

— The Parish of The Asterby Group —

Newsletter

NEWS • EVENTS • COMMUNITY

September
to October

— 2026 —



All information contained within this newsletter
is assumed correct at time of publication.

Dry Ground: Harvest, Hope and the Peace That Guards Us

Back in the summer, in these pages, we sat a while beside wells and rivers – the old meeting places where people have always gathered, drawn water, and shared the news. We spoke of living water, and of the wisdom that pools in the slow, long days of summer.

Well, the days have gone on being long and dry. Too dry. Since that article the rain has stayed away, and the ground across our fields has cracked and hardened. The harvest came in weeks early this year, and for many the yield was thin – grain light in the ear, grass slow to grow, troughs watched anxiously. For the farming families among us, and for the businesses that stand alongside them, this looks likely to be a hard year. That is not easily said, and should not be lightly heard.

Nor is it only the weather that unsettles us. The wider world seems no steadier than it was; if anything the ground feels less certain underfoot with each passing month. It would be easy, in a season like this, to let worry set the pace.

Here the letter to the Philippians speaks very plainly to us. Paul writes: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6–7)

Notice he does not promise the circumstances will change – that the rain will come by Tuesday, that the sums will suddenly add up. He promises something steadier: a peace that guards us, standing watch over heart and mind like a hedge around a field, even when the outlook is uncertain. It is a peace we receive not by pretending all is well, but by bringing the whole honest truth of it to God.

The farmer knows something of this already. You sow into ground you cannot control, under a sky you cannot command, and still you trust. This autumn, as the ploughs turn the dry earth over and the first seed goes in, may we do the same – carrying our worries to God with thanksgiving, and letting His peace stand guard.

Neil Walker,
Lay Chair, Asterby Group PCC & Ministry Team Coordinator

The Lion Book of Five-Minute Animal Stories

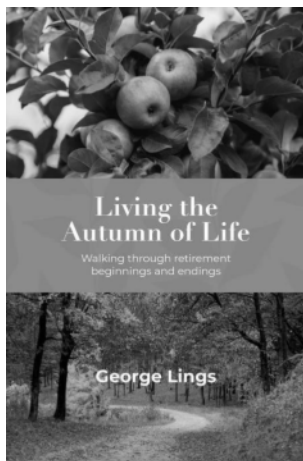
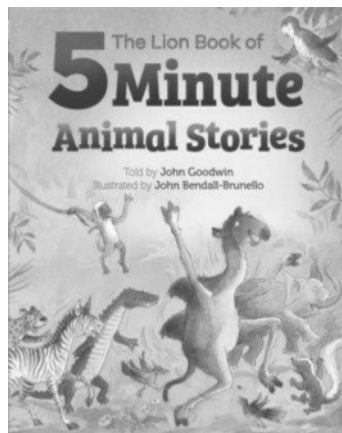
By John Goodwin, SPCK

The best lessons come wrapped in the best stories. And The Lion Book of Five-Minute Animal Stories brings ten timeless tales from around the world to life with humour, heart, and unforgettable animal characters children will adore.

Each story teaches valuable lessons about friendship, kindness, courage, honesty, and discovering your unique talents. All delivered with the perfect dose of fun!

Why your family might enjoy this collection:

- Ten diverse animal stories from global folklore and literature;
- Each story takes just 5 minutes, ideal for busy schedules;
- Retold with humour and liveliness that keeps kids engaged;
- Vibrant, detail-rich illustrations;
- Ideal for bedtime, classroom, libraries and group reading;
- Perfect for ages 3-7.



Living the Autumn of Life: Walking through retirement beginnings and endings

By George Lings, BRF

Autumn is a time of gains and losses: fruit being harvested, and leaves falling. This book charts the experience of living through both realities, drawn from the author's own life and from the views of interviewees.

Informed by historic and contemporary reading, it offers snapshots of later life, taken against a backdrop of ageism in society and church. George Lings reflects on the identity of the 'active elderly', and also considers through a biblical lens the challenges and opportunities that this season brings.

A Prayer of Welcome



Come and bring your hidden places.
Come and bring your hurting spaces.
Come and eat with hearts that break.
Come and drink, new worlds to make.

Come and feast, your vision spread.
Despair and Hope connects the fed.

Jesus says, 'Come!'

— Christopher Newell 2012 —





Deanery Update

The Asterby group parish is now, since 1st July, formally part of a new Deanery called Horncastle with Bolingbroke. Like many large organisations, groupings change within the Diocese over time to reflect the needs of managing it. Very little will change day-to-day for the Asterby group, but we will now be supported by an Area/Rural Dean (who remains our oversight minister, i.e. the person formally in charge) and an Assistant Area/Rural Dean.

