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January-February 2021

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Deadline for next Newsletter

All articles and adverts for inclusion in the **March/April 2021** newsletter to be with Sue (Tel 01507313545 or email: moomoski@btinternet.com) by **Monday 15th February 2021** at the very latest. Please let me have your items written out or typed, as you would like them to appear, and as **early as possible, please don't wait until the deadline.**

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Tel: 01507 525600

Based in St Mary's Church, Horncastle.

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Asterby & Goulceby Parish Council

Meeting held 28 September 2020 —The Chairman noted that this was the second meeting held via Zoom and as there is unlikely to be the option to hold a public meeting for the foreseeable future would encourage members of the public to submit questions or issues they would like raised at the meetings to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

In an overview of the Highways issues logged by the PC it was noted that the Footbridge over the ford in Goulceby has been scheduled for repair in December with road closures in place during this. The PC requested that the depth markers be replaced and LCC have agreed to do this at the same time.(please note this work should have been completed by the time this goes to print). It was noted that the badger hole on Horncastle Road has been repaired too. The return of the flooding on Main Road just past Shoe Lane will be reported on Fix My Street.

It was noted that whilst there have been some technical glitches progress is being made on the new Parish Council website and when complete this will be promoted to residents.

Several residents have recently expressed interest in joining the Parish Council. It was agreed that the current vacancies will be re-advertised on the website and notice board in October and applications will be considered for appointment at the December meeting.

It was noted that the following Planning Applications have been granted full permission:

Extensions and alterations to provide additional living accommodation, raising the roof and erecting a storage building - Goulceby Villa, Watery Lane.

Erection of replacement house and outbuildings - Goulceby Lodge, Top Lane.

Councillors were given a brief outline of the Governments recent white papers, Planning for the Future; Changes to the Current Planning System; and Transparency and Competition. It was noted that the key object of the reform is to modernise, speed up the process, make it more data driven and less subjective. Local plans will be required to categorise land as Growth, Renewal or Protected. Growth areas will be suitable for development and automatically given planning permission; Renewal areas will be suitable for 'gentle densification' with a presumption in favour of development; Protected areas will be AONBs, Green Belt land etc and will have development restricted. Residents can find more information about these proposals at [Planning for the Future GOV.UK](https://www.planning.gov.uk)

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News from the Parish Council

At the October Village Zoom meeting the following topics were discussed:

Village website: this is kindly being updated by Fay Moon using the ELDC new format.

Village pond: the Parish Council are currently applying for a licence from ELDC to give the village permission to tidy this area, adjacent to the crossroads.

Fruit trees for the Village Green: this matter was discussed at length with some objections to the proposal and some people volunteering to keep them tidy; after a vote it was agreed not to have new trees on the green.

The next Zoom Parish Council meeting will be held in January, the agenda will be posted on the village noticeboard.

A Black Suggestion Box is in the bus shelter for any matters residents wish to bring to the Council's notice.

Information about the Parish Council and Village can be found on this website:

<http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Benniworth/index.asp?catId=25206>

Used Printer Cartridges

Please do not throw away your used printer cartridges, I am collecting them for the Macmillan Nurse Charity. There is a box in the bus shelter for the used cartridges or you can post them through our letterbox, Stainfield House, Main Road, Benniworth. Many thanks, Jayne Dyas.

Used Stamps and Coins

All UK and foreign used stamps, old foreign or defunct coins from past holidays are being collected by Sue for charity (313545). There is an box for collections in the bus stop shelter.

If there is any information that would be of interest to the village please contact me by email jaynedyas11@gmail.com or 07974 604457 well in advance of deadlines, which are printed in the newsletter.

Priestly Ponderings

A very happy New year to everyone. Firstly, my thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to keep things going last year. The fellowship and friendship across the group has been so important and I really hope that it continues during 2021.

This year should be much happier and healthier than the last! We could never have written the story of 2020 could we? In this country and throughout the world so much suffering has been wrought by the COVID-19 Virus. Thanks, however, to a brilliant scientist, who brought her knowledge of working with SARS and MERS to the vaccine development, we have a vaccine which should help us control this unpleasant and invasive virus.

The darkness of the epidemic has been lightened by the light of the vaccine production. During Advent—before Christmas— we talked about coming from the darkness into the light. For us, the light of the world was born in a stable, God in human form, so that we might know Him and he know us more. Many people have asked, why would a God allow such terrible events to happen in our world? Well, the all-knowing, all-powerful, all-good God allows us to suffer, just as he allows us all sorts of things, because we have not lost the freedom to behave as we will. What he does for us, however, is provide a place with the greatest contentment we can imagine, if only we listen to him, listen to his Son, and listen to his church.

