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# Newsletter

July to August  
2023



from the Parish of The Asterby Group

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## Priestly ponderings ...

'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.' John 3:16

I am sitting in the sunshine today writing this and listening to John3:16 sung by wonderful voices in six different languages. In a world that seems fractured in so many ways the song has reminded me that our faith and bible is open and available to the whole world. Whatever is happening here, in this country, faith wise, it is replicated and increased by talented people who sing the words with such meaning, beauty and grace.

This bible verse is often used, it is a favourite saying and represents our faith. It is a reminder to us all that, when we lose the person, we love or have known, their future is in the hands of God and we trust in that. Continuing to hold them in our hearts and minds means we will never forget them but we can, if we believe, rest in the assurance that they will be forever held in Gods loving embrace. In that way we can let them go, never forgotten, always loved and held in our hearts.

It doesn't end there though, often this next verse is omitted. John3:17 states For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

As I said, we live in troubled times for the world, our country and our personal situations. This verse too is relevant for us today because, despite our ups and downs in life and the world, we can continue to help each other. All the time this sense of loving and caring, carried out by so many kind and considerate people, invades our world, the evil that we are seemingly surrounded by, will be under threat. One kindness leads to another, this is a proven theory. Test it out and see what happens. We have arrived in Ordinary Time in our church calendar, after what has seemed to be a long Easter time. This is a time of reading and listening to the stories about Jesus' healing, caring, joyous and loving ministry. A reminder to us all that we too can share kindness and love in so many ways with others.

Summertime this year offers us an opportunity to join in the events around our villages and I hope that we will all be able to do so. The weather may be kind to us and it will be the first REAL opportunity to catch up with friends, neighbours and especially new people who have moved to our local villages.

I invite you to join us in our local events and services as we celebrate the love of God within our beautiful Wolds, bring family and friends invite your neighbours!

Every blessing in the summer months

**Revd Cilla.**



# Dog Fun Day & BBQ

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 11am-3pm

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## COMPANION DOG SHOW

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Decoy House Spring Bottom Main Road Benniworth LN8 6JW

(What3words: joked:tweed:confetti)

Entries & Fees: From 11.00 am onwards, £2.00 a class 5 Classes for £5.00

Judging: Pedigree 12.00 am followed by Novelty Classes.

**Judges: Pedigree. Diane Bridgewater (Bridgella)**

**Novelty. Jan Carter**

Class No.	PEDIGREE CLASSES	Class No.	NOVELTY CLASSES
1.	A.V Puppy (6-12 months)	7.	A.V Veteran (7-9 yrs)
2.	A.V Junior (12-18months)	8.	A.V Veteran (9 yrs and over)
3.	A.V Sporting	9.	Best Movement
4.	A.V Non Sporting	10.	Best Condition
5.	A.V Setter	11.	Musical Sits
6.	Open	12.	Best Rescue (Both Judges)
		13.	Best Sausage Catcher
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All articles and adverts for inclusion in the July to August edition to be with Sue, on **07826 772452** or email: [moomoski@btinternet.com](mailto:moomoski@btinternet.com) by **15th August** at the very latest. 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](mailto:moomoski@btinternet.com)

**Stamps, foreign coins and 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**

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## Who's Who in the Group

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### Newsletter - June July 2023

#### Co-option of new councillors

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that two new councillors have been co-opted, Jake Taylor and Frances Headley and we look forward to working with them. We had six applicants for two positions. All of the applicants would have been an asset to the Parish Council and we were extremely grateful to all who expressed an interest.

#### Annual meeting of the parish council with parishioners

The Annual meeting with Parishioners took place on Monday 22 May at 7pm at Donington on Bain Village Hall and was well attended with 9 residents in attendance and the newly elected ELDC Cllr Daniel Simpson.

#### Speeding in the village was a focus of the meeting.

The Parish Council has been looking at ways to address speeding in the village. It is proposed to purchase a speed detector gun. A number of residents have already volunteered to join a team of volunteers to organise and run the project. Further volunteers are requested. If you are willing to volunteer to assist the speed gun team, please contact the clerk at [dongingtononbainpc@gmail.com](mailto:dongingtononbainpc@gmail.com) or Cllr Richard Wright. The Parish Council is looking at borrowing a speed detection gun initially to assess the extent of the speeding issue. If speeding is found to be an issue the parish council will consider options to address speeding, including purchase of a speed detector gun.

