

The Parish of The Asterby Group

Newsletter

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July
to
August

2026



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Living Water: Wells, Wisdom and the Long Days of Summer

There is a particular quality to light in July and August that we rarely notice until it is gone. The countryside seems to hold its breath. Verges turn gold, the dew burns off by mid-morning, and across the parish the talk among those who work the land turns, as it always does at this time of year, to water – whether there has been enough of it or too much of it.

It is easy to forget how much our corner of England is shaped by water, or by the lack of it. Long before mains pipes and reservoirs, every village grew up around a spring, a stream or a well. People settled where the water was. The names of our lanes and fields still carry this history. For farmers and growers, a dry summer or an overly wet one is not an abstraction; it is a season watched anxiously from the cab of a tractor, one eye always on the sky.

Water runs deep through the stories we have told ourselves for thousands of years, too. The very first pages of Genesis open with a spirit moving over the waters. Wells, in the old accounts, were never merely practical – they were meeting places, where strangers became neighbours and journeys took new turns. In John's Gospel there is the well where Jesus, tired from the road, falls into conversation with a woman who has come to draw water, and an unlikely meeting changes everything for her. There is something telling in all of this. The place people went to draw what they needed to live was also the place they gathered, talked and looked one another in the eye.

We have largely lost the well. We turn a tap and think no more about it. Yet the instinct behind it – the sense that the things which sustain us are also the things which bring us together – has not gone anywhere. It has simply moved. These long summer weeks, when routines spread and the evenings stretch out, are when many of us rediscover our own version of the village well: the bench outside the shop, the churchyard gate, the cricket boundary, the queue at the shop. The places we pause.

And pausing matters more than we tend to admit. We live in a culture that prizes 'busyness' and treats an empty afternoon as something close to a failure. Summer offers a gentle corrective. The child who lies on her back watching clouds, the walker who stops at a stile simply because the view deserves it, the neighbour who lingers a moment longer than necessary at the gate – none of them is wasting time. They are drawing on something. Call it rest, call it attention, call it the spirit moving over still water. Whatever the name, we come away replenished, and a replenished person is a kinder, steadier neighbour to have.

This is not, of course, a season of pause for everyone. As the rest of us slow down, our farming families move into their most demanding stretch of the year. The cutting and carrying of harvest waits for no holiday and bends to no diary. There is a quiet irony in it: the abundance that lets the rest of us relax is bought by someone else's long, exhausting days. It is worth holding that in mind when we grumble about a tractor on the lane or a combine working past dusk. Behind the dust and the diesel is a year of patience, weather-watching and hope, drawing at last to its conclusion.

Perhaps that is the real invitation of these months – not simply to rest, but to notice. To notice the water we take for granted, the work that feeds us, and the people who

happen to be standing beside us. The old wisdom understood that a community is held together less by grand gestures than by the small, repeated business of meeting at the same places, drawing from the same sources, looking out for one another through dry spells and plenty alike.

So however you spend these long, light weeks – whether you find yourself at rest or flat out, at the coast or in the field, in a pew or simply leaning on a gate watching the swifts wheel overhead – may you find your own well this summer. A place to pause, to be refreshed, and to be reminded that none of us was ever meant to draw from the depths alone.

We wish you a peaceful and restorative summer.

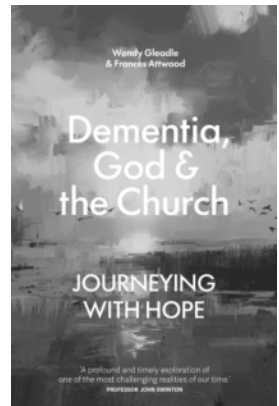
The Asterby Group Ministry Team

Dementia, God and the Church: Journeying with Hope By Wendy Gleadle and Frances Attwood, BRF

Dementia is one of today's most feared health conditions, and people with the condition may also worry about losing their faith and their connection to God. However, there is still hope: those living with dementia can still find meaning in their life and their faith.

Written by two practitioners in this field, *Dementia, God and the Church* aims to show how person-centred approaches to dementia can provide hope. Wendy Gleadle first examines the difficulties of maintaining religious beliefs as cognition declines, and the implications of this if faith is equally emotional as cognitive. She explores other forms of spiritual awareness, such as relationships, the arts and creativity.

