

Waltham News

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National Lottery Community Fund Award for Waltham!

Waltham Parish Council is delighted to announce that it has been awarded £15,495 from The National Lottery Community Fund to purchase a WooWoo Kazuba waterless toilet for the Station Road allotments.

This important investment will significantly improve facilities for allotment holders and visitors, providing a clean, eco friendly, fully accessible toilet on site. The new Kazuba toilet would also serve the proposed new cemetery and be accessible directly from the new cemetery car park.

With the Kazuba toilet requiring no water, electricity, or harmful chemicals, it supports the Parish Council's commitment to environmental responsibility.

The Parish Council extends its sincere thanks to National Lottery players, whose contributions have made this project possible.

Coffee mornings

Waltham Methodist Church looks forward to welcoming you to our Saturday Coffee Mornings throughout the summer on the following dates and from 10.30AM

No Coffee Morning in April due to an early Easter weekend.

May 2nd, June 6th, July 4th, August 1st, September 5th and December 5th.

Are there any local businesses that would be interested in doing some jobs for us? We are looking for someone who is good with heights to redecorate an internal wall of the chapel and other small jobs. Please email me if you are interested

Carol at walkercm@hotmail.co.uk

Meet the Parish Council Team

Cllr Andrew Moss (Chair)

Cllr Trevor McDonald (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Martin Archer

Cllr Ray Barrett

Cllr Heather Boothroyd

Cllr Shirley Boothroyd

Cllr Richard Gordon

Cllr Nigel Jackson

Cllr Katherine Lee

Cllr Karen Lennox

Cllr Chris Midgley

Cllr Catherine Smith

Cllr Paula Surtees

Cllr Paul Teanby

Cllr Peter Woodliff

Clerk to the Parish Council:

Tanya Kuzemczak



Clerk to the Cemetery Committee: Amanda Carr
Street Team: John Smith

Meetings are held in the Waltham Library Meeting Room on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM
Residents are most welcome to attend.



Terrific chance for students to shine *(and fly!)*

Opportunities for students to shine outside of the classroom are something Waltham Toll Bar Academy takes pride in – and they don't come any bigger than its annual production at Grimsby Auditorium.

Sixth formers and students across all year groups make up the 112 cast that will perform Peter Pan across two nights in July.

Tickets are now on sale from the Auditorium.

The Academy is aiming to repeat the success of last year's production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, performed to big audiences over two days at the same venue.

The public will be able to catch Peter Pan and see his adventures to Neverland on Thursday 16th July and Friday 17th at 7pm. Hundreds of primary pupils will be invited to matinee performances on both days. Executive Principal Philip Dickinson

said students and staff were “incredibly excited” to see tickets going on sale. “It is a really ambitious production and we're delighted to be able to offer our students such a fantastic opportunity to showcase their talents,” he said. “I'm grateful to our Performing Arts team for the huge amount of work that goes into producing something on this scale. “Those families, friends, staff and members of the public who came last July were hugely impressed with what they saw. We had some wonderful feedback, which encouraged us to book Grimsby Auditorium again. “We hope this year's show will be even more memorable and enjoyed by even stronger numbers.”

Co-Director of Arts and Head of Drama Gemma Carter is the driving force behind the production, based on the original 1904 play by JM Barrie, later turned into one of Disney's favourite movies.

She said: “Auditions were held in September and weekly rehearsals have been taking place ever since.

“We have a fabulous cast and the children are loving being involved. There's a real excitement around the place.

Tickets, priced online at £13 for adults and £11 for children, are on sale from the Auditorium. Please follow this link <https://grimsbyauditorium.org.uk/show/waltham-tollbar-academy-presents-peter-pan/>.

A growing school at the heart of Waltham

Since opening our doors in September, Waltham Gateway Academy has been proud to become part of the village community.

Although still in its early days, pupils, staff, and families have begun building a warm, inclusive, and ambitious school culture focused on its values of care, courage and curiosity.

“Opening a new school is a rare and exciting opportunity,” the Headteacher, Mrs. Holness. “With the support of our families and the whole school team, we are creating a school rooted in the local community, where every child is known, seen, heard, supported and encouraged to thrive.

