

Waltham News

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TALES FROM THE CHAIR

It only seems five minutes since we delivered the 10th edition of the Waltham News, and here we are again with the 11th!! I hope you are all still enjoying it as much as the 1st. Every year, the chairman has to deliver an Annual Report to the Residents of Waltham. This year, I decided to cover a longer period. The past five years have been ones of energy, progress, and a genuine sense of community spirit - and it's thanks to all of you that we're able to look back with pride and forward with confidence.

Let me begin by highlighting some of the key achievements. We have successfully completed a full refurbishment of the public toilets, ensuring these important facilities are clean, accessible, and welcoming to all.

Our Parish office has had a refresh, making it a more inviting and functional space for both staff and residents.

CCTV coverage has been expanded to include Neville Turner Way, improving safety and giving peace of mind to many.

I am very pleased to report that planning approval has been granted for the development of a new cemetery on Station Road- a long-term project that we know is important to many families in the village.

In our open spaces, we have installed new play equipment, created a magical story circle for young imaginations, also introduced four brand new notice boards around the village to keep everyone informed.

We were honoured to be named Cemetery of the Year, a national recognition of the dedication and care that goes into maintaining this space. Of course, we celebrated our local champions once again with the Annual Pride of Waltham award, recognising those who go the extra mile to make our village a better place. Our website has had a full refresh, making it easier to access news, documents, and updates from the council.

Beyond the bricks and mortar, what truly brings the village to life are the people and the events that bring us together. One of our proudest additions has been the formation of an enthusiastic and creative events committee. Their efforts have already been felt across a wide range of fantastic community events.

We marked the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the King's Coronation in style, with events that drew hundreds of people together in celebration, as did the VE Day 80 celebrations featured in this edition.

Throughout the summer, we ran a series of family-friendly activities, from Nunny's Farm visits to drumming and circus skills workshops, football sessions, and more. These events have been a real hit with families, especially the children! We also invested in new gazebos and a PA system, which have already seen plenty of action and will continue to support events for years to come.

The Adopt a Planter Scheme has given residents the chance to take ownership of our public spaces and add their personal touch.

Our quarterly newsletter is now delivered to every home in the DN37 postcode, keeping you all up to date with local news and plans. If you have not received a copy or have received more than one please let us know.



Poppy display on the Village Green to commemorate VE Day 80. Created by Tracey Griggs who knitted over 250 poppies.

Of course, our much-loved village calendar continues to showcase Waltham's beauty. Let's not forget the Rockery Award, which mirrors the green-thumbed pride that so many residents take in their own gardens.

One thing I am particularly proud of is the new Parish logo, which makes me smile every time I see it. We also continue to make progress on key ongoing projects- work at Grove Park, to also include a car park, a MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) which will make full use of the old tennis courts and BMX tracks at Mount Pleasant and Fairway land.

None of these achievements would be possible without the dedicated efforts of our Parish councillors, staff, volunteers, and you, the residents of Waltham. Your support, ideas, feedback, and participation are what make this village such a wonderful place to live. Together, we have made great strides over the past five years, and together, we will continue building a vibrant, inclusive, and proud Waltham.

Thank you

Andrew Moss

Chairman Waltham Parish Council

Meet the Parish Council Team



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 Burial Board: 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.

What Services Does Your Parish Council Provide?

An A-Z of Waltham Parish Council Services

Allotments – over 100 plots provided over 2 sites - Station Road and Ings Lane

Benches – provided along roadsides and in parks for residents to take a rest and enjoy the view

BMX track – plans are underway to rejuvenate this area of Mount Pleasant

Bowling Green – a free sports facility for Waltham residents, with bowling, croquet and boules

Cemetery – a well-kept, peaceful space on Ings Lane

CCTV – provided at various locations for the safety and security of residents

Defibrillator – located on the wall of the public toilets block on Kirkgate Car Park.

Events – programme of events throughout the year

Fairway – a 7-acre field gifted to the Parish Council, with plans to develop it as a public open space

Grove Park – beautiful natural parkland, often described as a 'hidden gem'

Noticeboards – at the Village Green, High Street opposite the church, the Cemetery and allotments

Parish Office – office/meeting space - open to the public on Wednesday mornings from 9 AM - 12 PM

Planters – bringing colour throughout the village, with a very popular 'Adopt a Planter' Scheme

Public Toilets – on Kirkgate Car Park – free to use and open 7 days per week

Street Team – keeping your streets safe and litter-free

Under 5's Play Area – play equipment and fencing were provided by the Parish Council.