Frances Attwood asks how churches can better support those living with dementia, through examining what they and their families and carers find helpful and want most. Throughout, space is given to first-hand stories of those with dementia, those working with them and those caring for them.



Deadline for next Newsletter

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

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

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



Priest in charge

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Donington on Bain Parish Council

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Chairman's Report and Parish Council News – June 2026

There was plenty to discuss at the June Parish Council meeting, with several positive developments and community projects continuing to move forward across the village. Full minutes of our meeting are available on the notice boards.

One of the main topics was to receive an update regarding the planning application submitted by Donington on Bain Village Hall for a change of use that would allow the hall to once again host a nursery facility alongside its existing community activities. Many residents will remember that a nursery previously operated from the hall some years ago, and councillors were pleased to hear that the proposal would not affect the hall's continued use for village events, clubs, and public hire. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to support the application.

The popular Scarecrow Festival is also returning at the end of August and preparations are already underway. Though not a Parish Council event, but following on from the huge success of last year's event, I am planning a more professional approach with additional maps being printed and a few new ideas introduced to encourage more public involvement. The event has already attracted media attention, with Radio Humberside interviewing me ahead of the festival. Funding support was agreed from local businesses including a small donation from the Parish Council, enabling 500 trail maps to be printed, and a few commemorative prizes for the winning entries.

Councillors also discussed a number of environmental and village improvement projects. New dog fouling signs should now be in place and directional signs highlighting the nearest waste bins will soon be installed around the village in an effort to tackle the ongoing issue responsibly and positively.

In addition, the updated village walking leaflets have now been printed at a significantly reduced cost helping to promote local walks and encourage visitors to explore the area.

Residents may also be pleased to learn that work continues behind the scenes on identifying responsibility for various areas throughout the village, such as drainage and grass cutting etc. This has become a surprisingly complicated task and some local knowledge has been lost over the years. A wider survey is currently being undertaken so the council can better understand who is responsible for maintaining each area and help ensure standards are improved where needed.

Another ambition edging closer to reality is the installation of village gateways. The project has faced several delays due to difficulties agreeing suitable locations, but progress is finally being made and contractors are now being considered for the installation and the painting work.

The newly installed children's play equipment has now been completed and has already received very positive feedback. Councillors praised the quality of the installation work and discussions are now taking place about potentially expanding the area further by introducing some outdoor adult gym style equipment, subject to future funding through a community action group.

The Parish Council also agreed to formally object to proposals connected with the decommissioned Biscathorpe oil exploration site. Councillors expressed concern over plans to remove conditions requiring the land to be restored back to agricultural use, believing that the existing restoration commitments should be honoured.

Elsewhere, improvements to the village bus stop remain under consideration as gathering quotes has unfortunately proven rather difficult, if anyone is aware of anyone capable of undertaking this small grant funded renovation project, please contact the clerk. Further work will continue as usual on allotments, cemetery facilities and the wider community projects.

Councillors remain enthusiastic around the enabling of a Community Action Group that could help drive future initiatives that will not impact on the parish precept and encourage more residents to become involved in shaping village improvements outside of the Parish Council's remit.

The Council was also pleased to confirm the appointment of Cllr Tina Pearce as the new Vice Chairman and we all look forward to continuing the positive momentum on behalf of the village over the coming months.

Donington on Bain Parish Council
doningtononbainpc@gmail.com



Finally, parishioners should always submit all enquiries for any official Parish Council business such as allotments, cemetery or items for discussion **directly to the Clerk, Alan Vassar** using this email address **doningtononbainpc@gmail.com**

It may however be necessary from time to time to contact a Parish or District Councillor direct, I have therefore produced a contact sheet which will appear on the village notice boards and a copy of which is also shared here below.

Karl Kay
Chairman, Donington on Bain Parish Council



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JULY

 **SATURDAY 4TH** | **BOOTLEG BOSS** | **7.30PM**

 **WEDNESDAY 8TH**
- **SATURDAY 11TH** | **BLAZE PRESENTS**
WE WILL ROCK YOU | **7PM**

 **SUNDAY 12TH** | **MUSICAL MOMENTS –**
NEXT GENERATION DANCE | **2.30PM**

 **FRIDAY 17TH** | **BACK TO THE 80'S** | **7.30PM**

 **SATURDAY 18TH** | **UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT** | **7.30PM**

 **THURSDAY 23RD**
- **SATURDAY 25TH** | **RAISE THE BARRE** | **7PM**

 **SUNDAY 26TH** | **SENIOR SUMMER WORKSHOP** | **10AM**

AUGUST

 **THURSDAY 6TH**
- **SATURDAY 8TH** | **CALAMITY JANE** | **7.30PM**

 **MONDAY 10TH**
& **MONDAY 17TH** | **JUNIOR SUMMER WORKSHOP**
7-10 YEARS | **10AM**

123 **SATURDAY 22ND** | **NAUGHTY NUMBERS** | **2.30PM**

Tickets are available online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Tickets can also be purchased by calling the Box Office

