Report – Spring 2026

I have now been Chairman of the Parish Council for six months. In that time, much has been achieved, while some familiar challenges remain. I originally took on the role following the resignation of the previous Chairman and Clerk in late 2025.

Since the appointment of our new Clerk, Alan Vassar, I have found renewed motivation and enthusiasm within the role. His energy and experience have already made a positive impact, and as a result I have decided to continue, should I be reselected at the AGM in May.

I look forward to encouraging wider participation within the village, both in terms of community events and the necessary improvements we all wish to see.

I am pleased to report that work has finally started on the installation of new equipment in the children's play area. This has been fully funded through grant support and not through the local parish precept, and further enhancements, including the installation of durable metal fencing, are planned for a later date once we receive suitable tenders for the works.

At our April meeting, we welcomed Kevin Main back onto the Council, which is good news. We do, however, still have one vacancy, and I would very much encourage anyone interested in getting involved to consider joining us during 2026.

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on the 5th of May from 7:30pm. This is an important and different meeting than the usual, offering parishioners the opportunity to meet the Council, raise concerns, and share ideas in an informal setting. We will be providing tea, coffee and light refreshments, and I would genuinely encourage anyone to come along, even if it is simply to introduce yourself.

Looking ahead, I am particularly keen to pursue improvements within the village that can be delivered at no cost to our parish precept. Thanks to our Clerk's experience, we are actively exploring a range of external funding opportunities through the means of a Community Action Group. This 'CAG' could support new initiatives that bring people together and strengthen our community. In many cases, these projects would operate independently but in harmony with the Parish Council, with involvement with representatives from other local groups and residents, and I would welcome anyone interested in contributing.

Key points from our April Council meeting included plans to repair and renew the tennis court and football nets, investigating options for improved or creating formal parking at the MUGA, early consideration of the grass and hedge cutting contract for 2026, and ongoing discussions around traffic calming measures with renewed emphasis on signage and verge fencing to emphasise that you're entering a village.

Full minutes from the April meeting will be available on the village notice boards, the Post Office, and on the Parish Council website in due course,
Thank you for your continued support,

Karl Kay

Chairman, Donington on Bain Parish Council

Please submit all queries for any official parish Council business such as allotments, cemetery or agenda items for discussion **directly to the Clerk, Alan Vassar** using this email address **doningtononbainpc@gmail.com**



50 Years of the Viking Way, and Our Place on the Path

This year marks a special milestone for one of England's most celebrated long distance walking routes, the Viking Way, which proudly celebrates its 50th anniversary.

Stretching some 148 miles from the Humber Bridge in the north to Oakham in the south, the Viking Way has, for half a century, guided walkers through some of the country's most varied and beautiful landscapes. From rolling countryside and historic market towns to quiet woodland and open farmland, it offers a journey not just through geography, but through time.

Here in Donington on Bain, we are fortunate to be part of that story.

As the trail winds its way through the heart of the Lincolnshire Wolds, it passes directly through our village, bringing with it a steady trickle of walkers, day trippers, and long distance adventurers. Some arrive with well worn boots and detailed maps, others simply following the signposts and the promise of a good walk ahead, but all share in the same quiet appreciation of the landscape we are lucky enough to call home.

For many, Donington on Bain offers a welcome pause along the route. Whether it is a moment to rest, take in the surroundings, or simply enjoy the slower pace of village life, our community provides a small but memorable part of their journey. In return, the Viking Way brings us a gentle connection to the wider world, reminding us that our village sits not just in the Wolds, but on a route walked and appreciated by people from near and far.



Over the past 50 years, countless footsteps have passed through our lanes and along our fields, each one adding to the quiet legacy of the trail. The Viking Way is more than just a path, it is a thread that links communities, landscapes, and generations.

As we celebrate this anniversary, it is a fitting moment to reflect on our place within that story. The route may stretch across counties, but it is shaped by the villages it touches, and we are proud to be one of them. So whether you are a regular walker or someone who simply enjoys seeing the occasional rucksack pass by, this year is the perfect time to appreciate the Viking Way and the small but special role our village plays in its journey.