Story Circle – circle of benches next to the Under 5's play area

Village Green – a well-maintained green space with an award-winning rockery

War Memorial – renovated in 2021 using grant funding from the War Memorials Trust

Well Lane – a cut-through near the Spar with an ornamental well at one end

Are You in the Right Place?

Not all facilities within the village are looked after by the Parish Council. Some are provided and managed by North East Lincolnshire Council (NELC). These include: -

- Roads and footpaths
- Public rights of way
- Street lighting
- Waste and recycling
- Street sweeping and gully clearing
- Grass verge cutting
- Parking enforcement
- Environmental, e.g. noise pollution

You can report issues to NELC by telephone **01472 313131** or 'Report It' online at nelincs.gov.uk

Your Ward Councillors for Waltham are Cllr Philip Jackson (**01472 823740**) and Cllr Nick Pettigrew (**01472 823225**). Ward surgeries are held at Waltham Library on the second Saturday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Our volunteers give something back to the village and make a difference.

Our village picnic was a great success with record numbers and positive feedback from our residents, and part of that success must be attributed to a group of volunteers who joined us on the day to support the Parish Council.

Following the event, we asked for some feedback from the volunteers and here are just three comments on what it meant for them to help out on the day.

If you would like to join the volunteer team, please contact the clerk to the Parish Council, and we will add your name to the list.

"It was a bold call to action in the Spring issue of the Waltham newsletter: Make a Difference in Waltham! So, I decided to do just that and contacted the events team. I was met with a very friendly and appreciative response from the Parish Council. My first opportunity to volunteer came around quite quickly as a steward at the VE Day 80 Picnic at the Mill. Wearing my council-issued high viz jacket and lanyard, I started my day with general stewarding duties, getting to know the other councillors and volunteers, as well as putting up flags. I then spent an hour or so on the entrance gate, welcoming visitors, answering any general questions and counting visitors to the event. My next assignment was the Human Fruit Machine, which was great fun and a brilliant way to interact with visitors and their children. After a short break for my lunch, I walked round the site for a litter pick, which also served as an ideal opportunity to speak with visitors and get their feedback on the event. My advice to anyone interested in volunteering for Waltham Parish Council is to just do it... You will help to make a difference in Waltham!" **Claire**

"Earlier this year, I saw an appeal on Facebook for volunteers to assist with the VE Day picnic at the windmill and thought that this would be a good way of reconnecting with the village and the local community, rather than just living in the village. It's always daunting to meet up with unfamiliar people, but everyone was very welcoming and grateful for our time, which helped. The glorious weather on the day was a definite bonus, it was lovely to see how many people attended, and, when leaving, how many commented on what a lovely day they had. Putting on events like this is what helps Waltham to retain its' sense of community and village

atmosphere but is only possible when people volunteer their time or expertise, something which is often overlooked or taken for granted until those people are no longer able to commit and the events cease to happen. It was lovely to be able to assist with the picnic, I felt a part of the event and the community and would offer my services again!" **Caroline**

"It was great to volunteer and contribute in a small way to this highly successful community event, which saw everyone who joined us having a great day. Having lived in Waltham for most of my life, I felt it was high time to give something back and would be more than willing to do it again. I think it's fair to say a fun day was had by all, including the volunteers!" **Nicki**



Sign-up for a summer reading adventure with Lincs Inspire Libraries (available at Waltham Library) this summer!

Starting from July 1st Children and Adults are invited to go on their very own Book Bingo journey, where they can discover new authors and genres whilst filling up their bingo card, as the summer weeks unfold.

A fun way to keep minds sharp and engaged during the summer break.

The aim is to complete a row, column or even an entire board with the books, eBooks or eAudiobooks borrowed from one of Lincs Inspire Libraries or eLibraries.

The children's 'Journey of a Lifetime' adventure offers incentives for reaching reading goals to encourage a love of reading and lifelong learning.

Whereas all adults completing their Summer Reading bingo card will be entered into a free prize draw with cash prizes on offer!