Priest In Charge:

As the Group is 'interregnum' (without a vicar) at present, we are assigned an oversight minister, currently our Area Dean.

Area Dean: Revd Mark Holden – contact the South Wolds Partnership office (see below)

Assistant Area Dean: Revd Fran Jeffries – contact the South Wolds Partnership office (see below)

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Caroline Taylor, 01507 343352

Neil Walker, 07771 861202

South Wolds Partnership Office

Contact for information about baptisms, weddings and funerals in any church of the group

Debbie Knight, South Wolds Partnership Group Administrator

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Asterby, St Peter's church is closed. It is now a private property. For churchyard enquiries, contact the South Wolds Partnership office.
Biscathorpe, St Helen's church is closed. For information, contact the Diocesan Advisory Committee at Lincoln Diocese 01522 504040.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER



All articles and adverts for inclusion in the **November to December** edition to be with Sue, on **07826 772452** and by email to **moomoski@btinternet.com** **by the 15th October**. Please email your items as you would like them to appear, and as early as possible, **please do not wait until the deadline** to submit items.



To place an advert for sale items please contact Sue on 07826 772452 or by email. 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.**

Goulceby Coffee Mornings

These will restart after the summer break, at All Saints' Church, Goulceby, from 10 am to 12 noon on:-



Thursday 10th September -

this will be the MacMillan Coffee Morning.



Monday 19th October.

All are welcome, we look forward to seeing you then.



A special thank you



A big thank you for all text messages, cards, popping in and saying hello.

Support kindness always.



Extra thank you, Fred, Patricia,
Ollie, Holly and Tony,

Hope we all have a great safe summer.



Hugs from Ann, Tina, John and Fauna xxx

Donington on Bain Parish Council

doningtononbainpc@gmail.com

Parish Council News – July 2026

The Parish Council met on Tuesday 7th July at the Village Hall, with a number of topics discussed that will be of interest to residents.

Biscathorpe Planning Update

The meeting opened with a discussion about the former Biscathorpe oil drilling site. The landowner attended to explain an application relating to the hardstanding left behind after the exploratory drilling.

The Parish Council has already submitted an objection to removing the original planning condition requiring the site to be restored, as that formed part of the original planning approval. The landowner explained that the existing hardstanding could instead provide a suitable base for two future livestock buildings. The Clerk reminded those present that planning decisions can only be based on the application and supporting information currently before the Planning Authority. Any future proposals, including agricultural buildings, would require their own planning considerations and any environmental impacts would also need to be assessed.

Village Gateway Project Nears Completion

After many months of planning, the new village gateway signs are finally on their way. The locations have now been agreed and a local resident has kindly volunteered to paint the structures before installation.

Once in place, the Council will also consider whether additional village signage could further improve the welcome for visitors.

Allotments

Annual allotment letters and invoices will be issued in September, while the Council is also reviewing the allotment terms and conditions to ensure they remain up to date.

Community Action Group

Work continues behind the scenes to explore how a Community Action Group could help deliver future village improvement projects. Further information will be circulated once available. via Cllr Tina Pearce.

Other Matters Discussed

The Council also considered:
the possibility of improved signage for dog waste bins and whether additional bins may be needed; the future of the Community Garden vegetable stand, which has become rather tired and may benefit from some attention; a review of cemetery fees.

The Parish Council agreed a £50 contribution towards printing and promotional costs to help support the Scarecrow Festival.

Looking Ahead

The next meeting of Donington on Bain Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 1st September 2026.

As always, Parish Council meetings are open to the public, and residents are warmly encouraged to attend, ask questions and keep up to date with matters affecting our village.

COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT



DONINGTON ON BAIN
VILLAGE HALL

COFFEE MORNINGS WILL BE ON
THE 1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
STARTING FROM THE 7TH OF SEPTEMBER.



FROM 10.30AM
ALL WELCOME.







Asterby and Goulceby Parish Council

<http://asterby-goulceby.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>



PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS

There has not been a meeting of the Parish Council since the last newsletter, therefore there is no official Council business to report back in this newsletter.

Viking Way commemorative bench

The Council reported that it had been approached by the County Council regarding the siting of a bench commemorating 50 years of the Viking Way. After various discussions it has been decided that the bench will be located just off the Viking Way on Church Lane, just inside the old graveyard. The new bench will replace the current old dilapidated bench which is currently sited there.

Water level monitoring devices

The installation of the telemetry device adjacent to the bridge on Watery Lane Goulceby by Lincs County Council has been slightly delayed. The project is still planned to go ahead subject to consent being granted by the IDB (Internal Drainage Board).

