



The Parish of The Asterby Group Newsletter

September to October 2025

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A Season of Harvest and Change

As the long, lazy days of summer give way to the crisp mornings of September and the golden hues of October, we find ourselves in a season of profound change. The vibrant green of the trees begins to mellow, leaves turn to fiery reds and warm golds, and the air carries a new freshness. For many of us, this time of year marks a return to routine—schools reopen, work picks up pace, and the quiet rhythms of daily life reassert themselves after the summer break.

Autumn is deeply rooted in the themes of harvest and gratitude. From a secular perspective, it's a time to appreciate the bounty of the earth, from blackberries and apples to the last of the garden vegetables. Farmers work tirelessly to bring in their crops, and communities often gather for harvest festivals, celebrating the fruits of their labour. There's a natural sense of satisfaction and completion that comes with seeing the year's work come to fruition.

For Christians, the season holds a powerful parallel to our faith. The idea of harvest is central to biblical teachings, from Jesus' parables about sowing and reaping to the celebration of the Jewish harvest festivals. The Bible speaks of both a physical and a spiritual harvest. The physical harvest is a reminder of God's provision and faithfulness, a time for giving thanks. The spiritual harvest speaks to the growth and fruit of our faith—the good deeds, love, and kindness we produce in our lives. Just as a farmer waits patiently for the seeds to grow, we are called to be patient and faithful in our own spiritual journeys, trusting that God will bring about a harvest in His own time.

Beyond the harvest, this season invites us to reflect on the nature of change itself. The leaves falling from the trees are a beautiful and poignant reminder of letting go. We are encouraged to shed what is no longer serving us, making way for new growth in the spring. This is a powerful metaphor for our own lives. We can take this time to reflect on the past year, acknowledging what we have accomplished and deciding what we need to release. It's an opportunity for a personal reset, to re-evaluate our priorities and prepare for the quieter, more introspective months ahead.

For those in our community dealing with loss, a difficult transition, or a sense of being 'in-between,' the season of autumn can be especially meaningful. The beauty of the changing leaves can offer comfort, reminding us that even in moments of letting go, there is a profound and often surprising beauty to be found. The natural cycle of death and rebirth gives us hope that new beginnings are always possible, even after what feels like an ending.

As we move through September and October, let's be mindful of the gifts this season offers. We can find a renewed sense of purpose and focus, whether it's through our work, our studies, or our faith. We can reconnect with our communities through shared celebrations and time spent together. And we can take quiet moments to appreciate the simple beauty around us—the crisp air, the taste of a fresh apple, or the breathtaking colours of a changing landscape.

So, whether you see this season as a time for giving thanks for the earth's bounty or as a powerful metaphor for spiritual renewal, let's embrace the changes it brings. May these months be a time of reflection, gratitude, and fresh beginnings for us all.

The Asterby Group Ministry Team

Deadline for next Newsletter

All articles and adverts for inclusion in the **November / December 2025** edition to be with Sue, on **07826 772452** or email: **moomoski@btinternet.com** by **15th October 2025**. 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**.

Coffee, Cake and Chat

Donington on Bain Village Hall

First Thursday of the month at 10.30am - all welcome !





Newsletter August 2025

Parishioners Open Forum Report from May Meeting 2025

During the public open forum time prior to the Annual General Meeting, members of the public brought to the attention of the parish councillors several issues. These were around the Biscathorpe planning application, parking in the village and potential updates for the childrens play area. These were all noted and in particular we are able to update as follows.

Playground - several issues were voiced which were noted in relation to the play park area and playground area within, mainly around gating and fence conditions along with that of a safety issue on the toddler swings. These issues had been recorded in the most recent council inspection reports and the parish council is actively taking the corrective actions as has been detailed previously. Resulting actions are outlined below.

Biscathorpe Planning Application - The council has submitted it's reaffirmed statement as requested by LCC in response to this planning application, however the parish council have since been informed there will now be an extension to the original closing date for this action.