#### Proposals to erect new village signs

We are proposing to erect two new village signs. These will be silhouette style in powdered steel. We are currently running a competition at Donington on Bain Primary School to design the concept of the sign.

#### Refurbishment of the MUGA

The Parish Council would like to thank those who responded to the MUGA questionnaire. We had 44 responses supporting the council's proposals to refurbish the MUGA area using parish council reserves. We are still pursuing grant funding for part of the project. The first stage will be completed shortly, clearing of moss and cleaning of the surface.

**Coronation mugs** were presented to the children at Donington on Bain primary school and pre school. All of the children in Donington on Bain Primary School and Pre School had been presented with a coronation mug. Additional coronation mugs had been ordered and would be distributed by a volunteer parishioner to the younger children in the village.

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# Coffee Morning



## All Saints Church, Goulceby on Saturday, 15th July 10am to 1pm

Cake and Plant Stalls plus Raffle

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Further details please telephone 01507 343352

### Friends of All Saints Goulceby

An inaugural meeting was held at the church on 1st June.

Villagers interested in restoring and improving the church facilities for community use came along to hear about the history of the church, plans for restoration work and fundraising ideas. An enthusiastic group was formed with a proposal for a coffee morning at the church. All villagers will be very welcome to attend this to give their views on how they would like to see their church used in the future.








Dates for future events will be publicised in the Parish Newsletter and by posters around the village.



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# Book and Toy Swap

Saturday 5th August,  
St Julian's Church,  
Benniworth

10am to 12 noon

Bring as many adult and children's books and toys as you would like and swap them for something new, to you!

Coffee, tea & biscuits and a chance to chat, catch up on the news and, even, put the world to rights. There will also be an opportunity to donate food for local school holiday food banks and warm clothing, in good condition, for needy families. For more information ring Ann on 313792



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JULY	
SATURDAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> 7.30PM	SCHOOL OF ROCK - BLAZE YOUTH MUSIC THEATRE
SATURDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> 7.30PM	THE FLEETWOOD MAC AND TOM PETTY LEGACY BAND
FRIDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> 7.30PM	“BIG NIGHT OUT” CHARITY VARIETY SHOW
SATURDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> 7.00PM	GUITARMAGEDDON
AUGUST	
THURSDAY 3 <sup>RD</sup> – SATURDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> 7.30PM	GREASE
WEDNESDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> 7.00PM	OPEN MIC NIGHT
TUESDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> 2.00PM	TONY CADDEN AFTERNOON TEA CONCERT
SEPTEMBER	
SATURDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> 7.30PM	COMEDY HOT SPOT
MONDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> – SATURDAY 9 <sup>TH</sup> 7.30PM	<b>OPEN ALL HOURS – A LOUTH PLAYGOERS PRODUCTION</b>
TUESDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> 2.00PM	CURIOSITY BAND AFTERNOON TEA CONCERT
WEDNESDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup> 7.30PM	DOUG ALLEN
THURSDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> 7.30PM	SNAKE DAVIS
FRIDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> 7.30PM	WE ARE WHAT WE OVERCOME
SATURDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> 7.30PM	FRAZER HINES WHO?
THURSDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> 7.30PM	MAMA MIA SINGALONG
SATURDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> 7.30PM	LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS
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THURSDAY 28 <sup>TH</sup> 7.30PM	PRIDE & PREJUDICE

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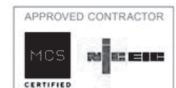
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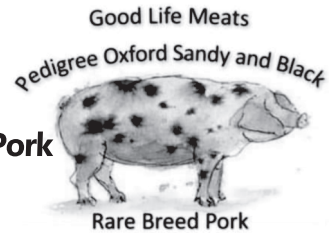
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## Benniworth Parish Council

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Minutes of the 26 April AGM and the 17 May Parish Council meeting are posted on both notice boards and on our village website, address listed above.

Benniworth held a festive Coronation Celebration on the 7th of May. The sun shone, the music played, the conversation flowed, the food delighted, and the contest participants vied for wonderful prizes compliments of local vendors; Post and Pantry, Wild Pines Activity Centre at Market Rasen, the Heneage Arms pub, the Kinema, The Black Horse pub, The Green Life Pantry at Market Rasen and Buckets in Louth. £550 was raised, to be put toward St. Julian's roof repair. A great time was had, and we will eagerly await our next get-together.