Bus shelter refurbishment, Goulceby

The shelter repainting should be undertaken during September / October as planned.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council is being held in the Three Horseshoes, Goulceby on Friday 21st August 2026 at 6.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

Parish Council Vacancies

As previously reported, there are still three vacancies on the Parish Council, and should anyone be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor they should contact the Parish Clerk (Diane De Halle) by emailing Diane at Clerk@asterbygoulceby-pc.gov.uk

The current councillors are:

Jon Mold (Chair) - Sycamore Lodge, Goulceby

Ian Taylor - Lavoir, Goulceby

Graham Johnson - Lindores, Goulceby

Contact details are on the Council's website which can be found at:

<https://asterby-goulceby.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>



Branching out

St Helens Church & Community Centre,
Burgh on Bain

Like several of our sister churches in the Asterby Group, St Helens is also working on becoming more multifunctional for the benefit of the local residents not just a place of worship. Following receipt of various grants, we have been able to upgrade significantly our lighting and heating and more work is planned as funds become available. Having a warmer and lighter building now enables us to organise monthly BoB's Club sessions for the younger residents, a regular breakfast club as well as the monthly coffee and chat sessions. Later this year an Art & Craft Exhibition and sale and our annual quiz are planned for October. Watch this space for more details to follow!

..... Jackie Barnett, FOSHC&C Secretary.



BoB's Club
Fun for our
younger residents



Coffee & Chat
Monthly sessions
for everyone



Breakfast Club
A warm welcome
to start the day



Art & Craft
Exhibition & Sale
Later this year



Annual Quiz
Planned for
October

*More to come!
Watch this space*

The Joy of Learning Something New Every Day

The quiet magic that keeps a mind alive.

Curiosity turns the ordinary into the interesting.



Every day offers a small doorway into a bigger world. It might be a fact you stumble across, a skill you try for the first time, or a moment when something finally 'clicks'. Learning isn't just an academic exercise — it's a daily spark that keeps life textured, surprising, and wonderfully unfinished.



Treating learning as a daily habit transforms it from a chore into a source of pleasure. When you decide that each day deserves at least one new insight, you start noticing how much the world is trying to teach you. A new word, a historical detail, a cooking technique, a scientific quirk — these tiny discoveries accumulate, and suddenly your days feel richer.



Few feelings compare to the sudden clarity of understanding something that once felt confusing. That flash of recognition — the Oh, 'I get it now' — is a reward in itself. Neuroscientists even note that these moments release dopamine, the brain's natural "feel-good" chemical, which is why learning can feel genuinely exhilarating.



When you learn something new, your world expands by a fraction. Over time, those fractions add up. You begin to see connections between ideas, patterns in everyday life, and possibilities you didn't know existed. Curiosity turns the ordinary into the interesting — a walk becomes a chance to identify plants, a conversation becomes an opportunity to hear a new perspective, a quiet evening becomes a gateway to a new topic.



Daily learning doesn't require grand gestures. Five minutes is enough. A short article, a quick tutorial, a question you've always wondered about. The consistency matters more than the scale. Over months and years, these small steps reshape how you think, how you solve problems, and how confidently you navigate the world.



The real beauty of learning is that it never ends. There's no finish line, no point where you've "completed" knowledge. Instead, you get a lifetime of discovery — a constant invitation to grow, adapt, and stay mentally alive. Learning something new every day is a quiet celebration of being human: curious, capable, and endlessly evolving.



*A little today...
a lifetime of tomorrow.*



*"You learn
a new thing
every day."
— how wise
was this...*



Happy Learning

Lizzie Roberts

Insect INVASION

Beekeeping is a fascinating hobby but I had to sell my precious bees when I was no longer able to do the lifting which is involved in looking after them properly.

Nine years later a swarm of bees came into my garden. I was delighted to hear the soft, humming sound they made and to see their wings glinting in the sunlight.

Unfortunately, they decided to make their new home in the gap between a metal roof and the bedroom ceiling beneath it.

This wasn't a problem until I wanted to have the windows repaired and painted. One builder wanted to destroy the bees but I did manage to find one who was prepared to do the work without harming them. The bees lived in the roof, and in the bedroom, for several years. The ceiling was damaged where they had chewed through it and their honey and propolis (bee glue) had stained it.

I finally managed to find a beekeeper who was willing to take the bees to his apiary. Three men worked together and had to take part of the ceiling down to reach the bees.

"What is the connection between cheerfulness in old age and all this inconvenience and expense?"

When we have problems, there is usually something to cheer us up if we look for it.

I am happy that the bees have been taken to a more suitable home and I am thrilled with my other insect visitors. So many beautiful butterflies, moths, dragonflies and bees come here on sunny days that just walking through the garden is uplifting.