Open Monday to Saturday 10am -1pm or visiting www.louthriverheadtheatre.com

Online booking for any performance closes one hour before curtain up.

On performance days the Box Office is open for 45 minutes prior to curtain up.

Reclaimed Wood Crafts



Wood is a precious item, so I use reclaimed wood.



I make Hedgehog dens in various sizes, and also Bird Boxes, Bird tables, feeding platforms. Also other wildlife dens.



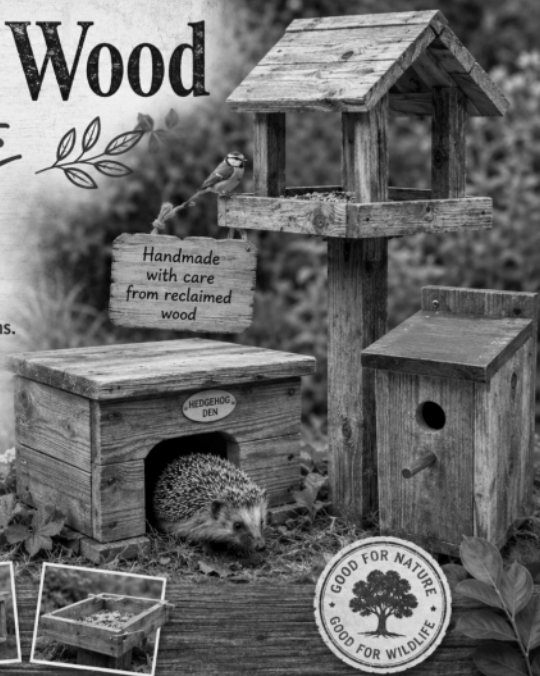
I will also be making other various items like, planters, wall shelving. I will put pictures online as I produce them.



Profits go to Benniworth Hub and animal charities.



email : varky142@aol.com



FAMILY FUN DAY

On Saturday

1st August

10.00 am to 3.00 pm

All Saints Church, Goulceby

Free entry - Join us for a fun-filled day for the whole community!

Activities include:

Breakfasts, Walks, Teas & Cake Stall,
Raffle, Bric-a-brac
Games, Stalls

Fun for all ages

♥ All funds raised will go towards Goulceby Church Restoration ♥

Donations for stalls, plants, books, cakes, bric a brac and raffle gratefully received - contact Marcelle marcellecoker59@btinternet.com or Caroline carolinetaylor@btinternet.com

Tel 01507 343352



DONINGTON ON BAIN ANNUAL VILLAGE YARD SALE & TABLE TOP IN THE HALL WITH CAKE & REFRESHMENTS

SATURDAY
18TH JULY
2026

10AM – 1PM



For details call/message 07775900738
or message on Donington on Bain
community page on Facebook.



Maps will be available on the day with the
sellers locations on from the village hall and
down Meadowcroft.



PLEASE CONTACT NUMBER ABOVE FOR YOUR
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Asterby and Goulceby Parish Council

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



PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS

The last meeting of the Council took place on 5th May at the Three Horseshoes which was also attended by the District Councillor and three members of the public.

Jon Mold was re-appointed as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

The Parish Council has been approached regarding the placement of a bench commemorating 50 years of the Viking Way which runs through the village and potential locations were discussed. A proposal had been put to the County Council (CC) suggesting a positioning off Top Lane, opposite Church Lane. Since the meeting the CC has rejected this location due to access requirements for hedge flailing and grass cutting. An alternative location has since been proposed and this will be reported once any agreement has been reached.

A grant application has been made for funds to revarnish / repaint the Community Bus Shelter in Goulceby. Since the meeting took place, the grant has been confirmed and this work will be completed before the end of October.