Please Note: at the time of writing it wasn't known what had triggered an extension to the original closing date, please see July meeting below.

Parish Council Meeting - June

Unfortunately June's meeting had to be cancelled due to both illness and not being quorate. Therefore the meeting had to be deferred until July.

July Meeting

Council Membership

The parish council are pleased to welcome Mr Matthew Taylor onto the council by co-option. Current Vacancies: Currently one vacancy still exists for the option to co-opt another councillor.

Playground & Amenities Playground Repairs: As previously reported with on-going maintenance in mind, the parish councils aim was to put into place a program of repairs or replacement to the existing apparatus. To which end the parish council are now pleased to confirm all previously reported playground equipment repairs to have been carried out in full.

These repairs include: two new replacement toddler swing chairs to have been correctly mounted along with the repairs to both toddler and junior climber frames of which are also back in full use.

Quotations are also in hand ready for the approval of replacement fencing and said gateways whilst we continue to review all opportunities available to the parish for any future potential equipment upgrades.

Once again quotations and Instruction on the additional new equipment is actively being pursued with the hope that additional funding, which is already applied for, may be awarded to make these upgrades achievable at some point later this autumn.

Allotments

The council are pleased to report a full tenancy on all current allotment plots up to October 31st. Allotment Watch: As previously reported the allotments will continue to be closely monitored throughout this late Summer period and into early Autumn.

Biscathorpe Planning Application.

Further to the extension date, it is now understood this case is to be sent back to the planning inspectorate for further consideration following-on from that of the Supreme Court ruling of last summer July 2024.

Any further news will be shared once it becomes available.

Parish Council Meeting times are now from 7:30pm.

Date of the Next Parish Meeting - 7.30pm, Tuesday 9th September 2025.

Can You Help?

We're looking for a St Andrew's Church Treasurer.

Our Church Treasurer is retiring at the end of the financial year and is looking for a willing resident of Donington on Bain to take over.

Looking at what is entailed, it is a very simple accounting system. I myself already do the group of churches accounts and Stenigot church which is enough but I'm willing to help you get going and I'm sure the current treasurer will too. Please message me if you can be that person or know of someone who could. Thank you, Sally Cosgrove, 01507 343788



Many villagers and locals have been asking about the future of our beautiful, historic building here in Benniworth.

The facts are:

1. An enormous amount of very expensive repair work is required to make the building safe. The roof has reached the end of its useful life, meaning that the building is no longer totally watertight, with all that this implies. It has been suggested that the cost of replacing the roof alone – it is beyond repair – could be in region of £250,000.

Grants might be available to cover this but is it worth it?

2. It has not been possible to form a Village Church Committee since our last church warden left the area and very little interest has been shown in the church as a place of worship, apart from at Harvest and Christmas times. Nor has interest been shown in making use of the building for community activities, except by the Parish Council which has met there occasionally. The building is too cold, too large and, as it stands, has no facilities but it is the only asset Benniworth has.

3. What is the future of the church? After struggling for so many years, the time has now come to find out what Benniworth villagers, and others interested in the future of the building, feel about its future.

A PUBLIC MEETING has been organised to take place in the church building on **SUNDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER, at 12 p.m.**, to be chaired by our Archdeacon, The Ven Alyson Buxton, and attended, hopefully, by other Diocesan Officers, as well as by our Rural Dean (Rev. Mark Holden) who has oversight responsibility of St Julian's Church, within the Parish of the Asterby Group.

Attendees at this meeting will be invited to express their views on the future of the church, to ask any questions they may have about options available and the full implications of closing the church will also be carefully explained.

A vote will then be held on future action to be taken. Should a decision to close the church be made, the building will then pass into Diocesan hands for sale or for an alternative use for it be found. If this is not possible and the building becomes dangerous, it could simply be razed to the ground. The churchyard, however, will remain open, even if the church itself is closed.