Pam Cade

Easy Mock Crab

This recipe is suitable for vegetarians and people cooking for one.



An egg



A medium-size tomato



Two heaped tablespoons freshly grated Cheddar cheese (less if you are concerned about your cholesterol or your weight.)



A knob of butter



Freshly ground black pepper



Put the tomato into a small pudding basin, at least 5 inches from the front of the work top or table you are working on. Pour hot water over the tomato until it is completely covered and leave it while you grate the cheese and beat the egg.

Use a spoon to take the tomato out of the water, peel it and chop it finely.

Melt the butter in a small saucepan over a low heat, add the chopped tomato and pepper, increase the heat to medium and cook the tomato, add the beaten egg and cheese and stir until the mixture thickens.

Turn it into a heat proof dish.

Serve hot with vegetables, on toast or as filling for a baked potato. Any left-over can be served cold with salad or in sandwiches



— Pam Cade —



Donington on Bain Community




We are blessed to live in a friendly and supportive village. Whether it's someone stepping up to organise a local tidy up, checking in on a neighbour, or coming together for village events, like the table top sale, the scarecrow festival, coffee cake and chat mornings and maintaining the planters to name but a few.



One thing is clear – our community knows how to go the extra mile and we've all seen first hand what happens when we lend a hand, or all come together as a community.



To keep this momentum going and to open the doors to future funding and bigger projects for our village we're looking to **establish a formal community network or group**, the name is to be decided.



By coming together as an official voluntary group, we can unlock funding opportunities that simply aren't available to individuals or the Parish Council allowing us to bring even more exciting ideas, improvements, and facilities to life.



Do you want to be part of shaping what comes next?

Whether you have a few hours to spare, a specific skill to share, or just a lot of passion for where we live, **your voice matters**.



Please do contact me if you cannot attend as we do not want anyone to feel excluded.

Thank you ♥

Tina
07526 127477

Join us for OUR MEETING



TUESDAY
29TH SEPTEMBER 2026

AT 6.30PM

VILLAGE HALL



This will be a joint meeting with colleagues from East Mercia Rivers Trust. See the advert below.



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Donington on Bain Village Hall

— **29th September 6.30pm Start** —

Presentation from Rivers For Life Programme Officer

- 🕒 Introducing East Mercia Rivers Trust
- 👥 CaBA Hosts for the Witham & Welland Catchments
- 💧 Accelerating Chalk Streams Project – River Bain & Waring
- ❓ Questions

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The Vikings Retreat

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in the Lincolnshire Wolds

— At Donington on Bain —



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St Helen's Church & Community Centre, Burgh on Bain.



✚ St Helen's church held a successful Taizé service for the first time in June. For those who don't know what Taizé is, it is an inter-denominational community of brothers who live in the Burgundy area of France. It was set up just after the second world war by Brother Roger, a Reform Protestant pastor.

✚ These days the Taizé Community comprises of around eighty brothers from different church backgrounds, Catholic, Anglican, Protestant, and from nearly thirty countries. By its very existence, it is a "parable of community" ... a tangible sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and separated peoples.

✚ Throughout the year, the community welcomes tens of thousands of young adults from Europe and other continents. They come for week-long meetings, during which they experience prayer and life together with time for biblical reflection and sharings, in an environment where they can ask questions about their lives and their future.

✚ Taizé services are non-hierarchical. Although they follow a recognisable format, they are an opportunity to pray and reflect on life and issues both near and far, interspersed with short readings and simple harmonised Taizé chants which also add to the ambience. The services last between 45 and 60 minutes. Many find that time spent in such quietude is a peaceful way to end the week and set you up for the week to come.

Does this sound even vaguely interesting? Want to give it a go to decide for yourself? You would be most welcome to join us at our next service at

**6.00pm on
Advent Sunday
on 30 November 2026.**

Age is irrelevant !



— St Helen's VCC —



★ Donington On Bain Village Hall ★

Christmas Craft Fair

 **Saturday 21st November** |  **11.00 am 'till 1.00 pm**

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Benniworth

WORKING PARTIES



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OUR EFFORT



OUR COMMUNITY



OUR DIFFERENCE

A visible difference -
thanks to you!



Over the past few months comments were made about how the village was looking a little unloved, and a few things made the place feel tired. It was decided to try to right this by involving the community by setting up what we have called "work parties"

The call was made, initially, to make road signs more noticeable by cutting back vegetation and cleaning the signs.

So, a date was set, messages were sent a meeting place organised. The response we received on that first morning was overwhelming, it felt like a scene from the Wizard of Oz, with everyone just popping out of their homes to lend a hand, ready with their trimmers, loppers, hedge trimmers and cleaning products.