We previously reported on a proposal to locate a water level monitoring station on Watery Lane adjacent to the beck bridge. This has now received formal approval subject to final sign off by The Drainage Board. As more details emerge, we will report these back.

The Council noted that the planning application for a three-bungalow development off Ford Way has now been withdrawn.

The annual Council insurance was renewed on a three-year deal with the Council's current insurer, Zurich Municipal.

The meeting revolved largely around the examination and approval of the Council's annual governance and accounting requirements. The Council's accounts were approved and signed off and it was noted that the Auditor confirmed that the Council had properly complied with all aspects of the Governance and Financial audit requirements.

A notice of the public's 'annual accounts inspection rights' has been placed on the parish's two noticeboards and on the Council's website.

Prior to the main Parish Council meeting the Annual Parish Meeting took place. This was an opportunity for villagers to raise issues or concerns with the Parish Council and seven members of the public attended. The only matter that was brought to the meeting was a suggestion that a defibrillator location poster might be placed in the Church. The Council agreed to take this to the relevant Church Authorities.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be 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 - Lavoire, 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/>

Other matters

Temporary road closure

A temporary road closure notice has been received advising of the closure of Ford Way (between 200m & 250m East of Horncastle Road) on 6th to 8th July to facilitate the connection of a new water supply. Access restrictions will be as and when required during this period.

Reminder 'NO UNEXPECTED CALLERS OR VISITORS' signs

Just a reminder that 'Able Community Care' have advised the Parish Council that door/window notices are available for households which do not wish to receive uninvited or unexpected callers. These can be obtained by calling 01603 764567 or by visiting the website <https://www.ablecommunitycare.com/> The Parish Council Clerk will also be holding some of these notices which will be available to collect. Please make contact using the Clerk's email as stated above.

Lincolnshire County Council's new dedicated bus website.

To support responses to enquiries about local bus services, including concessionary bus passes, Callconnect services, fares, bus stops and shelters, and school travel, there is now a new Lincolnshire County Council dedicated bus website: www.lincsbus.com. This site brings together comprehensive and up-to-date information on all bus services across Lincolnshire.

Alternatively, enquiries may be made via the Lincolnshire Transport Helpline on 0345 456 4474. Opening hours: Monday to Friday, 9:30am–5:30pm, and Saturday, 9:30am–4:00pm.

UK transition from analogue to digital landlines

In November 2017, the telecoms industry announced its intention to retire analogue telephone networks such as the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN), which provides many analogue telephone services. The Integrated Services Digital Network

(ISDN), which is also used to deliver telephone services, is also being switched off. Most customers are now expected to have made the switch by the end of January 2027.

The industry will upgrade landline services to new digital technology using an internet connection, such as Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), Digital Voice or All-IP telephony. For most consumers this change will be straightforward.

Nobody will have to lose their landline service because of this change, as there will still be the option for a 'landline only' service should a customer not wish to purchase a general internet connection. Communications providers will continue to be bound by the same regulatory obligations as they are today.

The upgrade of the UK's telephone lines is not a government programme and does not result from a government decision or policy, and therefore specific questions about how the upgrade programme might affect you should be directed to your service provider.

News from All Saints Church, Goulceby

Our village church and community centre is open to all to use and has recently benefitted from the planting of mixed hedging after a clearance operation to the south of the church. The hedging plants were donated by the Woodland Trust, planted and watered by two kind volunteers. A composting toilet and a new shed have been constructed at the back of the church, thanks again to volunteers from the village. The toilet has proved a useful amenity for visitors and walkers alike.

We are currently fundraising for further roof repairs and for installation of appropriate lighting and heating for the altar area. Any ideas for fundraising activities would be very welcome! Contact :- carolinetaylor@btinternet.com, 01507 343352.



★ Donington On Bain Village Hall ★

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Middle Cottage Diaries



Have you noticed how the summer months seem to pass more quickly than the winter ones?

The golden lengthy days of June and July, are so fleeting, compared with the short dark days of November and December, although Christmas is a welcome and enjoyable interlude for us. As I write this, we have just experienced some very hot days indeed, too hot even to spend time in our gardens or walk our dogs until the cool of the evening. I have been run off my (not so agile) feet topping up my birdbaths and the bowl I keep for any passing animal.

