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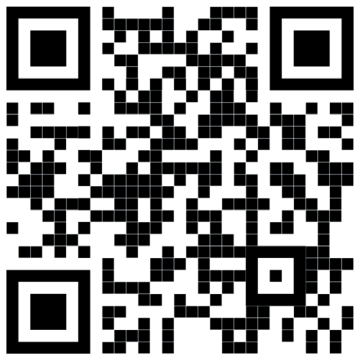
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## Diamonds are FOUR ever.

It is quite an achievement to reach a 60th wedding anniversary, but this year, four Waltham couples have reached that milestone and together, they have renewed their wedding vows in the church where they were married, All Saints Waltham.

Gil and Janet Clarke, Peter and Diane Woodliff, John and Linda Norris and David and Cherry Tingle all celebrated their 60th anniversary within weeks of each other and their families came together to join in this emotional service conducted by Rev. Pauline Cummins.



### 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.**



# Waltham in Bloom – the results are in!

Each year the Campaign to Protect Rural England run regional competitions to encourage and support local communities to create better places for people to enjoy.

Thanks to the Waltham in Bloom group of volunteers who put in hours of work tending the planted areas, the support of the parish council and the team at NELC for painting / staining the bus shelters prior to the judging, we received a **HIGHLY COMMENDED** within our category of small-town in the competition. (Waltham is in this category due to its size).

Across all categories Waltham was placed as runner up in both the Best Kept War Memorial and Best Kept Pub awards. Well done to the Tilted Barrel!

The judges loved the Village Green, vintage bike, beehive planter, planting at the bungalows on Neville Turner Way, the Bowling Green, the King's Head hanging baskets and much more. The judges were also impressed by the absence of litter during their visit.

We are delighted with the result, however, best of all was the appreciation shown from residents and visitors to the volunteers as they worked. Thank You.

Waltham in Bloom has already started on planning projects for 2026 and would welcome more community volunteers. Anyone interested in getting involved, even if it is a small amount of time that you can give, please contact: [clerk@walthamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@walthamparishcouncil.gov.uk)



*The members of the Waltham in Bloom volunteer group are rewarded with a cream tea, kindly provided by The Blue Dragonfly tearoom, as a thank-you for their hard work with the floral displays around the village.*

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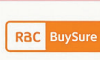
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# Summer Activities in Waltham

## Finding the right balance.

A new summer activity turned out to be a real hit with the young people of Waltham. Earthbound Misfits provided a two-hour circus workshop for the young children of Waltham, although some of the parents and Grandparents couldn't resist having a go. They learnt how to juggle balls, clubs, diabolo, and devil sticks and then they tried spinning plates. The children enjoyed a fun afternoon and as well as learning circus skills they learnt the importance of patience and concentration.



## Nunny's Farm visits Waltham

It turned out to be the hottest day of the year, and the Parish Council were worried that Nunny's Farm may have to cancel their visit but so as not to disappoint they had some contingency in place to shelter the animals with the aim of keeping them cool. Many families brought a picnic and then enjoyed meeting the animals.

Donations taken on the day, together with a name card raised £163 towards the preservation of Waltham Windmill.



## Scarecrow Festival

With appearances from President Trump and gardener, Monty Don, the scarecrow festival proved to be very much an international celebrity occasion. All Saints Church joined in the fun and produced a very realistic fisherman, whilst there was an array of other characters across the village.



## Kickstarters

It was the day Manchester United were playing Grimsby Town at home, and the atmosphere was electric with anticipation, so just in case any of the Manchester players happened to visit the windmill whilst over in Grimsby our young Kickstarters were determined to show off their talents and skills.



## Children's Groups at Waltham Library – Fun for Little Ones and Connection for Grown-Ups

**Looking for something fun and educational to do with your little one?**

*Waltham Library has two fantastic weekly groups designed just for young children and their grown-ups:*

### Little Readers

A story-focused session including crafts and play. Nurture a love of reading from an early age. Every Tuesday, 9:30am to 10:30am. Free.

### Shake, Rattle and Read

A lively, music-filled session. Expect songs, rhymes, and simple stories that get everyone moving and giggling. It's a great way to build early language skills while having loads of fun! Every Friday from 9:30am to 10:30am. £2.50 per child. Siblings £2.