Benniworth Coronation Celebrations

Best dressed Queens  
Mrs Kaye Ollivant  
as Queen mother

Jemima Chetwynd-Talbot  
and Honey Willoughby  
as Queens



**Village Skip for Benniworth residents** is to be arranged for the first week of July. Details to follow.

To follow up on our Community Neighbourhood Watch activity, PCSO Emily Willoughby informed us that, sadly, all but 2 PCSO positions will be eliminated from our area, this October. The two positions that remain will be centered in Louth itself, with no rural coverage available, another reason to strengthen our villages and their communities. As always, our Benniworth neighbourhood watchers are Andy Kerr, 07482 659665, North end of the village and Guy Vinson, 01507 313 208, South end. With our appreciation!

Northern Power continues its work burying power cables, but only until school holidays commence. The workers will then be transferred to another job which can only operate during those holidays. Northern Power will return to our Benniworth project when school is back in session. Field Manager James Cousins, 07977 263857, has sent out a letter to residents with further details.

The Parish Council are exploring the possibility of purchasing and installing a composting loo within St. Julian's churchyard. It's an idea that's been talked about for a while. It would enhance time spent at St. Julian's for its worshippers, villagers, and visitors alike, increasingly important as the village hopes to plan more activities and events to be held at the church and churchyard in future. It is relatively easy, inexpensive, and environmentally friendly – watch this space!

One final mention, The Benniworth Parish Council is looking for a Parish Clerk. Anyone interested contact Gill Stewart, 07778 149185. A great opportunity to get involved, thanks!

Our next PC Meeting is planned for Wednesday 16th August, 7:30pm at St. Julian's Church.

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**Benniworth Parish Council**

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## **Horncastle Lion Theatre Friends, Horncastrians, Countrymen - Lend us your ears !**

Horncastle Theatre Company's next production at the Lion Theatre will be Steven Sondheim's very silly musical comedy;

**A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum.**



Running for eight nights over two weeks, 12th to 22nd July, this fast-paced farce is based very loosely on the plays of Plautus and takes place in and around three houses on a street in Rome.

Full of memorable music numbers and non-stop laughs, the show is a frantic tale of pirates and procurers, slaves and centurions, husbands and wives, sons and for those of you with absolutely no interest in pirates, courtesans.

Tickets are expected to sell fast so please book early to avoid disappointment. They are on sale now at Rose & B in the Bull Ring and online at **HorncastleTheatre.co.uk**

Souvenir programmes and ice creams can also be bought in advance.

The raucous summer fun of Forum will be followed in early autumn by **Hospital and Hospitality**, a funny and perceptive examination of modern life, with sketches drawn from the works of Michael Frayn and Richard Harris, directed by Jon Cooke and Alan Paine (6th to 9th September). By turns hilarious and sad, showcasing some very subtle acting talent, this theatrical feast of missed connections and poignant reflections will give audiences an evening to remember. Our winter production, 15th to 18th November, is brought to us by the talented and discriminating director of The Gaul, Sheena Liversidge. Also set in Hull, Ladies Day by Amanda Whittington is an exuberant comedy about four likely lasses from the fish docks on a day trip to the races the year Royal Ascot relocated to York. Out go the hairnets, overalls and wellies as the four ditch work, do themselves up to the nines and head off to the races for a drink, a flirt and a flutter. If their luck holds, they could hit the jackpot – and more besides...

**Details of all forthcoming productions at the Lion Theatre, along with information on group discounts, membership and social events, can be found on the website or through Facebook and Instagram.**



## Boards Games and Cards Afternoon

*Have a rest from gardening  
in the hot Weather*

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## Asterby and Goulceby Parish Council

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The annual parish meeting took place at the Three Horseshoes on the 18th May, the first since the recent elections. The Chair of the Parish Council, Jon Mold, gave a brief annual report and specifically expressed thanks to the other Councillors who had served on the Parish Council over the last year, Alison Coton, Sheila Wardle, Jan Croft and Blue Maplethorpe and also thanked the outgoing Parish Clerk, Michelle Moss. Diane De Hallé was welcomed as the new Parish Clerk. Thanks to Denise and Ian were also recorded for allowing the Parish Council meetings to be held in the pub which re-opened following winter, once again welcoming visitors to the area. There were no matters raised during the public forum.