Here on Meadow Lane we judge the state of dryness by the puddles that form outside of our cottage – no sign of puddles then plants need watering – if it resembles the lake district they don't. Like many other people I suppose, I have been watching the wonderful programmes presented by Sir David Attenborough in this, his 100th birthday year, his legacy of course is to urge mankind to care for and treasure this precious planet of ours, and to encourage youngsters to show an interest in the world around them, and not always the digital world, which although beneficial in some respects, has its risks and problems, now coming to the surface. I cant help feeling lucky to live here in the Lincolnshire Wolds with its beautiful landscapes and small charming villages, when some peoples world consists of non stop traffic, noise, and ever increasing building work.

Of course modern life has to go on, but somehow in the past we seemed to have everything we needed, yet still enjoyed lots of green space and simple pleasures. When I was nursing I remember treating an old lady with a painful leg. "I know what it is nurse" she told me "its nostalgia in me knee"! Oh well a bit of nostalgia (of course she meant neuralgia) isn't a bad thing, no matter where it is.

Now for our monthly brain teaser. Which insect often seen in August can fly not only forward, but sideways and backwards?

Olwyn Metcalf

Answer to question is The Dragonfly

Volunteer required

— for the position of —

Asterby Group Safeguarding Co-ordinator

This essential post is currently vacant and requires an enthusiastic, caring person to fill this role.



All support and guidance will be to help you settle into this post.



Contact Caroline Taylor,
01507 343352

or



carolinetaylor@btinternet.com

for information or a chat.



Asterby Parish Services in July 2026

Date	Location	Service	Time
5th July	St. Julian's Church, Benniworth	Morning Praise - Pet Service	10am
Wednesday 8th July	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Celtic Worship with Holy Communion	11am
12th July	St German's Church, Ranby	Holy Communion	10am
12th July	St. Helen's Church Burgh on Bain	Evening Praise	6pm
19th July	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Holy Communion	9.30am
19th July	St. Nicholas Church, Stenigot	Holy Communion	3pm
26th July	St Martin's Church, Scamblesby	Morning Praise	10am

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

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

Asterby Parish Services August 2026

Date	Location	Service	Time
2nd August	All Saints Church, Goulceby	Holy Communion	10am
9th August	St. Helen's Church Burgh on Bain	Holy Communion	10am
Wednesday 12th August	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Celtic Worship with Holy Communion	11am
16th August	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Morning Praise	10am
23rd August	St Martin's Church, Scamblesby	Holy Communion	10am
30th August	St. Helen's Church Burgh on Bain	Morning Praise	10am

Date	Location	Service	Time
6th September	All Saints Church, Goulceby	Harvest Thanksgiving	10am

Parish Registers

Funeral - Colin Good – at St Andrew's Church, Donington-on-Bain on 3rd June.

Baptisms - at St Andrew's Church, Donington-on-Bain

Joseph William Wallis –19th April.

Rupert William & Alfie Frank Crowe – 17th May.

PRAYER CIRCLE

Our Prayer Circle offers a circle of love and compassion for friends, or situations, that require prayer for as long as is felt necessary.

Many of those for whom prayer has been requested have told us they feel comforted and supported knowing they are being prayed for.

All requests for prayer are held in confidence by the members of the Prayer Circle.

Please do not hesitate to ask for prayers to be offered for friends, concerns, anxieties or needs you may have, as well as giving thanks for special joys.

Ann South – 01507 313792

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

A Big Bold Beautiful Journey

Well, I promise you I am not being paid to promote a film however this month's offering to you was inspired having watched the film of the above name.



I felt there were many themes covered during the film which sees two characters on a road trip that is directed by a 'Sat Nav' and take a number of directions through a variety of doors. I am not going to cover all the themes you'll be pleased to know, however I would like to explore the weather that featured because rain was in abundance and not unlike our experience during the winter. Now, as we enter spring, water is still required for those of us with gardens or who grow flowers or vegetables – whether to consume or 'show'.



The rain in the film was a motif, symbolising renewal, baptism and cleansing this shaped the character's journeys - the emotional landscape and marking of transitions and fresh starts for each of them as individuals. Not unlike our growing produce – everyday will see some growth, but under or over watering can cause 'blips' during the season – although most of our produce has the resilience to continue growing.

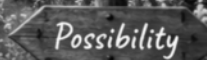
My wonder is can we apply this metaphor to our own lives? Are we looking after ourselves and learning through our growth and journey. Are we, like our spring growth embracing the water when it comes but developing resilience through times of drought or hardship?