Your views are very important, so do come to this meeting. To help you in your thoughts, this useful document: 'What happens when a church building closes? Advice for those faced with a building no longer required for worship' can be found on the Asterby Group of Parishes website via this link www.asterbygroup.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/What-happens-when-a-church-closes.pdf or, if you don't have access to the internet, copies will be placed in the church or can be obtained from Ann on 01507 313792. A useful read prior to the meeting.

A letter from a recent visitor ...

I came into Donington on Bain by the Viking Way, following the little yellow discs with the horned helmet through a fold of the Lincolnshire Wolds. The path rose and fell in easy breaths, over turf cropped by sheep and along hedges humming with late-summer life. It was August, harvest time, and the hills had the neat, purposeful look of work well under way, bales squared tight in the stubble, combines moving like steady ships on a golden sea. Here the Wolds earn their quiet reputation of rolling ridges, tucked-away valleys, and clear lanes that seem to have mislaid the century. The whole sweep sits inside a protected National Landscape, and you can feel why the moment you step onto it.

The village gathers by the River Bain, a chalk fed stream running bright and deliberate, as though it has been taught its manners by the limestone itself. A simple bridge, willows, a wash of light on the water, nothing fancy, everything right. Chalk springs and small rivers shape this countryside, giving it that soft, well-watered look even in high summer.

St Andrew's Church stands close to the road, its tower plain and sure, the sort of church you notice first for its honesty and only then for its age. The place carries Norman touches and Early English lines, restored but still bearing the weight of the centuries; the door was open, as village churches often are, and the cool interior smelled faintly of wood polish and stone. Outside, the Viking Way all but brushes the churchyard wall, a reminder that travellers have long passed this way. I stayed at the Vikings Retreat, had fine beer and dinner at the Black Horse Inn and found myself in the village shop that I'm told has been there for over 50 years. What a haven this village is.



North of the green, the path leans toward Biscathorpe, meadows, a kink of river, the sense of a place left to its own good pace. Now and then the land hints at other times: the embankments of the old Louth to Bardney railway and a brick bridge in a field, relics of when steam threaded these hills. They sit handsomely in the harvest light, useful once, picturesque now.

I walked on with straw crackling underfoot and larks climbing the clear air. A tractor paused and the driver lifted two fingers in an easy salute, one of those small courtesies that feel older than the tarmac. By afternoon the heat had softened; the river darkened to bottle green, and swifts wrote their quick script above the rooftops. The Viking Way carried me out of the village as gently as it had brought me in, over another rise, into another valley, with the Wolds unrolling ahead like a well-kept memory.

Anon, August 2025

SEPTEMBER	
TUESDAY 2ND 8PM	LIVE IN THE FOYER - JEFF HOWELL
TUESDAY 9TH - SATURDAY 13TH 7:30PM	CALENDAR GIRLS
THURSDAY 18TH 7:30PM	A CELEBRATION OF NILE RODGERS - FREAK OUT
SATURDAY 20TH 7:30PM	ALLADINSANE
SUNDAY 21ST 7:30PM	SCRATCH NIGHT
FRIDAY 26TH 8PM	COMEDY NIGHT
SATURDAY 27TH 7:30PM	VOODOO ROOM: A NIGHT OF HENDRIX, CLAPTON & CREAM
OCTOBER	
FRIDAY 3RD 7:30PM	WINE TASTING EVENING
SATURDAY 4TH 7:30PM	THE ULTIMATE COMMITMENTS & BLUES BROTHERS EXPERIENCE
TUESDAY 7TH 2:30PM	AFTERNOON TEA CONCERT - CILLA BLACK & THE SWINGING 60's
WEDNESDAY 8TH - SATURDAY 11TH 7:30PM	CLUEDO
SUNDAY 12TH 7:30PM	LINCS SOUL COLLECTIVE
TUESDAY 14TH 7:30PM	LOUTH PLAYGOERS SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY 18TH 7:30PM	ALL REVVED UP - THE ULTIMATE MEAT LOAF EXPERIENCE
MONDAY 20TH 7PM	THE LJ PRODUCTIONS COMPANY PRESENT ANNIE JUNIOR
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SUNDAY 26TH 2:30PM	ICONIC - THE FINAL PART