Whether you're looking to escape into a new world through fiction or expand your knowledge with non-fiction, our summer reading bingos have something for everyone. So, grab a bingo card and start your summer reading adventure!

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Summer Reading Bingo

1st July to 30th September, 2025

Open to all aged 16 and over.

Prizes: 1st - £25 | 2nd - £15 | 3rd - £10

Books read to be issued to your library card between competition dates. 1 entry per line (diagonal, horizontal or vertical) or 5 entries for full house.

To be entered into the prize draw, submit your completed bingo card to your local Lincs Inspire Library by September 30th, 2025. Prize winners will be drawn at random on October 10th, 2025.

www.lincsinspire.com/adultreadingchallenge



Waltham is starting to bloom, and we need your help

The Waltham in Bloom volunteer group have been busy weeding, planting, feeding and deadheading several areas in the village in preparation for the CPRE competition for the best kept village. The group have received many positive comments from residents and were very grateful to receive a generous donation of £50 towards the planting.

The competition takes place in the last two weeks of July, and all the community are invited to get involved by sprucing up your front gardens, cleaning any signs, benches, etc and generally keeping the village clear of litter.

The judges will be giving a score for three categories:

- **General tidiness and appearances,** which includes litter, graffiti, and general maintenance of hedges, trees, verges,

fences, walls, paths and seats.

- **Community Facilities and features** including schools, parks, playing fields, churchyards and cemeteries, public notice boards, shops, businesses and signposts.
- **Garden and Community Areas** including window boxes, hanging baskets, tubs and planters, bus shelters, public areas and allotments.

To help us create a village to be proud of, members of EQUANS will be supporting us by re-staining the bus shelters in Waltham, and so finally, we just need your help to add some finishing touches.

In the first week of July, we shall hold a volunteer day to carry out some sprucing up of the village, including litter picking. If you are available to help, then please see our Facebook page or noticeboard for more details. And if you would like to join the WIB Group, then send a message to the Clerk at Waltham Parish Council, and we'll be in touch.



Waltham girl Elsie

Waltham girl Elsie, 7 years old, decided she wanted to donate her hair to the Little Princess Trust as a way of showing she cares.

A very good friend of ours had chemotherapy at the start of the year, before having treatment for aplastic anaemia. When I explained to Elsie what would happen, and about the Little Princess Trust and what they do, she decided she wanted to donate her own hair for other children going through a similar thing, and of course, to show her friend she is thinking of her.

Elsie was originally going to donate 8 inches. After reading on the website that the trust already had enough donations of 11 inches and under in storage, she then took the brave decision of chopping off 14 inches. Everyone who knows her knows how much she loved her long hair, so we're all really proud of her.

Each wig costs at least £500 to make, so we'd also like to raise some funds towards the costs of making one. At the time of writing this, she has raised £375, which is amazing!

Waltham picnic is a big hit with families

The sun was shining; the flags were flying, and out came the picnic baskets. With over 1600 visitors, the village picnic was certainly a day to remember, with music provided by Back to Brass, Nukulele Ukuleles, as well as Steve Rusling of Now Entertain me Ltd. There was also 40s dancing from the smoke and mirrors dance troop, as well as the usual fun and games provided by Waltham Parish Council.

The picnic at the mill has become our most popular event, and what better way to bring families together to share sandwiches and strawberries and have some good old-fashioned fun.

The Waltham Parish Council Events Working Group is already working on next year's events. If you have any ideas or suggestions please contact the Clerk.





VE Day 80

Lighting of the Beacon

Waltham remembers and pays tribute to the sacrifice of the Second World War generation.

The VE DAY 80 celebrations began with the raising of the flag at the war memorial. Attended by Revd. Pauline Cummins and members of Waltham Parish Council, residents and British Legion members paused for thought and remembered those who fought in the Second World War.

The day continued with a peal of bells for peace by All Saints Church bell ringers and finally a memorable event with the lighting of the beacon at Waltham Windmill. Back to Brass entertained visitors throughout the evening with wartime songs and then played the Last Post as the beacon was lit. Piper, Danny Fleming played a beautiful lament following the last post and then continued with a selection of tunes, and rounded off the evening with 'Auld Lang Syne'



If you saw the Spitfire flying over Waltham during our VE Day 80 celebrations and wondered who the pilot was, it was Flight Lieutenant Andy Preece MBE.