Tasks were set and everyone dispersed, chatting away to neighbours they hadn't seen for a while to people they had never had the pleasure of meeting before, *it was so lovely to see.*

The work was completed, the village looked cared for and the drains at the bottom of Church Lane were found and cleared out!

And that wasn't even on the list of jobs!

What made the event even more special was the work behind the scenes at the Hub, where the volunteers there had laid on refreshments, including homemade cakes and sausage rolls, which went down a treat. Everyone commented on how they really enjoyed the morning and what was next on the agenda. *Next ... ?*

Our next work party concentrated on the public footpath from the village green to Church Lane, this was completed with the same vigour as the first task and, due to the enthusiasm of those involved, a small group set off to clear the vegetation at the corner of Spring Bottom, once again uncovering and clearing out a few hidden drains, hopefully that will stop the water pooling there when it rains, when, being the big question!! Back to the Hub for some well deserved refreshments and catch ups, and the even bigger question - *What next?*

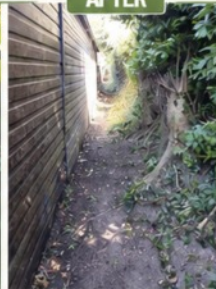
The comments received since we have carried out these two activities have been so positive and knowing that people are noticing a difference really lifts the community feel of our village. Onwards and upwards!



BEFORE



AFTER



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Thank you to everyone

who gave their time, energy and tools
to make Benniworth a better place
to live, walk and enjoy.



SO, IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR WHAT WE, AS A VILLAGE,
COULD DO NEXT, JUST LET ME KNOW EITHER VIA THE WHATSAPP GROUP
OR MESSAGE ME, SUE KERR, DIRECT ON TF

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We'd love to
hear your
ideas!



Stronger together. Better together. Benniworth. ♥

News from All Saints' Church, Goulceby



The church has been open all summer, welcoming visitors from many parts of the UK and beyond. We held a very successful Fun Day in early August; villagers enjoyed breakfasts, teas and cakes enhanced by the music provided by Jeff and his band.

The funds raised will go towards some sympathetic lighting and heating for the front of the church.

Open Churches Festival

We are participating in the Open Churches festival on the weekends of **5th-6th and 12th-13th September**, with our Harvest Festival service being held on **6th September**.



Fun Day!

A wonderful day enjoyed by the whole village - thank you to everyone who supported it.

Monthly Coffee Mornings

Restart on **10th September** in aid of the **MacMillan** cancer charity.



As always, **everyone is welcome** to all our events.

We are currently considering grant applications for the church; if there is anyone who is interested or has experience in this field, I would be delighted to hear from them!

With thanks to all who support our village church.

Caroline Taylor

QUIZ NIGHT!

Join us for a fun evening!

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE
HAVE SOME FUN!

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 17TH**

6PM

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GOULCEBY**

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**SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER
STARTING 10AM**

MEET AT THE MUGA

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village
Wombing
Wonderful!

DONINGTON
ON BAIN



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BAGS AND
LITTER PICKING
STICKS AVAILABLE



Please come along to our community event to neaten up our village.



CONTACT TINA ON **07526 127477** FOR MORE DETAILS.

Benniworth's *Italian night*



An Italian night was supported by many of the villagers on 29th July in the grounds of St. Julians church.



It was an authentically warm evening with a good atmosphere.



The weather stayed fair and attendees enjoyed Lasagne followed by Tiramisu and wine !



£635 was raised
by Sue Ollivant for the church
from the night



Well done to all !

One for your December diary - **Benniworth Christmas Carol Service** with **the Banovallum Band**



To be held at
St Julians church
on Thursday 10th December
at 7pm.





Asterby Parish

Services *in September 2026*



DATE	LOCATION	SERVICE	TIME
SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER	All Saints Church, Goulceby	Harvest Thanksgiving	10:00am
WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Celtic Worship with Holy Communion	11:00am
FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER	St German's Church, Ranby	Harvest Thanksgiving	7:00pm
SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER	St. Helen's Church, Burgh on Bain	Harvest Thanksgiving with Holy Communion Joint service with St Andrews Congregation	10:00am
SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Morning Praise	10:00am
SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER	St Peter's Church, Gayton Le Wold	Harvest Thanksgiving	3:00pm
FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER	St Martin's Church, Scamblesby	Harvest Thanksgiving	2:30pm
SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER	All Saints Church, Goulceby	Morning Praise	10:00am



All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you.