Karl



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MAY	
FRIDAY 1 ST 7.30PM	HOTBUCKLE'S RETURN OF THE NATIVE
SATURDAY 2 ND 7.30PM	ALEX MCALEER – MIND READER
SATURDAY 9 TH 7.30PM	LINCS SOUL COLLECTIVE DUO
WEDNESDAY 13TH – SUNDAY 24TH VARIOUS TIMES	LOUTH PLAYGOERS SOCIETY DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID
THURSDAY 28 TH 7.30PM	TALON EAGLES
FRIDAY 29 TH 7.30PM	ELVIS FROM MEMPHIS TO VEGAS
JUNE	
SATURDAY 6 TH 7.30PM	STEVE WALKER'S BIG BAND
FRIDAY 12 TH 7.30PM	MARTY WILDE
SATURDAY 13 TH 7.30PM	THE SOUNDS OF SIMON
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**SATURDAY
18TH JULY
2026
10AM-1PM**

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Facebook.**

**Maps will be available on the day with the sellers
locations on from the village hall and down
Meadowcroft. Please contact number above for
your location to be added to the map.**

THE WOLDS WOMBLERS STRIKE AGAIN



THE DONINGTON ON BAIN COMMUNITY LITTER PICK – SUNDAY 29TH MARCH

In just 3 hours our brilliant volunteers collected an incredible 30 bags of litter from in and around the village.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part, especially Tina and the Wolds Womblers for organising such a fantastic effort.

They'll be back in Autumn for another clean up - everyone welcome.



**30 BAGS
COLLECTED**



**3 HOURS
CONTRIBUTED**

Mobile Library Service



Donington on Bain, Post Office : Arrives 10.00am - 10.30am

Benniworth, Tennyson Close : Arrives 10.45am - 11.15pm

May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
21st	18th	16th	13th	10th	8th	5th	3rd & 31st

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PLANT SALE

**On Saturday 9th May
10.00am - 12.30pm**



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Burgh on Bain LN8 6JY**



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and Community Centre**

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community.**

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please call Gytha on 01507 313667.

Middle Cottage Diaries

Our late Queen once quoted Mother Theresa of Calcutta saying, "We cannot all do great things, but we can all do small things with great love". Isn't this the same with nature? Few of us will ever get the chance to save the elephants in Africa, but we can make our gardens wild life friendly by encouraging insects, frogs and hedgehogs, and we will soon be seeing more of these creatures, as the better weather advances, so what can we do to make them feel welcome?

Hard though it may seem, not being too finicky about tidying gardens, appears experts tell us to encourage wildlife perhaps, like many of us, they may feel more comfortable in less than perfect surroundings. Which of you remember Hyacinth Bouquets nervous neighbour? She was so worried, that she did not break Hyacinth precious china or spill her drink that she could not relax and enjoy her coffee. So a bit of untidiness and less than perfect surroundings probably appeal to wild life too. Leave piles of logs and clippings, and don't remove plants because they are past their best, something else might have a use for them.

Now here's a question for all you nature lovers. When do Orange- tipped butterflies begin to emerge? Is it April, May or June? (answer below). As I preach, about protecting wildlife, my rescue dog Mimi is busy chasing a large bee with murderous intentions. I don't think she seems to be familiar with any of Mother Theresa quotations, do you?

The countryside is looking so lovely right now, in spite of the worlds troubles, we can still enjoy our little bit of it here in Benniworth.

The answer to the question : Orange-tips begin to appear in April, the males are Orange-tipped, the females are Black-tipped

Olwyn Metcalf



Benniworth Community Hub Update

St. Julian's Church is hosting monthly coffee mornings organised by the new Benniworth Community Hub. The idea of the Hub is to encourage more social events in the village, which has no other venue for activities. Saturday last saw 16 people enjoy a Book Swap over drinks and cake. The next event will be a Plant Swap in May, date to be agreed but the time will be 10.30 to 12.30.