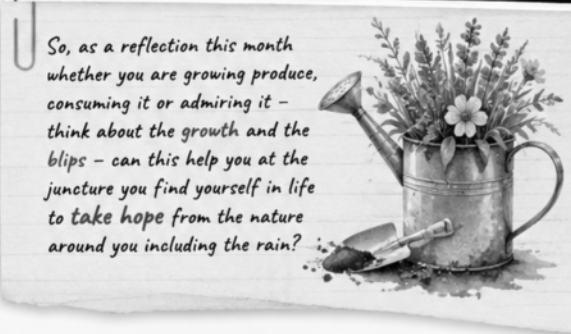
The film explores the characters, each had not addressed issues from their past and were forced to do so, although had each other to be of a support and enabled them to begin to grow and love again – love others and themselves. It was not a film of love in the traditional sense – one does not get a full closure about the couple as a couple however one does see an individual renewal through a baptism as they travel the journey.



Again, one can draw a parallel to our perennial and annual produce – both need water/ feeding.



“
Just as plants need water to grow, we need life's rain to help us bloom into who we are meant to be.
”



So, as a reflection this month whether you are growing produce, consuming it or admiring it – think about the growth and the blips – can this help you at the juncture you find yourself in life to take hope from the nature around you including the rain?

JOURNEYS TEACH US



Highlight moments when the journey takes unforeseen paths – road closures, detours, spontaneous choices.



Illustrate the characters' ability to adapt and embrace change.



Draw parallels between literal and figurative journeys.

Lizzie Roberts



St Julian's Church Benniworth VCC update

We are pleased to provide a update on the Restoration of Benniworth Church, Community Hub and Parish Council activities.

The VCC have instructed specialist support to apply for funding to achieve our ambitions of ensuring that the St Julian's Church Roof is repaired to maintain the integrity of the interior. The time scale we hope is between 6 and 12 months to secure funding of between £80 to £110 thousand pounds.



We continue to host events and services at St Julian's Church keeping a close eye on any issues in the interior due to the roof following temporary repairs. Benniworth Community Hub activities have been taking place on the first Saturday of each month supported by the Benniworth Parish Council Committee Members, the Community Hub volunteers and the VCC.

Special thanks to David and Collette Bailey for establishing the Community Hub, Sue Kerr and Sue and Colin McAlister for their encouragement and enthusiasm to get the rest of us together in helping to tidy up areas around the village.

A BIG thank you to all the supporters who have kindly continued to clean the church and be part of the flower rota. Also to Olwyn and Vic Metcalf for their help and support and Vic's building of Hedgehog houses, proceeds donated to the church restoration.

We also have a Pet Service on 5th July, see the advert here ! >

We have new benches in the churchyard and plans to refresh the Garden of Rest.

We hope to see as many pets with their owners at our Pet Service.

Best wishes, the VCC committee

PET SERVICE

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*Join us for a special service for
pets and their owners*

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📅 **On SUNDAY 5 July 2026**

🕒 **Time: 10:00 a.m.**

📍 **At St Julian's Church, Benniworth**

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All are welcome, bring your beloved
pets for a blessing and a friendly
community gathering.

An illustration of a church building with a steeple, surrounded by trees and a fence. In the foreground, there is a group of pets: a large dog, a cat, a rabbit, and a puppy.

The logo for Benniworth Parish Council features a central illustration of a church building with a steeple, surrounded by trees and a fence. Below the illustration, the words 'BENNIWORTH PARISH COUNCIL' are written in a bold, sans-serif font, enclosed within a rectangular frame.

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**

An illustration of a clipboard with a pen. The word 'CLERK' is written on the clipboard, and there are several horizontal lines below it, suggesting a list or form.



*It's good
to be together*



CHEERFULNESS PAGE

Finding Joy Together ♥

“ God wants us to be happy and enjoy life as much as we can,
for as long as we can.” ”



ENJOYING VILLAGE LIFE

It is wonderful that there are so many social activities in our villages, coffee and cake, rambling groups, and church activities. They are all things which I enjoyed when I was younger.



STAYING POSITIVE

We have to have a positive attitude to the problems and limitations which old age brings. Most of us have health problems but many younger people have health problems too and manage to remain cheerful. One friend over ninety would always say, "I'm very well, thank you," or, "I'm a little bit under the weather," spoken in a cheerful voice.