PRAYER CIRCLE

For many years now the ministry and needs of our Parish have been supported, anonymously, in prayer by a small group of people making up the Parish Prayer Circle.

During September and October, in addition to individual prayer requests (to Ann on 313792 in the first instance) the Circle will be praying especially for our fragile world during these troubled times. **Do join us as we pray:**

Father God, we pray for our world today. We pray for peace and hope; for all affected by natural disasters: floods, droughts, forest fires and earthquakes and for all struggling with injustice, conflict, poverty, hunger and ill health.

*Protect them all, Lord, we pray with your peace,
your courage and your love. Amen.*

"Do not be anxious about anything but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4: 6-7





Asterby Parish

Services in October 2026



 DATE	 LOCATION	 SERVICE	 TIME
 SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER	St. Julian's Church, Benniworth	Harvest Thanksgiving with Holy Communion	 6:00pm
 SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER	St. Helen's Church Burg on Bain	Morning Praise	 10:00am
 WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Celtic Worship with Holy Communion	 11:00am
 SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Holy Communion	 9:30am
 SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER	All Saints Church, Goulceby	Holy Communion	 10:00am

 DATE	 LOCATION	 SERVICE	 TIME
 SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER	St Martin's Church, Scamblesby	All Saints' Service	 10:00am
 MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER	St Mary's Church, Horncastle	All Soul's Service	 6:00pm



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Parish Registers



Funerals:

07/07/26 **Alan Moreton** – funeral service
at St Stephen's, Hatton and burial in the Churchyard.

12/08/26 **Pat Bowden** – funeral service
at St German's, Ranby and burial in the Churchyard.



Baptisms:

15/08/26 **Arthur Parsons**
Baptised at St German's, Ranby.



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**



SOUTH WILLINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

What's on in September & October

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SEPTEMBER



Wednesday 2nd – Coffee and chat + Willingham Winner draw
1030 to noon



Wednesday 2nd – Arts & crafts group 2 to 4 pm
(Cecilia 07799156118)



Tuesday 8th – First of new season REEL ISSUES FILM evening 7pm.
– ALL WELCOME – for details call Roland 07946259053



Thursdays 3rd 10th 17th & 24th – Tai Chi 11:00 to 12:10
then Qigong 12.10 to 13.10 (Carol 07592071523)



Wednesday 16th – Coffee and chat 1030 to noon.



Friday 25th – **SUPPER + AUTUMN AUCTION
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Wednesdays 30th – First of new season Ballroom Dance group
6.50pm. (Paul 07885100525)

REGULAR WEEKLY CLASSES



Tai Chi

11:00 to 12:10
then
Qigong
12.10 to 13.10



Thursdays

3rd, 10th, 17th
& 24th

(Carol 07592071523)

OCTOBER



Wednesday 7th – Coffee and chat + Willingham Winner draw 1030 to noon



Wednesday 7th – Arts & crafts group 2 to 4 pm (Cecilia 07799156118)



Wednesdays 14th – Ballroom Dance group 6.50pm. (Paul 07885 100525)



Wednesday 21st – Coffee and chat 1030 to noon



Friday 23rd – **CURRY supper evening.**

Details from janseward54@gmail.com or 07834598703



Wednesday 28th – Ballroom Dance group 6.50pm. (Paul 07885 100525)



Thursdays 8th 15th 22nd and 29th – Tai Chi 11:00 to 12:10
then Qigong 12.10 to 13.10 (Carol 07592071523)

Future event:
Friday November 20th

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DONINGTON ON BAIN VILLAGE HALL NEWS



We are delighted to announce that following our successful 'Change of Use' application, we are now able to operate a pre-school/ nursery at the Village Hall.

Many thanks to everyone who took the time to respond to the planning consultation and submitted supportive comments.

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WELCOME PIGGYWIGS DAY NURSERY

We are delighted to welcome the Piggywigs day nursery to the hall from September. The nursery will occupy the hall from 8.30 to 5.30, Monday to Friday, term time only.

Drop-off and pick-up times have been staggered to reduce pressure on the limited roadside parking. Parents will be encouraged/ reminded to park safely and considerately when delivering and collecting their children. The village hall committee respectfully asks you to be patient with parents and vigilant for 'little people' when driving past the hall during nursery hours.



OUR HALL – STILL YOUR HALL

In the planning application, we ensured that the hall's social and community purpose was retained. The hall is still available to hire for evening and weekend events, parties and meetings. It will also continue to serve as a polling station.



In other news

BOOK SWAP STALL

We are expecting the delivery and installation of a new book swap stall very soon. The stall was funded by a bequest from the late Mr Colin Good, who sadly passed away in May. Many thanks in advance to Bernie Mohan for volunteering to remove the old stall and install the new one.