Notice Boards versus Social Media



Whilst out walking the other day I happened to be reading the notice board next to the shop and information in the bus shelters here in East Barkwith and South Willingham and it got me to thinking about how notice boards may seem old fashioned, however they remain surprisingly effective in many settings.

A notice board reaches people physically present in a space, students walking past a classroom, residents visiting a community centre, employees staff and dining areas. The information is presented without distractions, algorithms or competing content. A printed notice often feels more official or credible, especially for local events and there is no smart phone, app or internet connection required, most people can read a notice board or have this read to them.

Despite their strengths, notice boards do have some limitations. They cannot reach people who are not physically present, updates require a manual effort and space is sometimes limited, not to mention the need for some means to secure the notice!

Social media has transformed communication by making it instant, interactive and global. A single post can reach hundreds or thousands of people within minutes and far beyond the boundaries of the notice board. Information can be shared, edited or corrected instantly. Users can comment, share, react and participate. Photos, polls, links and videos make the messages more dynamic and engaging. Nevertheless, social media also introduces challenges and misinformation can spread quickly; algorithms determine who sees what and not everyone has the same platforms.

I believe that communication has and will always shape how communities' function, whether in a school corridor, a village hall or a global online network. I feel that the power of a notice board and social media can effectively coexist, each plays a distinct role. Rather than competing let's consider how they can best work together.

Maybe we should think about using notice boards for local, official or static information such as timetables, events and essential reminders. Social media for announcements that need wide and maybe sometimes urgent distribution or interactive campaigns and, indeed, in our local community, folks let others know of any potential thefts, pets or livestock who are missing or parcels left at an incorrect address and we all work together to help.

If we combine both, then this becomes very powerful in terms of communication, a notice on a board with a social media page for more information, and hey presto we have brought the two together in harmony.

It isn't about choosing one above the other? the smartest approach is to use the best or both together to ensure our community functions with excellence.

Wishing you all the very best

Lizzie Roberts

Asterby Parish Services in May 2026

Date	Location	Service	Time
3rd May	St. Julian's Church, Benniworth	Holy Communion	10am
10th May	St. Helen's Church Burgh on Bain	Morning Praise	10am
10th May	Starts at the Beeches, Welsdale Rd, Donington on Bain	Rogation Sunday	3pm
13th May	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Celtic Worship with Holy Communion	11am
17th May	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Holy Communion	9.30am
24th May	St Martin's Church, Scamblesby	Holy Communion Pentecost	10am
31st May	All Saints Church Goulceby	Holy Communion Trinity Sunday	10am

The Asterby Group of parishes has a web site, which is now kept up to date with details of contacts, services and events in the group. You can find it here > www.asterbygroup.org. Please let us have any suggestions for additional content.

We also have a Facebook page, where we post last minute changes and where you can interact with the rest of the Asterby Group community. You can find it here > www.facebook.com/groups/asterbygroup

Asterby Parish Services June 2026

Date	Location	Service	Time
7th June	St. Julian's Church, Benniworth	Morning Praise	10am
10th June	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Celtic Worship with Holy Communion	11am
14th June	St. Helen's Church Burgh on Bain	Holy Communion	10am
21st June	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Holy Communion	10am
28th June	St Peter's Church, Gayton Le Wold	Holy Communion	10am
28th June	St Martin's Church, Scamblesby	Evening Praise	6pm

Leaving the Flock

Reverend Pam Fraser will be returning to Australia in June.

She has been a stalwart to the Asterby Group of Parishes and will be missed by us all.

Pam will be at the following services:

3rd May - Benniworth (with the Revd. Cilla Smith)

24th May - Scamblesby

31st May - Goulceby

It would be lovely to thank her and wish her well on her way to Australia

Prayer Circle

Circle us, Lord. Keep love within us and hatred without. Keep peace within and fear without. Surround us with your presence, protecting us, guiding us and filling us with your grace as we pray for one another. Circle us, Lord."

We pray for everyone in our Parish of the Asterby Group at this time of new beginnings: for our new committees and for everyone serving on them, giving so generously of their time and energy in the service of our village churches and communities. Thank you all!