Andy joined the RAF in 1991 as a navigator before re-training as a pilot. His first posting was to the Tornado GR1 where, following a successful operational and weapons conversion, he served at RAF Brüggen in Germany with No. 17(F) Sqn. His next tour was as an instructor at RAF Cottesmore where he taught Italian, German and RAF Pilots and Navigators. During his time on the Tornado, Andy flew numerous missions over Iraq as part of Operations Jural, Warden and Bolton.

During his RAF career Andy has flown the Tornado GR1, Hawk, Tucano, Harrier GR7/T10, Dominie and the Grob Tutor. He is a Qualified Flying Instructor (QFI) and a

Qualified Pilot Navigator Instructor (QPNI). He was the RAF Tutor Solo Aerobatic Display Pilot in 2007, 2008, 2014 and 2015, during which time he performed at more than 200 public displays.

Andy has over 4000 hours on 13 different aircraft types.

In 2017 he joined the BBMF full time as Operations Officer, and despite leaving the team in 2022, he never really left having returned in the enviable position of a part-time reservist pilot, and now back in a full-time role as the Deputy Operations Officer.

New School for Waltham

Places remain available at Waltham's new school, which is opening in September.

Waltham Gateway Academy, being built on Sunningdale, will offer wraparound care between 7.30am and 6pm.

Lincolnshire Gateway Academies Trust, which will run the school, has recently appointed an Assistant Principal, Carlie Smart, and teaching staff Phoebe Aisthorpe and Harriet Holdsworth.

They will join Principal Lindsay Holness, working in the role since Easter in preparation for the opening.

Mrs Holness said, "It's terrific to be able to focus full time on ensuring the school's ready to take its first intake in September.

"We can't wait to welcome parents and their children to the site."

The school is being built by contractor Hobson and Porter, with North East Lincolnshire Council's regeneration partner EQUANS responsible for the project.

"We had a site visit with the team to see the progress being made," said Mrs Holness.

"But the new academies are not just about their buildings. More important are the teams that will teach the children and the curriculum we are putting in place."

Mrs Holness said places were available in Years 1 to 4. Places for reception-aged pupils have already been offered through the national application process.

"Years 5 and 6 will follow in years to come. The school will offer wraparound care from 7.30am to 6pm which we know is a big draw, particularly for working parents.

"I am delighted with the appointments. We have a strong, experienced team with proven track records of delivering excellent teaching."

Executive Principal (Primary) at LGAT, Andrew Clark, was delighted to meet the team at the site visit.

"We had a large number of applications for all the teaching posts and a high-quality field to choose from," he said.

"I am delighted with the appointments we have made. The team got together for the first time at the site visit, and you could sense the

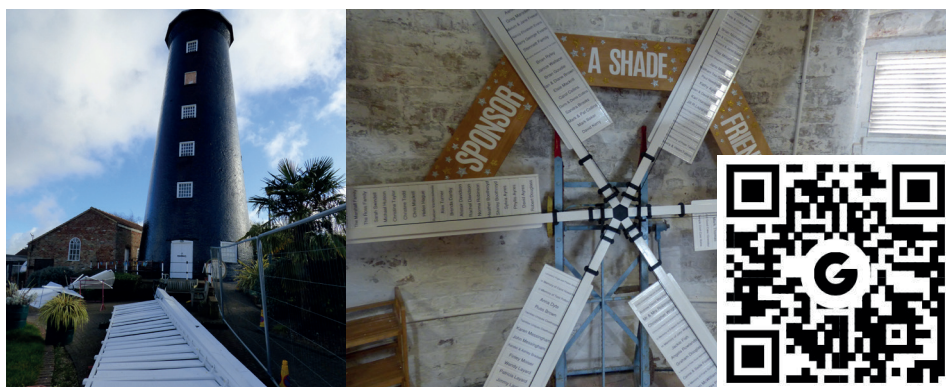
excitement about their fresh challenges and meeting their new colleagues. We can't wait to open the doors in September."

To apply for a place for a child in Years 1 to 4, email admissions@walthamgateway.co.uk

The Academy is appealing for community governors. If you are interested in the voluntary role, please email enquiries@walthamgatewayacademy.co.uk



Waltham Gateway Academy Principal Lindsay Holness (second right) with teacher Phoebe Aisthorpe, Assistant Principal Carlie Smart and RSP teacher Harriet Holdsworth at the site of the new school on Sunningdale.