*Both groups are brilliant for children and a lovely way for parents and carers to meet others in the Waltham and the surrounding area. Whether you're new to the area or just looking to get out of the house, you'll find a warm, welcoming atmosphere (and maybe even a few new friends).*



## Veteran's mental health and wellbeing awareness day unveils a listening bench.

Meg Curry, whose father served in the Royal Anglian Regiment before sadly passing away in a car accident, organised an event to assist other veterans and their families.

The day was supported by NEL4HEROES and various other stallholders on the village green, but the highlight of the event was the unveiling of the first 'Listening Bench' in North East Lincolnshire.

In attendance were several North East Lincs Councillors as well as Parish Councillors. In an emotional ceremony, Meg thanked everyone for supporting the event and she hoped the bench would provide a space for people to talk to one another and open up about their experiences.

Chair of the Parish Council, Andrew Moss, unveiled the bench and said that Waltham Parish Council were very honoured to be asked to install the first listening bench of North East Lincolnshire.



## Full steam ahead as the Grimsby and Cleethorpes Model Engineering Society celebrates its 90th anniversary.



***July marked a special occasion for the miniature railway at Waltham Windmill, as its operators, the Grimsby and Cleethorpes Model Engineering Society (GCMES), celebrated 90 years since its formation.***

Members of the public were invited to join the Society and attend an open day to commemorate its 90th anniversary. Free train rides were provided and a display of photographs in a marquee illustrated how the Society had changed since its formation in 1935. Two of the three displays in the clubhouse demonstrated numerous examples of model engineering completed by its members, and the work undertaken on site when the trains are not running during the course of a year. The third, was created by two of the Society's younger volunteers who, as enthusiasts of tinplate railway locomotives and rolling stock, put together an exhibition showing their collection from the 1930s and 1940s.

The garden gauge railway, which is located adjacent to the public footpath leading to Cheapside, attracted many of the younger visitors as they watched the smaller steam and electric engines

travel around the purpose-built track. A group of miniature road steam vehicles, some of which had been scratch-built by the members, gathered in the grass meadow where visitors could experience the sights and sounds of a bygone age.

Marking this event is undoubtedly accredited to the unrelenting work of its members over the years. Their efforts have seen the move from small premises in Fletcher's Yard, Grimsby to an area adjacent to Hewitt's Circus, before transferring to its present site at Waltham Windmill. During this time, the Society has grown in strength and can now provide a wide range of expertise and knowledge for those wishing to pursue the hobby. In addition, a selection of locomotives, built by its members, are regularly used to haul passenger trains around the track it constructed and extended during the past forty years.

## COFFEE MORNING.

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

Did you know there is a group who meet 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 28th January 2026. Sometimes we have fish and chips!

**Do join us! Christine Taylor 01472 237806**



# The village time capsule

On a very wet rainy day 25 years ago, in May 2000, a time capsule was buried on the village green to mark the Millennium.

Waltham Parish Council invited villagers to provide artefacts, depicting village life, which were then placed in the time capsule.

A hole was dug on the village green by Chris Carr and Martin Archer, and a burying ceremony took place. The then mayor of North East Lincolnshire Council, Jane Hyldon-King, gave a speech and the capsule was sealed and covered over.

It will be dug up in 2050, another 25 years before the time capsule will again see daylight.



## Waltham afternoon concerts hit the high notes.

A series of afternoon concerts held on Sunday afternoons at Waltham Methodist church, during the month of October got off to a flying start with the Thoresby Singers entertaining the audience with a selection of well know popular songs.

The community choir invited the audience to sing along with them. The programme included a selection of solo items accompanied by guitar, ukulele, and keyboard. The concert was followed by refreshments in the church hall which included some delicious home baking provided by several volunteers.

Further concerts In October included Waltham Tollbar Academy, the Ancient Mariners Shanty Group, and the Nukulele Ukuleles.

The Parish Council hope to repeat the afternoon concerts during the month of March. These will be advertised in the new year.