Please do not hesitate to ask for prayers to be offered for particular concerns, anxieties or needs you may have, as well as giving thanks for special joys. All requests are received in total confidence and only shared by Prayer Circle members. Ann South - 01507 31379

Home is where the heart is ...

I recently attended a training event where the speaker spoke about a school, metaphorically, needing low floors, wide walls and high ceilings in order to be able to welcome and teach all children. I was moved by this metaphor, but I have applied this notion to village living.

Rural communities have a long tradition of looking out for one another. Neighbours help neighbours, families span generations under one roof, and homes are often built with the future in mind. Designing a house that is inclusive, one that welcomes people of all ages and abilities, is a natural extension of that rural spirit.

Three architectural choices in particular, low floors, wide walls, and high ceilings, can transform a home into a place that supports independence, comfort, and connection for everyone who walks through the door.

Low Floors: Making Every Entrance a Welcome One

In rural areas, where homes often sit close to fields, gardens, and outdoor workspaces, low floors and level thresholds are more than a convenience, they're a necessity.

They help:

- Older residents stay in their homes longer
- Farmers and outdoor workers move easily between inside and outside
- Children and parents navigate with strollers, muddy boots, or armloads of produce
- Visitors with mobility challenges feel fully included

A flush entryway also reduces tripping hazards, which is especially helpful in communities where people often carry tools, firewood, or groceries across the threshold.

Wide Walls and Spacious Layouts: Built for Real Life

Rural homes tend to be gathering places, dinners, community meetings, neighbours dropping by unannounced. Wider hallways and rooms make these moments easier and more comfortable.

They allow:

- Wheelchairs and walkers to move freely
- Two people to walk side-by-side, whether that's a grandparent and grandchild or someone offering support
- Flexible furniture arrangements for large family events
- Space for future additions like handrails or built-in storage

In rural living, where homes often evolve over decades, wide walls and generous layouts make adaptation simple rather than stressful.

High Ceilings: Light, Air, and a Sense of Freedom

High ceilings have always been part of rural architecture, think of old barns, farmhouses, and airy cottages. They bring a sense of openness that mirrors the landscape outside.

High ceilings offer:

- Better airflow in warm months
- More natural light during short winter days
- A calming sense of space after long hours of outdoor work
- Room for overhead storage, lofts, or future design changes

They also help balance the practical features of accessibility with the beauty and character rural homes are known for.

A Home That Reflects Rural Values

When low floors, wide walls, and high ceilings come together, the result is a home that feels both practical and deeply welcoming. It's a place where grandparents can age comfortably, children can explore safely, and neighbours can gather without barriers.

Most importantly, it reflects the values rural communities hold dear: independence, hospitality, and looking after one another.

Lizzie Roberts

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A Picnic in the Park

at Which Way, Goulceby

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Their message: with the right care and equipment, a life changing injury does not have to be life ending.

Rehabilitation Support : Provide wheelchairs and mobility aids to dogs who need help regaining movement.

Offer access to specialist facilities where dogs can safely try equipment, build confidence, and interact with other dogs under professional guidance.

Family Support : Help pet owners understand their options at a difficult time. Share the experience of hundreds of other pet parents who've been through similar situations. Aim to keep families and pets together by giving them the tools and knowledge they need.

Advocacy & Community : Promote the potential of disabled animals to live active, healthy lives. Work directly with veterinary professionals and related experts to improve outcomes for mobility impaired dogs.

See their Facebook page for more information. See the China rescue dogs they have rescued online !

If you can help them they have an Amazon wish list and donations can be made, details on their Facebook page.

Also I can collect dog beds, towels, quilts (not feather), washing powder, dog food etc. They hold online auctions to raise funds so any unwanted gifts can be donated too.

Sue 07826 772452

EUROVISION
SONG CONTEST
VIENNA 2026

Happy 70th Birthday Eurovision Song Contest

This year's Eurovision Song Contest, to be held 12th to 16th May in Vienna, will look a bit different as it marks its 70th birthday.

That is because Iceland, Ireland, the Netherlands, Slovenia and Spain have opted out, as a protest to the inclusion of Israel in the contest, following the war in Gaza.