Through Bright Futures Friday, pupils have enjoyed visits to the local library, helping them develop a love of reading while becoming familiar with an important community space.

Nunny's Farm has been welcomed into school, where children had the opportunity to learn about and care for a variety of animals over several weeks, an experience that proved educational and memorable.

Mrs Holness said they had also been pleased to welcome visits from local PCSOs, who spent time with pupils talking about safety, community roles, and how they help keep Waltham a safe place for everyone.

These experiences, alongside our extra-curricular clubs, support the aim of building children's confidence, curiosity, and sense of belonging within their local area.





Waltham Leas Primary Academy

Celebrating a Term of Achievement, Community and Vision

Waltham Leas are incredibly proud to celebrate the many achievements our pupils have enjoyed this term, reflecting both their hard work and their commitment to the wider community. These successes sit firmly at the heart of our new school vision: **Belong, Grow, Empower.**

Children continue to participate in many sport activities and our Year 6 football team reached the regional finals of the Ramsden Cup in Hull, losing out on the next round by goal difference.

Our strong sense of belonging has also been evident beyond the school gates. The school choir has been spreading joy by performing at local care homes, where their festive singing was warmly received and greatly appreciated. These visits provided pupils with a meaningful opportunity to connect with the community and bring smiles through music. Thank you for allowing us this opportunity and we hope to visit again soon.

Reading continues to be a key

focus across the school, and we are delighted to have been awarded the Silver Reading Pledge, recognising our commitment to developing a strong reading culture.

Learning beyond the classroom remains a priority. Many trips are planned for the coming months including an Egyptian workshop, working with the local Canoe River Cleaner and later residential visits for Years 4 and 6.

Waltham Leas take looking after our planet seriously and we continue to collect plastic bottle tops and lids which are recycled into furniture for our playground. We have also been collecting plastic chocolate tubs to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

We are also delighted to share that our school community raised over £250 for Grimsby Hospital's Charity - The Healthtree Foundation. Pupils and staff took part by wearing their festive Christmas jumpers, creating a joyful atmosphere while supporting an important local cause.

Family Craft Afternoon at SmAllSaints

If your family enjoys a variety of craft activities then come along to All Saints Church Hall, High Street, Waltham on the Bank Holiday Mondays of:

Monday 6th April - 1pm - 4.30

Monday 25th May - 1pm - 4.30

Sunday 30th August - 1pm - 4.30

The activities are free, but we do ask that children are accompanied by an adult.

Refreshments are available and all are welcome.



All Saints Church, Waltham Services and Group Events.

If you are coming to All Saints Church for the first time, we would be delighted to welcome you!

We are a parish that values diversity and inclusivity, and we are always happy to help. After our services, you are welcome to stay in the church hall for refreshments. If you are thinking about having a baptism, marriage, or funeral in our church, please get in touch with us for more information.

- **Palm Sunday March 29th 10am Holy Communion Service**
- **Maundy Thursday April 2nd at St Matthews Church- New Waltham at 5pm and 7pm All Saints Church, Waltham**
- **Easter Vigil Friday 3rd April at both St Matthews Church and All Saints Church at 12noon - 3pm**
- **Easter Egg Hunt at St Helen's Church, Barnoldby le Beck 4th April 10am**
- **Easter Egg Hunt at St Peters Church, Ashby cum Fenby 5th April**
- **Coffee Mornings at St Peters Church - Ashby cum Fenby, St Matthews Church - New Waltham, St Helens Church - Brigsley at 10am 4th April**
- **Service of Light (Lighting the Paschal Candles) 4th April at 8pm All Saints Church, Waltham.**
- **Easter Morning Services Waltham 10am**
- **Services are every Sunday at 10am and Morning Prayer every Thursday morning at 09.30am**

Rev'd Pauline Cummins - Rector and Oversight Minister - The Waltham Group

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Adopt-a-Planter Scheme – Help Brighten Our Community This Summer!

As we look forward to lighter days and the fresh colours of spring, we're inviting residents to take part in this year's Adopt-a-Planter Scheme. It's a simple, enjoyable way to help make our village look vibrant, welcoming, and full of village pride.