Although we are grateful for your continuing donations to the book swap stall, we have very little storage space and cannot accept books en masse (except by prior arrangement with a member of the committee). Please keep to the book-swapping idea: *bring a book you have read and swap it for one you haven't.*



COFFEE MORNING

Sadly, the twice-monthly Thursday coffee mornings stopped at the end of August. But the good news is that there will now be a coffee morning at 10.30 am on the first Saturday of every month instead. We hope that the change of day means more of you will join us.

Coffee mornings are open to all, and we extend a special invite to people new to the area and to the gentlemen of the village!



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Our annual Christmas Craft Fair is scheduled for **Saturday 21st November**. Please note the earlier start and finish times of 11 am and 1 pm.

There will be some fabulous handmade items on sale that will make excellent Christmas presents. So far, we are looking forward to seeing a range of acrylic jewellery, felted items including some delightful tree decorations, and Kim Clapham's amazing and ever-popular 'country crafts'.



Local artist Lee Conybere will have a selection of her fabulous paintings. Excitingly, there will also be a few people from our village with items to sell: Ange Parker is busy designing and making machine-embroidered items (her Christmas tea towels will make doing the Christmas Day washing up a joy) and Janey Gover has promised some spectacular candlesticks!



If you are one of those very organised people who have bought all their Christmas gifts before mid-November, you could still attend the craft fair to enjoy a nice cup of tea or coffee and indulge in some delicious homemade cake!



There are still a couple of table spaces left, so if you make something beautiful, please contact Kathy Olsson (kathyol12@gmail.com) to book your table.



All proceeds from the Craft Fair (and all our other activities) go towards maintaining your village hall.

HALL HIRE

The Village Hall is an excellent venue for social events, meetings and parties. Hire agreements can include access to the well-equipped kitchen and the use of tables and chairs.

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HIRING FEES

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TO HIRE THE HALL:

Contact the Booking Officer – Barbara Mohan

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Middle Cottage Diaries



THOUGHTS FROM THE GARDEN & BEYOND

As autumn approaches, the days grow shorter – the perfect time to reflect, reset & look ahead.



WALK, TALK & THRIVE

As the heat eases, why not get out and about? Walking is a fantastic way to calm the mind, invigorate the body and it's free! Whether you join a local walking group (we're lucky to have one in Bennixworth) or simply enjoy a stroll through the countryside, you'll boost your health and maybe even meet new friends.



HEAT, HOSES & HARD LESSONS

Spain in June? Hotter than here, but they rest at midday – wise! The hosepipe bans have been tough, and keeping plants alive has been a full-time job. But perhaps this is our chance to rethink how we use water. Waste it less, reuse more – our gardens can thrive and our taps can too.



LOOKING AHEAD

Drought-loving plants might be the choice next year, but let's not forget – UK seasons are famously unpredictable! Fewer pots for me next year too – containers are the hardest to keep going in long hot spells.



WHATEVER THE WEATHER...

We Brits know it can swing from sunshine to snow in no time!

No doubt, after a few freezing nights, we'll all be dreaming of that warm sun again.



BRAIN TEASER

What is a Cinnamon Jelly-Baby?

A A sugary sweet.



B A type of fungi.



C A woodland snail.



Here's to simpler days, smarter choices & finding joy in every season. – Olwyn Metcalf



The answer is B a type of Fungi.

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Vacancy for Clerk for Benniworth Parish Council

If anyone is interested in the position of clerk, please contact Phil Dyas, Chairman of Benniworth Parish Council on 07434 896994



Pilgrimage walks

Ramble, reflect and reconnect along the North Wales route

Bardsey Island and the North Wales coast

Who remembers the annual BBC series each year, shown around Easter?

The series involve celebrities of different faiths and none embarking on well known pilgrimage routes within Europe and the UK. There have been 8 in total; the earlier ones were 14/15 day treks following historic pilgrimage routes to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Spain, Rome and Istanbul to name but three. Celebrities amongst the participating pilgrims included actors like Neil Morrissey, Hermione Norris and Lesley Joseph.

As the series continued each year, the routes taken were confined to the UK, took a week or less to complete and the celebrities were, shall we say, rather less well known.

The sixth pilgrimage organised and filmed back in 2024 was through North Wales. For those who saw the programme and remember, the 130+ mile route started at St Winifred's Well near Flint Castle and ended at Bardsey Island. The trek was completed on foot and by bus.

So why am I writing about something that has already happened you may be asking? If you enjoy walking holidays, this may be of interest and relevance.