There are some new faces on the Council as a number of Councillors decided not to stand for re-election. For the six Council seats available three Councillors for Goulceby were elected uncontested. Jon Mold (Chair), Ian Taylor and Graham Johnson. Contact details are on the Parish Council website. There are still three Councillor vacancies for Asterby so if anyone is interested in serving please do contact our new Clerk Diane De Hallé at [agparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:agparishcouncil@gmail.com)

The Horncastle Road remains closed due to the unsafe condition of one section due to damage caused by badgers. The Parish Council has been advised that the badgers need to be removed during a certain period, after which the road damage will be addressed.

There have been a number of fly tips on the Horncastle Road recently and to date those responsible have not been formally identified. The Parish Council has offered ELDC any assistance it can in terms of monitoring fly tipping activity. We are grateful to ELDC who have responded very quickly following this criminal activity taking place.

The newly installed planters on the bridge on Watery Lane in Goulceby are now fully planted and will be maintained over the summer months. The mindless vandalism of the Asterby notice board was noted in the last newsletter. The cost of a replacement door proved far too expensive to justify so we are looking at alternative ways as to how we might remedy the damage.

In April 2020 the Parish Council launched its website. It holds a wealth of information about the Parish Council including details of the current Parish Councillors, Parish information, latest news and Council business. It also has useful links to Love Lincolnshire Wolds, East Lindsey District Council, Lincolnshire County Council, Louth Rural Policing and much more. The audit information for the year 2022-2023 has now been added to the website.

This can be found at : <https://asterby-goulceby.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council is Monday 21st August 2023, 7.30pm at the Three Horseshoes.

### Friends of All Saints Goulceby

An inaugural meeting was held at the church on 1st June. Villagers interested in restoring and improving the church facilities for community use went along to hear about the history of the church, plans for restoration work and fundraising ideas. An enthusiastic group was formed with a proposal for a coffee morning at the church. All villagers will be very welcome to attend this to give their views on how they would like to see their church used in the future. Dates for future events will be publicised in the Parish Newsletter and by posters around the village.

.. as there are many of you who enjoyed colouring our black and white front pages we have included this colouring page for you !



Robin Redbreasts sing here all year  
Everyone loves their Christmas cheer  
Our Blackbirds are expert at hammering snails  
Their songs would win prizes at Eisteddfods in Wales



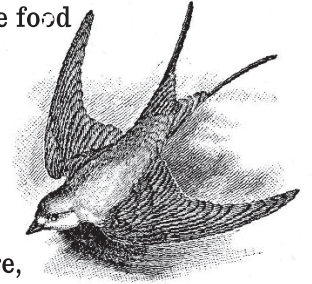
Jenny Wren is swift and dainty in flight  
And clever at hiding her nest from sight  
Sparrows spread garrulous chatter at dawn,  
Safety in numbers since they were born

Proud Thrush cocks his head and hears the squirm,  
the silent move of the unfortunate worm  
Blue tits and Black tits both chasing the clock,  
To find enough food to feed their flock



Chaffinches show off their plumage superb  
And like to make sure their songs are heard  
Starlings just cannot help being rude,  
Uninvited they push in to peck at the food

Jackdaws' beady eye takes sight,  
Of what may be his tea tonight  
We have a pair of Collared Doves,  
Who bill and coo their days in love



Swallows herald that Summer is here,  
Looking for nests of mud they made last year  
First, they come in singles, then several more,  
Before you know it there's a colony next door

When Equinox guides that the time is right,  
They navigate by the sun and stars at night  
Winter cloaks where our birds come and go,  
But one day, hoping for one to show



We spotted a Fieldfare' grey and dappled  
Who had flown from Russia to eat our apples!

Poem by Ana Greaves

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### Benniworth Church Lottery



March

1st No. 116 Robert Johnson £20  
2nd No. 97 Janice Ivatt £15  
3rd No. 113 George Johnson £5

April

1st No. 46 William Benney £20  
2nd No. 114 Judith Johnson £15  
3rd No. 97 Janice Ivatt £5

May

1st No. 9 Sally Spink £20  
2nd No. 43 Sue Olivant £15  
3rd No. 77 Felicity Vero £5

June

1st No. 25 Arthur Clifton £20  
2nd No. 26 Mrs. Bouskill £15  
3rd No. 60 Jayne & Phil Dyas £5

### Prayer Circle

For many years now the ministry and concerns of our Parish have been supported, anonymously, in prayer by a small group of people making up the Parish Prayer Circle. As the needs, both of the Church and World increase, the value and importance of this Ministry of Prayer also increases and we are looking for others to join us in prayer during these troubled and worrying times.