Each year, our network of public planters adds colour to our streets. This year, we're again encouraging local residents, families, community groups, businesses, and schools to get involved by "adopting" a planter for the growing season.

What does adopting a planter involve?

If you choose to adopt a planter, you'll be responsible for:

- Planting it up before Easter
- Keeping it looking tidy and cared for throughout the growing season (deadheading, light weeding, keeping it looking cheerful)

Don't worry - you aren't doing this alone!

The Council will prepare each planter with fresh compost and will water them throughout the season, giving your plants the best chance to thrive.

A little friendly competition...

All adopted planters will be judged in July, and there will be prizes for the top three displays.

Get involved!

Adopting a planter is a brilliant way to:

- Contribute to the look and feel of your community!
- Enjoy a simple outdoor hobby!
- Involve children or young people in a fun, hands-on project!
- Add a splash of personality to your neighbourhood!

If you'd like to adopt a planter – or simply want to find out more – please contact the Clerk. Planters will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

To adopt a planter, contact:
The Clerk – clerk@walthamparishcouncil.gov.uk

How you can support the Waltham in Bloom Group in your own garden.



The WIB have continued to work behind the scenes over the winter period. The Parish Council purchased 1,000 Tete a Tete daffodil bulbs for various planters around the village and hopefully they will be in full bloom by the time you receive this newsletter.

The group are also making plans for this summer. We annually enter the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) competition and this year they are celebrating 100 years, and so we are hoping to celebrate their achievements in our floral displays. We are also hoping to work with some of the veterans in the village to create some floral displays. However, making Waltham bloom is not just about creating floral displays in the public areas of the village. As individuals, we can all get involved, The CPRE always judge a village/town by the amount of community involvement and so they visit each street in Waltham, looking at

front gardens, absence of litter in the area, the condition of street furniture and bus shelters for example. With this in mind, the WIB are putting out a plea for your support.

Many of our residents enjoy walking around the village and we can add to that pleasure by adding some colour to our front gardens. So, we invite you to look at your own front garden and think about what you could add or change. You may even want to celebrate 100 years of CPRE. (They have their own website, and they have a timeline to show their achievements over 100 years).

By adding a planter with some bee friendly plants, such as Primrose, lavender, Foxgloves, Penstemon, Snapdragon and Heather, you will not only create all year-round colour, but you will also be encouraging wildlife into your garden. If you are short of space, you can always add a hanging basket, but remember, they do need regular watering in the summer.

The Parish Council will be running the 'adopt a planter' scheme again this year and if you would like to volunteer, then once again you might want to consider an extra special display to mark 100 years of CPRE.

The WIB are also looking at ways residents can share plant cuttings and seeds and we will provide more details of this on our Facebook page.

In the meantime, take advantage of the spring weather and start planning your front garden.

Pride of Waltham 2026 – Lynn Cook

Every year, the Pride of Waltham Award shines a spotlight on residents who truly embody the spirit of community. This year Lynn Cook was chosen for the award.

Lynn's generosity shows in the countless ways she helps friends, neighbours, and anyone in need. She cooks and delivers meals to people who are ill or feeling low, often baking for others, shopping on their behalf, and offering lifts to hospital and medical appointments. She regularly phones those who may be lonely, ensuring they feel connected and cared for. Lynn also arranges flowers for weddings, funerals, and special occasions, and takes part in charity runs while collecting items for local causes.

Those who know her describe her as someone whose kindness "knows no bounds" and who "has no idea of the positive impact she has on so many local lives." Her nominator shared that she would be amazed to learn just how loved and appreciated she truly is.

For her unwavering compassion, tireless efforts, and the community spirit that she brings to Waltham, Lynn is a deeply deserving nominee for the Pride of Waltham Award 2026.



Join us at Waltham Museum of Rural Life.

Those of you who have visited your local museum this season will have noticed a new look to the displays.

A lot of time and effort has been put into trying to improve your visitor experience by our volunteers. Youngsters seem to have enjoyed our new picture trails and come back for more. Further work will be done over the closed season to update more of the display areas. A unique opportunity to see local artifacts and get a glimpse into World War II RAF Grimsby (Waltham), come and visit us in the new season.