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from Grimsby*

Shoebox Appeal

I continue to collect for this charity which transports and delivers children's toys and clothes to needy children in the UK and Eastern Europe. They now link with Jacob's Well and Grimsby Women's Refuge who collect blankets, sheets, duvet covers, but not the duvet, towels and curtains. As you move into sorting your children's clothing at the end of summer, please consider donating good used clothing & shoes to the appeal.

Other useful donations include toiletries, hair items, craft items, including odd bits of wool and buttons, stationery, costume jewellery, small ornaments, wallets, purses, candles. A full list of useful donations is in Donington Church together with a collection box and I am happy to collect any items if you Telephone 01507 343753. I have some large bags if you need one, just telephone me.

Thank you - Janet Croft

Middle Cottage Diaries

When we came to live in this part of the Wolds a few years ago, I did not really know much about the area, and Benniworth in particular. What I did know however, was that it was full of landscapes both peaceful and beautiful, swathes of farmland and delightful leafy lanes where you could almost imagine Elizabeth Bennet and Mr Darcy would be strolling arm in arm. But back to reality. One of the first things I learned as a newcomer to the countryside, was that if you chanced to open your bedroom window on a warm summer evening, you risked an army of uninvited winged invaders, to buzz, flutter and pounce on unsuspecting sleepers. Hence my first encounter with a creature the size of a Spitfire, which I believe, though not sure, was a cockchafer, becoming irritated with my efforts to catch him/her, it launched an attack with some force in the right eye. It was like being punched by a heavy weight boxer! It then settled where I couldn't reach it and was gone the next morning. The whole thing was repeated the following night including that killer blow, I then learned that a gentleman in the village had suffered the same fate. I never tried to capture and release it again and my eye remains intact.

I recall that when I first came to Benniworth, I innocently asked a neighbour, whose was that dog persistently barking across the fields? "Hmm actually that's a deer she explained" and it wasn't long before I spotted the creature grazing somewhat nervously in the paddock at the back of our cottage. But at the sound of me carefully trying to open the window for a better look, it was gone into a clump of trees. I have seen Bats here, zig zagging in the twilight at supersonic speed, and so many birds, I couldn't name them all.



Buy my favourite story is of a, well not so little hedgehog, who visits every evening hurrying across the grass, gobbling slugs as he/she goes. I always leave water out in these warm evenings, and just to see an animal, now apparently in decline is a real privilege. Of course they can be seen in suburban gardens, but perhaps hazards here there are fewer and food more plentiful and maybe we have more time to look?

When I walk around Benniworth and see gnarled old trees and horses nodding over gates, I am reminded of my childhood living on the outskirts of Lincoln, with the Foss-dyke, the towpath and the west common nearby, but quiet roads that were, are now busy and noisy, and housing estates have replaced green areas where we chased butterflies, and sat drinking dandelion and burdock! Alright, today's children have 'the internet, social media etc., but that doesn't in any way replace REAL things that you can touch, taste and smell.

As for me, I'm still learning from the encyclopaedia of the countryside and its ways, and I love it all, except perhaps the odd cockchafer!