RAMBLE & REFLECT

A Church of Wales priest who is also chaplain on Bardsey Island is setting up some "ramble and reflect walks" which break up the pilgrim route into 3 mile sections of coast and countryside and include moments to stop, pray and reflect. There are also "ponder spots" where the walking group stop together to share a thought, a poem, a question or an image connected to the theme of the walk.

Sometimes parts of the organised walk are completed in silence which can help to re-connect with nature as well as enable personal reflection. According to the Revd. Parry who leads these walks,

"... many people are exploring spirituality. The walks welcome exploration without judging. Some people come because they enjoy walking in beautiful landscapes, others because they are looking for peace, community or healing."

What's your motivation?

If interested in following up, the walks started in early August this year. To sign up, please email rambleandreflect@hotmail.com



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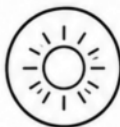
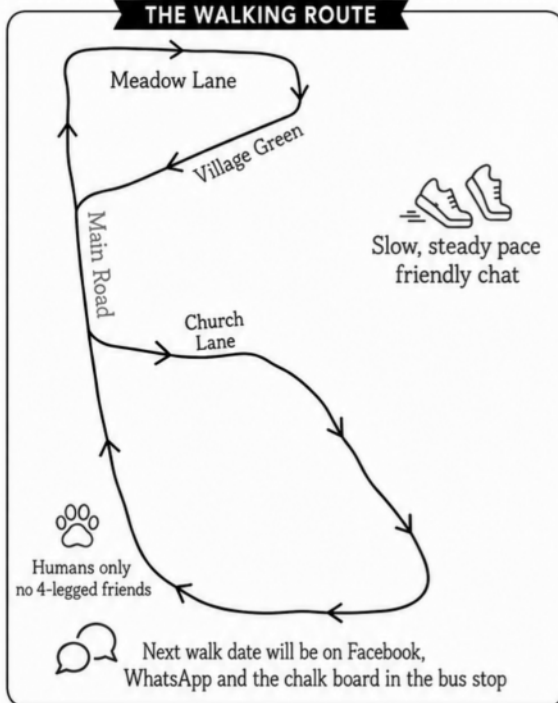
Last year I came up with the idea of starting a Walking Talking Group in Benniworth, with the hope that it would encourage people to get out and meet other villagers whilst stretching their legs and enjoying our beautiful little hamlet.

The route is about 1.5 miles long and starts at the bus stop, takes in Meadow Lane, across the village green down Main Road, up along Church Lane through the churchyard and back out onto Main Road up to the start point.

It is open to everyone, and the idea is you don't have to start at the beginning, you can join it wherever you wish.

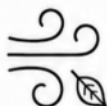
The dates of the upcoming walks are posted on the village WhatsApp group, Facebook groups and also in the bus stop.

THE WALKING ROUTE



SUMMER PAUSE

During these hot weeks I have suspended the walks, but hopefully during **September** they will resume.



LOOKING AHEAD

I am also looking into longer walks for anyone wishing to venture further afield.

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Every church has a story to tell and over the first two weekends of September there is the opportunity to discover many of them as this year sees more than 75 churches and chapels throw open their doors.



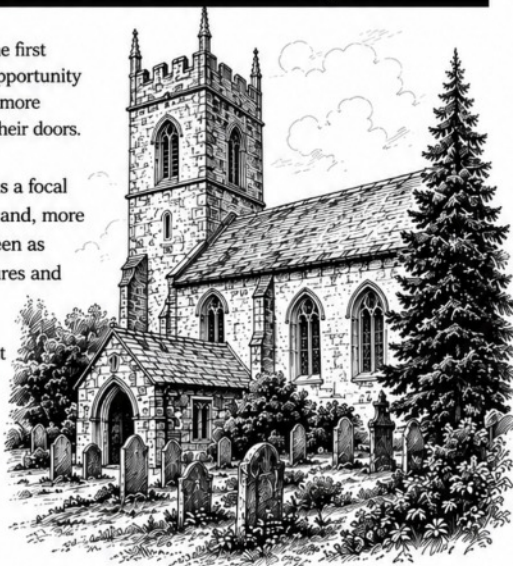
In many of our communities, the church is a focal point, being the only communal building and, more often than not, the oldest. They can be seen as mini museums, holding the stories, treasures and social histories of these communities.



Many churches will have light refreshment available to help nourish you as you tour the area, while some will offer a more substantial lunch.



As always, we thank you for supporting our church heritage and hope you enjoy the seventh Lincolnshire Wolds and Coast Festival.



ST. JULIANS CHURCH IN BENNIWORTH



The church will be open on the 6th and 7th September and lunch will be available from 12pm until 2pm



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FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND HERE

<https://www.lincswoldsandcoastchurches>



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