Do you have any spare time? Help to create the unique experience at Waltham Museum open to the public. Why not join our team of friendly dedicated volunteers? Use your skills and interests to further develop the museum for everyone to enjoy.

Engross yourself in:

- Researching the exhibits in order to inform the public.
- Help create and maintain the displays!
- Meet and greet our enthusiastic public – read the Visitor’s Book to see how much this is appreciated.
- Be a source of information for the public and visiting organisations.

Like to give it a try? Pop along and talk to us at a weekend or contact us at www.walthamwindmill.org.uk or by emailing us at atwalthammuseum2017@gmail.com

Mike Date
Museum volunteer

Are you retired, about to retire or just looking for something to do in your spare time?

Waltham Windmill NEEDS YOU!!!

It has been a long haul to get Waltham Windmill back to its former glory. The hold up was the centering wheels but these are now cast. Hopefully by the end of March the mill will be back in working order and we will be grinding wheat and making windmill flour again.

Our two principal millers are retiring in 12 months, and we are looking for interested people to train to become millers. Help to keep this dying trade alive. If you think you would be interested, come along and give it a try and see if it suits you and us. If you would like to give it a try, please contact us via the enquiry form on the windmill website www.walthamwindmill.org.uk or via our Facebook page.

We are always looking for volunteers to help organise events, help with gardening, become windmill guides, or become Preservation Society committee members. We are an enthusiastic group of volunteers and will welcome any new members.

Mike Date (Chair of Waltham Windmill Preservation Society)



Concerts become a regular feature in the calendar

Following the success of the afternoon concerts held at Waltham Methodist Church in October. The Parish Council have agreed with the church to hold concerts during the months of October and March on a regular basis.

The first series of concerts in October 2025 provided a variety of entertainment with a visit from the Ancient Mariners Shanty Group, outstanding individual performances from students at Tollbar Academy, and some lively, sing along music by the Nukulele group and the Thoresby Singers.

In March, we shall be welcoming music students from Franklin College, Back to Brass, Grimsby Orpheus Male voice choir and the final concert of the month on Sunday 29th March will see the Riverhead Ranters, sharing some lively folk songs.

The concerts all take place on Sunday afternoons between 2.30-3.30pm, followed by some delicious home baking, provided by members of our

community. There is no charge for entry, but we do ask for donations, and we were delighted to raise £1194 pounds last October, which was divided by charities of the performer’s choice and Waltham Methodist Church.

We are currently filling the diary for the October concerts, and these will be listed in the next newsletter and will be advertised on our website. We look forward to welcoming you at the concerts.



Discover Your New Passion at Waltham Park Bowls Club



Are you looking for a fun, engaging, and rewarding way to stay active, socialise, and boost your well-being in 2026 and beyond? Look no further than Waltham Park Bowls Club! Tucked away off Neville Turner Way grounds in Waltham DN37 0YJ, our club is a vibrant hub where people of all ages and abilities come together to enjoy the timeless sport of lawn bowls, as well as pétanque and croquet.

Lawn bowls is a sport that is easy to learn but offers a satisfying challenge to master, providing a perfect blend of gentle physical exercise and mental stimulation.

Try Something New: Pétanque & Croquet

In addition to our excellent bowling green, we also boast dedicated areas for pétanque and croquet. These are equally enjoyable, low-impact sports that offer their own unique blend of fun, strategy, and social interaction, ensuring there's always something new to try at the club.

Join Us Today!

We make it incredibly easy to get started. You don't need to worry about equipment; we have bowls, mallets, and all necessary gear available for you to use. All we ask is that you wear flat-soled shoes to protect our greens.

Experience the joy and benefits of bowls for yourself. We recommend contacting the club secretary, Andy Arundel, 07954691681 for more information on how to join or to arrange a time to visit. Free Open day planned for Saturday 25th April 10 am till 2pm (under 18 must always have guardian with them).

Come down to Waltham Park Bowls Club and discover a new, fulfilling lifestyle waiting for you!