That is the largest number of boycotting countries in the contest's history since 1970. On the other hand, at least Bulgaria, Moldova and Romania are set to return this year.

Eurovision is a long established annual international celebration of music.

This year's programme will consist of two semi-finals, on 12th and 14th May, and then a final on the 16th. It will be held at Wiener Stadthalle in Vienna, and presented by Victoria Swarovski and Michael Ostrowski.

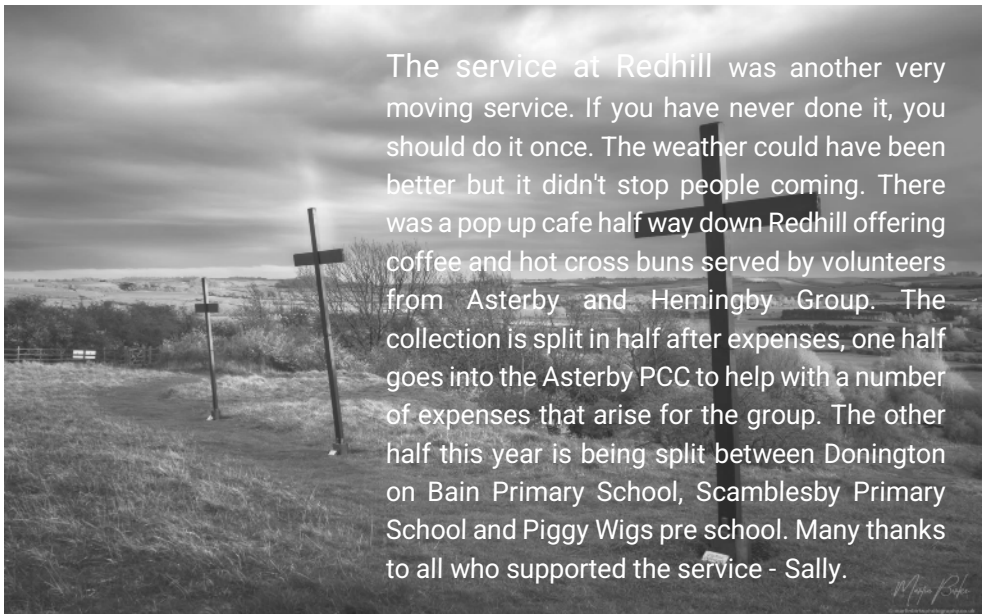
Broadcasters from 35 countries will also participate.

Britain has won the Eurovision five times in 70 years:

1967 Puppet on a String : 1969 Boom Bang-a-Bang

1976 Save Your Kisses for Me : 1981 Making Your Mind Up

1997 Love Shine a Light.



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Sally



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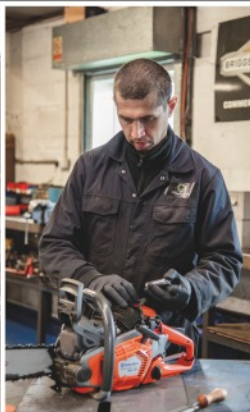
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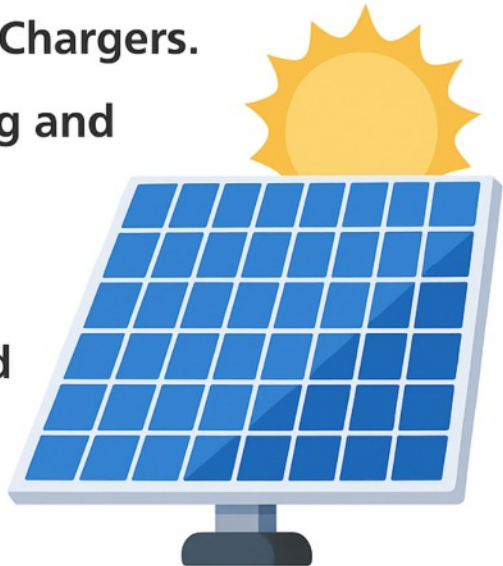
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