BEAUTY BEYOND YOUTH

One old lady complained to me about her fading beauty but if we are clean and tidy, pleasant, cheerful and kind, people will not despise us for our white hair and wrinkles!



MAKING LIFE AFFORDABLE

Most of us are not as well off financially as we used to be but there is help available. Most of our health care is free, including prescriptions, and extra financial help is available for people who really need it. It can be quite good fun thinking of ways to reduce our expenses, such as using energy saving kitchen gadgets or using less water.



LOOKING AHEAD

Of course, the Grim Reaper seems to be coming nearer as we age but we can help our families by preparing for the end of our lives. Making a will, arranging Power of Attorney and planning the funeral service can bring peace of mind.

WHAT COULD WE SHARE?



So, what can we do to help each other to be happier?

Would any other pensioners be interested in having a 'Cheerfulness' page in our Newsletter?

Perhaps we could share:

- ♥ Money saving tips
- ♥ Recipes for quick, cheap and easy meals
- ♥ Pictures and stories of the amusing antics of our grandchildren (or great grandchildren!) and pets
- ♥ Helpful local information
- ♥ A cheerful email or phone call to someone who feels lonely
- ♥ Any other ideas to brighten our days!

Have your say! ♥

Let's make this a page that lifts our spirits and brings us closer together.

Please send your ideas, stories and suggestions.



..... *Let's choose cheerfulness every day* ♥ *It makes life sweeter!*

Midway Point

A gentle
pause in the story
of the year.

June rests quietly at the heart of the year, a gentle meeting place between all that has already passed and all that is still waiting to unfold. It arrives with longer days, softer evenings, and a kind of light that seems to linger, as though inviting us not to rush forward too quickly, but to pause and take in where we are. By this point in the year, we have already carried so much — hopes we began with, plans we tried to follow, unexpected turns, silent struggles, small victories, and moments that changed us in ways we may not yet fully understand. June stands in the middle of it all like a quiet breath, reminding us that the story of the year is not yet finished.

There is something comforting about this season, something tender in the way it asks us to look back without harshness and ahead without fear. It reminds us that progress is not always loud, and growth is not always easy to see while it is happening. Some things have bloomed already, while others are still beneath the surface, gathering strength in hidden ways. Even the disappointments and delays do not mean the year has lost its beauty or its promise. Instead, they become part of the landscape we have walked through, shaping us gently, teaching us patience, resilience, and the quiet courage it takes to keep believing in better days.

At the midpoint of the year, June offers more than a marker of time — it offers perspective. It tells us that we do not have to have everything figured out by now. We do not need every dream to have come true, nor every question to have found its answer. There is still space to begin again, still time to soften what has been heavy, still room to nurture the hopes that have not faded. And perhaps that is the quiet gift of June: it does not demand certainty from us, only presence. It asks us to stand where we are, with honesty and grace, and trust that even now, something beautiful may still be growing within us and around us.

Let us take time, in the middle of the year, to be still and reflect on where we want to go and what we would like to do. We all have time — whether long or short [who knows] let us make the most of each day, hour and minute.

Warmest Wishes 

Lizzie Roberts

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JULY

 **Wednesday 1st** -
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Winner draw 10.30 to noon



**NO Arts + crafts until September
nor Reel Issues FILM nights**



 **Wednesdays 8th and 22nd** -
Ballroom Dance group 6.50pm.
(Paul 01507 313601)

 **Thursdays 2nd 9th 16th 23rd 30th** -
Tai Chi 11:00 to 12:10 then
Qigong 12.10 to 13.10
(Carol 07592 071523)

 **Wednesday 19th** -
Coffee and chat 10.30 to noon.

 **Friday 20th - MUSIC quiz 6.30pm.**
For details see posters & fliers,
South Willingham Residents groups
on WhatsApp and Facebook,
contact Jan 07834 598703
email janseward54@gmail.com

AUGUST

 **Wednesday 5th** -
Coffee and chat + Willingham
Winner draw 10.30 to noon

 **Wednesday 19th** -
Coffee and chat 10.30 to noon





**NO arts/crafts,
film night nor
Ballroom dancing
in August**

 **Thursdays 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th** -
Tai Chi 11:00 to 12:10 then
Qigong 12.10 to 13.10
(Carol 07592071523)

 **Wednesday 15th** -
Coffee and chat 10.30 to noon.

FUTURE EVENTS: tbc 

Sept 25th

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