Olwyn Metcalf



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT FOXHOLES FRIDAY 4TH JULY 2025

1. Present Cllrs. Stewart (Chair), Raynor, Dyas, South, McAllister. Cllr. Chetwyn – Talbot was to resign but has not yet confirmed in writing. And was not present. Cllr. Olivant was not present. Also in attendance Mr. Willoughby Mr. Mann Mrs. Kerr

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 22nd May 2024 - That the minutes be accepted as a true record. Proposed – Cllr. South Seconded -Cllr. Raynor

3. Chairs report - Cllr. Stewart read the report for the year. Proposed that it be accepted
Proposed – Cllr. Raynor Seconded – Cllr. McAllister

4. Financial Report

In the absence of Cllr. Olivant, the clerk read out the report. Proposed that the report be accepted. Proposed – Cllr Dyas Seconded – Cllr South

5. Election of Officers. Cllr. Stewart announced that she would be retiring from the Parish Council, and stood down. Cllrs. Raynor, South and Dyas declared that they would continue. That Cllr. Dyas take the post of chair. Proposed – Cllr Raynor Seconded – Cllr South
Co options

That Mr. Willoughby, Mr. Mann and Mrs. Kerr be co opted onto the Parish Council.
Proposed – Cllr. South Seconded – Cllr McAllister

Responsible Finance Officer

Cllr. Olivant had previously stated that this post revert to the clerk. Clerk accepted this, but stated that in order to be able to keep up to date with the financial implications of the role, a new laptop would be required
Proposed – Cllr. McAllister Seconded – Cllr. Raynor

6. Dates for forthcoming meetings.

16th July - St. Julians Church. Cllr. South to confirm
15th October - Stainfield House
7th January - Spring Bottom Farm
15th April – TBC 13th May – AGM and Public Meeting

7. Topics for forthcoming year

The barbeque was successful last year and so it was proposed that one be held again this year. It was further proposed that a sub committee be set up to manage it. Cllr. McAllister said that she would be happy to organise with Cllr. Mann and the clerk to assist. First meeting to be held at Cllr. McAllister's house on the 8th July, 7.00 p.m. Cllr Willoughby offered his camp site for the venue. Suggested dates 9th or 16th August.

Cllr. South noted that a Harvest Service would be held at the church on the 5th October
Suggested that some form of Village Welcome be developed, possibility in the form of a wildlife area.

The retiring Chair, ex Cllr. Stewart was thanked for her efforts and dedication to the village over the years.

Meeting closed at 19.54 p.m.

Benniworth Parish Council



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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT STAINFIELD, MAIN STREET WEDNESDAY 16TH JULY APRIL 2025

Present Cllrs. Dyas (chair), Raynor, South, MacAllister, Mann, Willoughby, Kerr Clerk – D Bailey
1. Apologies for absence Cllr. Olivant

2. Attendance by members of the public One member of the public representing Biscathorpe SOS, in order to raise awareness of the new planning application for Biscathorpe, and the possible consequences.

3. To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and consider any requests for dispensations. New copies of the appropriate document were circulated, with a request that Councillors complete and return them to the clerk as soon as possible No declarations were received

4. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on the 29th January 2025. The minutes were accepted. Proposed – Cllr. Mann Seconded – Cllr. Kerr

5. Matters Arising There were no matters arising

6. Councillors for the forthcoming year Councillors were confirmed as: - Dyas, South, MacAllister, Mann, Willoughby, Kerr Cllr Raynor offered her resignation due to personal circumstances. This was accepted by the chair, and Cllr Raynor was thanked for her long service to the Parish

7. Responsible Finance Officer. Confirmed that the clerk would take over as RFO. An increase of £30 per meeting was agreed in recompense. The clerk accepted this offer and thanked the Councillors. Agreed that Cllr. Dyas would remain a signatory, Cllr. Olivant would be asked, and the clerk would be added Proposed – Cllr. South Seconded - Willoughby

8. To receive Finance Officers Report No Financial Report was available as it was the first meeting after the recent AGM. Clerk confirmed that the bank balance stands at £6,140.28. two cheques have been recently issued: - Clearwater Insurance £591.50 Grass Cutting £280.00

9. To receive clerk's report No items to report

10. Planning matters. The proposal for the extension at Meadow Farm was noted

11. Speeding in the village and on Caistor High Street – progress. Cllr Dyas has emailed the County Councillor, but has received no response. After some discussion it was agreed that a “gateway” style sign would be made and put up at one of the village entrances, probably the road from South Willingham. This would require permission from ELDC