**If you think you would like to be part of our Prayer Circle** and would like to find out more, please give me a ring and I'll put you in the picture.

In the meantime, if you would like a friend, or a particular situation, to be remembered by our Prayer Circle, do please contact **Sarah 01507 343270 or me Ann on 01507 313792**

### Moving on - A short history of time spent at 'Thorngate'

Paddy and I arrived at 'Thorngate' in March 1998.

We had spent some time looking for a property with land within the Wolds and then knew we had found the perfect place.

As Paddy was still working in Saudi Arabia his time here was limited. Getting the animals safe and secure in the field was a priority. We had pigmy goats, geese, ducks, chickens and 2 dogs and a cat. The 2 goldfish were trouble free. The alpacas came later on. I kept a detailed diary of my days here with the many dramas of keeping the animals and the lovely walks which I enjoyed with the dogs.

The first building work was to make the drive, our neighbours thought we were building a swimming pool! Work was also going on in the bungalow, our bedroom and then another one. This was used for B&B guests and later on for children from social services who stayed here for respite care.

When Paddy left Saudi Arabia, he worked at B&Q at Lincoln and then in a residential home for students with special needs.

We loved our holidays in the caravan and longer ones travelling to Canada and America crossing the Atlantic on Queen Mary 2.

Paddy was always busy outside in the garden and I see the results of his work every time I go outside.

Then the unthinkable happened and Paddy was diagnosed with cancer. Despite treatment, he died within a year.

'Thorngate' holds many happy memories and parties indoors and outside as well. I shall miss the community around me and especially all my church friends who have supported me in different ways. So now I have decided to have a new adventure. The bungalow is too big and so is the garden and I shall move to a smaller property in Woodhall Spa.

*by Sarah Stamp*

## Asterby Parish Services

Date	Location	Service	Time
2nd July	St Julian's Church, Benniworth	Communion	10.30am
4th July	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Celtic Morning Praise	9.30am
9th July	St Helen's Church Burgh on Bain	Morning Prayer	10am
16th July	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Communion	10am
23rd July	St Martin's Church, Scamblesby	Morning Prayer	10am
30th July	St Nicholas, Stenigot	Communion Group Service	10am

## Parish Events

Date	Location	Service	Time
6th July	Village Hall, Donington on Bain	Coffee, cake and Chat	10.30am
8th July	Thorngate, Goulceby	Garage Sale	10am to 4pm
15th July	All Saints Church, Goulceby	Coffee, cakes and plant sale	10am to 1pm
22nd July	Village Hall, Donington on Bain	Coffee, cake and Chat	2- 4pm

**South Wolds Group Office - Tel: 01507 525600**

Based in St Mary's Church, Horncastle.

**Weddings, baptisms and funerals** can be arranged in the first instance by calling the **South Wolds Group Administrator, Debbie Knight** on **01507 525600** between 9.15 am and 2.15 pm Monday to Friday.

At other times, messages will be recorded on voicemail

You can also email Debbie here : [SWGAdministrator@stmaryshorncastle.org.uk](mailto:SWGAdministrator@stmaryshorncastle.org.uk)

Specific matters relating to St Mary's Church should be directed to the **Verger on 01507 525600** [www.asterbygroup.org](http://www.asterbygroup.org)

## Asterby Parish Services

Date	Location	Service	Time
1st August	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Celtic Morning Praise	9.30am
6th August	St Julian's Church, Benniworth	Pet Service - All Age	10am
13th August	St Helen's Church Burgh on Bain	Communion	10am
20th August	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Morning Prayer	10am
27th August	St Martin's Church, Scamblesby	Communion	10am
3rd September	St Julian's Church, Benniworth	Communion	10am

## Parish Events

Date	Location	Service	Time
3rd August	Village Hall, Donington on Bain	Coffee, Cake and Chat	10.30am
5th August	St Julian's Church, Benniworth	Book and Toy Swap with coffee and cake	10am to 12 noon
2nd September	Village Hall, Donington on Bain	Let's Go Lego	10.30am

**Don't forget the annual Pet Church Service at Benniworth on Sunday 6th August. All well behaved pets welcome !**



### Parish registers

**Weddings** Saturday 27th May – Victoria Noble & David Bateman were married at St Martin's Church, Scamblesby.

**Funerals.** Tuesday 2nd May – Dennis Thompson – Funeral at St Andrew's Church, Donington-on-Bain