We have always had the opportunity to make choices for ourselves, good, bad or ugly. The world is what it is and life goes on! What we could say is that, as we now have a vaccine to help us through this time, the knowledge people have been employed for the benefit of humankind. How would we, as Christians, not believe our loving God has had a hand in that? St Paul said **“We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28)**. We speak of the grace and goodness of God and what we mean is his loving kindness towards us. It is a desire to see us happy not in any specific way, just happy. It is a desire we too can copy in our relationships with other people. This happiness is not bound by our WANTS or even our needs for no one knows our needs better than God. It is bound by what we can do that is right, rather than anything goes.

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At this time of the year, we are sometimes thinking about New Year resolutions. Patterns of behaviour and habits we might like to change. I hope that one thing that will change is we all gather that idea of being good neighbours and positive helpers within our own communities. That we look out for ways to help people less able than we are.

People who chose not to believe in God often point out this freedom of choice and that is right. We can choose to believe or not believe in him. I believe, however, if we choose to live in a Godless world, he suffers on our behalf, in heaven, under that rejection. But God is available to us he does not make it impossible to find him. He sends us monarchs, prophets, martyrs, saints, signs and symbols - if we are inclined to look for them. Finally, he sent his Son, Jesus Christ, who suffered and died an agonising death then, through the Resurrection, proved God's love, power, and being. Not a bad set of clues when you think about it. *If* you think about it.

Looking forward to the Spring and Easter celebrations.

Every blessing for 2021

Revd Cilla



What's on - at a glance

Date	Event	Location
1st Jan	New Years Day	
4th Jan	Bank Holiday	
6th Jan	Epiphany	Epiphany is the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles by the Magi (Matt2:1-12) Also known as three kings day
25th Jan	Burns Night	Burns supper is a celebration of the life and poetry of Robert Burns. His best known work is Auld Lang Syne
12th Feb	Chinese New Year	Year of the ox (metal ox) Lucky things are numbers 1 & 4, colours green yellow & white, flowers tulip & peach blossom
14th Feb	Valentines Day	St Valentine is the patron saint of lovers (people with epilepsy & beekeepers!!)
16th Feb	Shrove Tuesday	Pancakes are associated with Shrove Tuesday, the day before Lent, to use up rich foods before Lent fasting
17th Feb	Ash Wednesday	Marks the start of Lent (40 days fasting) The ashes symbolise death and repentance
1st Mar	St Davids Day	Patron saint of Wales

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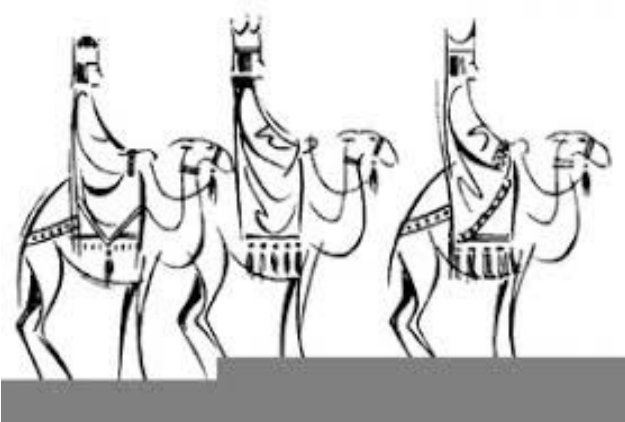
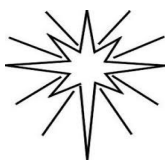


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Benniworth	Second Sunday of Christmas Com-munion	3 rd January	10am
Burgh on Bain	Epiphany 1 Communion	10 th January	10am
Donington on Bain	Epiphany 2 All Age worship	17 th January	10am
Scamblesby	Epiphany 3 Communion	24 th January	10am
Zoom Service	Epiphany 4 All Age worship	31 st January	10am



Asterby Group Services for February 2021

Benniworth	Christingle Service	7 th February	10am
Burgh on Bain	Next before Lent All Age	14 th February	10am
Scamblesby	Ash Wednesday	17 th February	7.00pm.
Donington on Bain	Lent 1 Communion	21 st February	10am
Scamblesby	Lent 2 All Age	28 th February	10am
Benniworth	Lent 3 Communion	7 th March	10am
Goulceby	Evensong	7 th March	6.00pm

All our services will be held in our churches and will be zoomed too. Provision for COVID safety is adhered to.

The only provision is Govt changes in current guidelines.

We will begin our Lent Course on Thursday 18th February at 7.00 p.m. on Zoom and on

Wednesday 24th Feb at 2.00 p.m. on zoom

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