12. Update on defibrillators Clerk in the process of arranging estimates for new defibrillators

13. Update on planning for village barbeque Cllr Mcallister had previously circulated the notes from the small group formed to begin the planning. Agreed :- A5 fliers, tickets and return slips – clerk Distribution – Cllr Kerr BBQs – Cllrs. Mann and clerk Gazebo – Cllr. Willoughby Food – Cllr. Olivant

Meeting closed at 20.50

Asterby Parish Services in September

Date	Location	Service	Time
7th September	St. Helen's Church, Burgh on Bain	Morning Praise	10am
12th September	St German's Church, Ranby	Harvest Thanksgiving	7pm*
14th September	All Saints Church, Goulceby	Harvest Thanksgiving	10am
14th September	St Peter's Church, Gayton Le Wold	Harvest Thanksgiving	3pm*
21st September	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Joint Harvest with Holy Communion, Donington and Burgh on Bain	9.30am
28th September	St Martin's Church, Scamblesby	Harvest Thanksgiving	3pm*

*** Please note time of these services.**

Parish Prayer Circle

During September and October, as well as responding to individual prayer requests, your Prayer Circle will be praying for the communities of BISCATHORPE, facing the difficult issue of oil drilling there, and of BENNIWORTH now considering the possibility of having to close the beautiful and historic church building.



We shall also be praying for our FARMING COMMUNITY during the busy harvest season; for SCHOOLS and COLLEGES, for staff, pupils and students at the start of the new academic year and, above all, we'll continue to pray for world PEACE. Please join us in our prayers. And, if you would like to be a part of the Prayer Circle, do get in touch. Ann on 01507 313792

Prayer requests, in confidence, to Ann as above.

Asterby Parish Services in October and early Nov

Date	Location	Service	Time
5th October	St. Nicholas Church, Stenigot	Harvest Thanksgiving with Holy Communion	3pm*
5th October	St Julian's Church, Benniworth	Harvest Thanksgiving	6pm*
12th October	St. Helen's Church, Burgh on Bain	Morning Praise	10am
19th October	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Holy Communion	10am
26th October	St Martin's Church, Scamblesby	Morning Praise	10am

*** Please note time of these services.**

Date	Location	Service	Time
2nd November	All Saints Church, Goulceby	Morning Praise	10am
3rd November	St Mary's Church, Horncastle	All Souls day Service	6pm**

**** Please let Debbie at the office know by Thursday 30th October if you would like the name of a loved one who has died to be read out during this service and a candle lit in their memory.**

Parish Registers

Weddings: Natalie Dean & Christopher Doran were married at St German's Church, Ranby on Saturday 28th June.

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

Saturday 9th August saw the **Second Annual Benniworth Village Barbecue**, held on Spring Bottom Farm Campsite, courtesy of Councillor Willoughby, and organised by the Parish Council. Over 50 people came along from the village to enjoy a beautiful



day in the sun and catch up with friends and neighbours. The Parish Council provided burgers, sausages and bread buns, villagers donated a range of salads and some wonderful cakes and puddings. We are now looking forward to planning the next event before Christmas !

Benniworth Church Lottery - June to September 2025

	1st - £20	2nd - £15	3rd - £5
June	50 Peter Middleton	47 Sue Cox	52 Elizabeth Spiers
July	57 Bella Campbell	88 Ruby Willoughby	32 Lionel Garnham
August	105 Dave Gilmour & Sue Hood	56 Phil & Jayne Dyas	9 Sally Spinks
Sept* £50	68 Mr & Mrs Raynor - £50	39 Liz Gladwin - £50	n/a

It's time for more Coffee Mornings in 2025 ... you are warmly invited

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SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 3rd Free coffee & chat & Willingham Winner Draw 10:30 – noon