Waltham Choral Society Announces Spring Performance of Torn Curtain

The Waltham Choral Society is delighted to invite the community to a special spring presentation of Torn Curtain, a compelling choral work written by acclaimed composer Roger Jones. This inspiring musical narrative will be performed on Tuesday, 31 March, beginning at 7:30 PM, at Waltham Methodist Church.

Admission to this event is free of charge, making it a wonderful opportunity for music lovers of all ages to enjoy an evening of live performance. A retiring collection will be taken for those who wish to support the continued work of the Society.



Spotlight on Grimsby and Cleethorpes Model Engineering Society

Celebrating Engineering Passion in Our Community

Activities and Events

During the year, the society has many open days and special events, held at the Waltham Windmill site. These occasions are a real treat for all ages, where visitors can ride on beautifully crafted miniature trains, often steam hauled. Additionally, members frequently participate in regional exhibitions, showcasing their handiwork and exchanging ideas with other societies.

Get Involved

The GCMES site is operated, maintained, and developed entirely by the unpaid volunteer members and is always keen to welcome new faces. Membership is open to everyone—whether you're interested in model engineering or any of the vast array of activities required to operate and maintain the site. For those interested in joining, meetings are held regularly in the Clubhouse on the Waltham Windmill site. It's a wonderful opportunity to make friends, learn new skills, and become part of a tradition that's been enriching local life for generations.

Waltham Women's Institute (WI)

We are fortunate to have a WI branch here in Waltham. Our group meets on the second Monday of each month in All Saints Church Hall on the High Street. The meeting begins at 7.30pm. and our President begins the meeting with a brief outline of national and local events that may be of interest to us before welcoming the speaker for the evening.

Up and coming speakers following our Annual General Meeting in April are: -

May: Joanne Barley Making Your Own Beauty Products

To Be Confirmed: Miss Lincolnshire, Matthew Blisset, Mark Carlton, Crosskills Florist and Family History Group.

We have an active WI Book Club, which meets at the Waltham Library on Wednesday following WI.

The yearly membership, April to March, is £54. This entitles you to be a part of a nationwide federation

offering you the opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills and campaign on wide-ranging issues. You will also receive eight issues of the WI magazine delivered to your door. Attendance at the meetings is also included in this annual fee.

Waltham WI Members this year supported the Women's Refuge by donating various items that make the life of the families easier, and we have also chosen to save our five pence piweces to donate to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

If you'd like to join us at one of our meetings, then your first meeting is free. After that there is a fee that would be pro rata depending on how many months are left in the current membership year. Our next meeting is on Monday 13th April at 7.30 pm. Do come and join us, you would be most welcome.

Christine Taylor 01472237806



Photo by Daniel Scott

HAS WALTHAM GOT ITS VERY OWN BANKSY?

Just before Remembrance Day last year, this picture of a young soldier, standing in a poppy field, was painted on the fence that surrounds the new school. We think you will agree it is very well done and very emotive. The Parish Council is thinking of ways to preserve it. If you would like to see it, it is on the area of fence bordering Archer Road.

The Walthamites

Are you in need of someone to talk to some mornings?

Did you know there is a group who meets on the last Wednesday of each month? (excluding December). We meet in All Saints Hall on the High Street from 10-12 noon. We pay £2 to contribute towards the room hire and there is always lots to talk about.

We are a mixed group, male and female, we know a lot about Waltham and the characters who lived here both past and present.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 25th March 2026. Sometimes we have cake, sometimes fish and chips!

Do join us! Christine Taylor 01472237806

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Summer Activities AT THE MILL

Drumming - Wed 5th Aug - 2-4PM
Ages 7 and over

Circus Skills - Wed 12th Aug - 2-4PM
All ages

Nunny's Farm - Wed 19th Aug - 2-4PM
FREE ENTRY

Football - Wed 26th Aug - 2-4PM
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SUMMER PICNIC AT THE MILL

Saturday 9th May 2026
11AM to 3PM

WALTHAM WINDMILL

FREE ENTRY

For more information visit: walthamparishcouncil.gov.uk



Friendship at Home
Befriending and Supporting Older People

20 Celebrating 20 years of supporting older people in North East Lincolnshire

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