Waltham Windmill Update

The restoration project on Waltham Windmill continues. The removal of the cap and sails revealed a further £70,000 worth of work required to bring it back to an operational state. A big part of this work is a new curb rail, the rail around which the cap revolves to keep the sails into the wind. Again, Historic England have 'come up trumps' and given us a sizeable grant for the work. This leaves the Trust with approximately £30,000 to find. Hopefully the mill will be back in action this year and we will be grinding flour again. A very big thank you to all of you that sponsored a sail on the mill, your names are now on display on the ground floor of the mill.

We rely on our volunteers to keep the mill in good order and to help raise money to keep the mill the iconic building it is. Are you interested in becoming a volunteer at the mill? We are always looking for new volunteers. Why not come along and talk to us on a Saturday morning and find out what is involved.

The mill will still be open this year, as

it was last year. This could be your last opportunity to view the sails and cap close-up on the ground.

You can help by joining the Preservation Society, £12 (family membership) gives you free entry to the mill for a year. If you are a business you can become a sponsor for £100 a year. Your name will be put on the sponsor board and you get 5 Preservation Society memberships. Further details can be seen on our website. www.walthamwindmill.org.uk

If you would just like to give a donation you can scan the QR code below or go to the 'Just Giving' website and type 'Waltham Windmill' into the search.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer come and talk to us on a Saturday morning. Further details can be seen on our website. www.walthamwindmill.org.uk

We would like to extend our thanks to everyone who has supported us this year.

Mike Date

Chair Waltham Windmill Preservation Society

Join us at Waltham Museum of Rural Life.

Have you noticed the new displays at Waltham Museum of Rural Life? Do you have any spare time to help create the unique experience at Waltham Museum? Why not join our dedicated team of friendly 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 to 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 walthammuseum2017@gmail.com

Meet our longest serving Parish Councillor



In our last newsletter we featured our youngest, and at the time, newest councillor, Chris Midgley. This month, we focus on our longest serving Councillor – Paula Surtees who has served on Waltham Parish Council for 35 years. Paula is the daughter of one of our longest standing families in Waltham – the Archers.

Here we look at how the village has changed over time, and particularly her role as a Councillor.

How long have you lived in Waltham and how long have you been a councillor?

I have lived in Waltham all my life, so nearly 70 years now! After leaving school, I worked for the family business which was a dairy farm. We delivered milk to people in the village and on our rounds, my dad and I would talk with the community about things the village needed. My Dad joined the council first, and then I joined in 1990.

What made you join the council?

Talking to villagers about what they wanted, and I wanted to be able to make a difference. I also wanted to get involved in the Millennium Committee which raised money for the village to have a memorable celebration at the turn of the century.

What changes have you seen in Waltham in your time as a councillor?

Obviously the size of the village has increased, but the community spirit is still at the heart of it as we can see with all the events and celebrations which still take place.

What has been the most memorable event/achievement?

The millennium events are one of the most memorable for me. The whole village took part and we had numerous events taking place like a pageant at the church, a fair at the windmill, lighting of the beacon, a time

capsule (which is buried on the village green) and a tea party for the older residents of the village, which was so successful, it ran every Christmas afterwards until recently.

As a councillor and long-term resident of Waltham, you must have a few interesting stories and memories to share.

Well as part of the Millennium celebrations, we did have the weather to contend with. As we held our event at the windmill, we battled against pouring rain one minute and blue skies the next. It was a bit like the hokey cokey! We managed though and it was great fun despite frequently running for cover.

Do you feel your role as a councillor has changed over the years?

The village has changed and what people want has too, so it's important to adapt and listen to support everyone to make our village the wonderful place it is.

What are the positives and negatives of being a councillor?

It has been a pleasure to have been a councillor for Waltham for all these years and been involved in so many different aspects of village life. In terms of negatives, I don't think there are any, but you can't always please everyone.

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Summer Activities AT THE MILL

Circus Skills – Wed 6th Aug – 2-4PM
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Nunny's Farm – Wed 13th Aug – 1-3PM
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Football – Wed 27th Aug – 2-4PM
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