Wednesday 3rd Arts & crafts group 2 to 4pm (Cecilia 07799156118)

Thursday 4th Tai Chi 11:00 –12:10 then Qigong 12.10 –13.10 (Carol 07592071523)

8th September – The Hall will be closed for internal painting for 2 to 3 weeks

Please contact Jan if any queries on 0783 4598703

Wednesday 24th Ballroom dancing group 6.50 pm (Paul 01507 313601)

Thursday 25th Tai Chi 11:00 –12:10 then Qigong 12.10–13.10 (Carol 07592071523)

OCTOBER

Wednesday 1st Coffee & chat & Willingham Winner Draw 10:30 – noon

Wednesday 1st Arts & crafts group 2 to 4pm (Cecilia 07799156118)

Thursday 2nd Tai Chi 11:00 –12:10 then Qigong 12.10 –13.10 (Carol 07592071523)

Sat & Sun 4th + 5 th October – Sell your pre loved treasures at our YARD/GARDEN sale. Stall fee £5. Tables inside if wet weather. Stall hire is open to outlying villagers.

Sandwiches, cakes and beverages will be on sale in the hall and raffle draws.

To register interest in having a stall contact Jan by SUNDAY 28th SEPT on

07834598703 or janseward54@gmail.com

Wednesday 8th Ballroom dancing group 6.50 pm (Paul 01507 313601)

Thursday 9th Tai Chi 11:00 –12:10 then Qigong 12.10 –13.10 (Carol 07592071523)

Tuesday 14th Reel Issues FILM night 7pm (Roland 0794625905)

Wednesday 15th Free coffee & chat 10:30 – noon

Thursday 16th Tai Chi 11:00 –12:10 then Qigong 12.10 –13.10 (Carol 07592071523)

Friday 17th Autumn harvest auction and supper.

Wednesday 22nd Ballroom dancing group 6.50 pm (Paul 01507 313601)

Thursday 23rd Tai Chi 11:00 –12:10 then Qigong 12.10 –13.10 (Carol 07592071523)

Thursday 30th Tai Chi 11:00 –12:10 then Qigong 12.10 –13.10 (Carol 07592071523)

Future events:

Friday 7th November – our legendary Quiz and Fish evening.

January '26 – dog track racing game evening.

Willingham Winner lottery

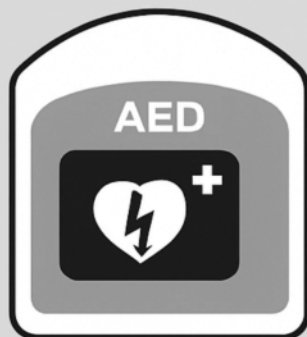
Our fund-raising lottery runs from 1 st October to 30th September and you contribute £12 a year per number, with the opportunity of winning £40 per month.

To be in this new season's draw, you can purchase as many numbers as you wish before 30th September. Renewal forms will be circulated.

To join contact Jan on 07834598703 or janseward54@gmail.com

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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

Caroline Taylor, Safeguarding coordinator, 01507 343352

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

VCC Church Wardens, Treasurers and Secretaries

Asterby : Sally Cosgrove, 01507 343788

Benniworth : Please contact the South Wolds Partnership Office, details above

Biscathorpe (closed) Church DAC at the Diocese of Lincoln

Burgh-on-Bain Judith Varley, 01507 313342 Beverlee Bird, 01507 313667
George Ward 01507 313419

Donington-on-Bain Graham & Lynne Parkinson, 01507 343500
Rosemary Parkinson, 01507 343242

Gayton John Needham, 01507 313265 Ann Needham, 01507 313628

Goulceby Caroline Taylor, 01507 343352 Sylvia Taylor-Reed, 01507 343342

Ranby Jonathan Booth (acting), 01507 343278
Russ Hibbins (acting) 01507 343581 - Di Eddington, 01507 343336

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