## Looking to the Future at Waltham Methodist Church

Worshipping in an old building has its challenges! Not least, the constant need for maintenance and updating. We have been fortunate to receive a legacy from a member of our congregation and have decided to use it to update our audio-visual equipment; so, we will shortly be having new speakers and microphones fitted in our chapel. Something our predecessors would have found quite unnecessary! We want our chapel to be a space for ALL so we will also include a loop system for those who use hearing aids. We are also installing Wi-Fi and will have a screen for presentations.

Hopefully all these changes will benefit us as a worshipping congregation but also anyone who uses the church for their own special occasions.

We hope all will be in place in time for our Carol service which will be on Sunday 21st at 10.30, this will be a family service suitable for all ages, and we extend a warm welcome to all.



## Waltham Women's Institute (WI)



The WI celebrates its one hundredth and tenth birthday this year and 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 are: -**

**January:** Dawn Kemp, Celebrant

**February:** Caireen Sutherland  
British Sign Language

**March:** SUZIE'S Sewing Studio

**April:** Annual General Meeting

**May:** Joanne Barley Making Your  
Own Beauty Products

We have an active WI book club, and a craft group who meet at the Tea Gardens.

Your yearly membership, April to March, 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. The WI website is exciting and interesting and as part of your membership eight magazines will be delivered to your door.

Our recent involvement was supporting the Royal British Legion (RBL) by knitting and displaying poppies around and in All Saints Church in support of Remembrance Sunday in November. Many non-WI members supported this venture, and we hope you enjoyed seeing them as well as the ones on the green which were done by members of the RBL.

If you would 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 there are left in the current membership year. Our next meeting is on Monday 11th January at 7.30 pm. Do come and join us, you would be most welcome.

**Christine Taylor 01472237806**

## Waltham Nursery Owner is Awarded MBE

Enter Explorosity for the first time and you might be forgiven for thinking you were entering a luxurious world of adventure. It reminded me of the first book I read at Secondary School, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* and the excitement of walking through a wardrobe into a world I was keen to explore.



The choice of decor is very much home from home, but go beyond the crystal chandeliers, fine wallpaper and cosy seating and you enter a magical world outdoors, where all children are engaged in play and where their curiosity leads them to explore the world that surrounds them.

Eleanor Hutton, who has recently been awarded an MBE, established Explorosity six years ago, when she was only 28 yrs of age. Her lifetime ambition has been to set up her own nursery, and one immediately recognises the passion she has for caring and developing young children through their formative years.

Eleanor's grandparents are longstanding residents of Waltham and although Eleanor initially spent some of her childhood in North Somercotes before moving to a farm in Scotland, she moved back to the area and finished her education at Louth before

completing her degree at Lincoln Bishop University. From leaving University Eleanor became a nursery manager and then move forward another six years and as well as being Head of the nursery she is also an Ofsted inspector and has two children of her own.

Eleanor was always keen to move back to her family roots and was excited when she found the ideal location for setting up a nursery. Her focus was to find a location which had lots of outdoor space and then the priority was to create a team of staff who could adopt the style of learning that Eleanor was keen to create.

*"I've always felt that the home from home environment was the most beneficial, I would say, in terms of my own experience, and I think the role of the adult was something that I was very particular on, which is why we invest a lot into our staff team."*

The staff are encouraged to get to know the children and their families well and by doing so, they can create a curriculum and learning path that suits each child. On my visit, virtually all of the children were outside and were fully engaged in practical activities with the adults and many of them were keen and confident enough to welcome another visitor. And the learning does not stay within the boundaries of Explorosity. Eleanor recognises the importance of the Waltham Community and takes advantage of every opportunity to take the children out into Waltham. They can often be seen either visiting care homes or the windmill and taking trips to the library or All Saints Church and the children enjoy when residents stop to say hello.

Having achieved an 'Outstanding' grade from Ofsted, it is no surprise that Eleanor has been awarded an MBE for her services to education, and although she would argue that the MBE belongs to her team. It is her inspiration and leadership that has led to this outstanding provision in the village of Waltham.

**Cllr Heather Boothroyd**



# WHAT'S ON IN WALTHAM

Day	Time	Frequency	Activity	Venue
MON	9.00 - 10.00am	weekly	Slim and Shape Up	Methodist Hall
	10.00 - 12noon	weekly	Yoga and Pilates	All Saints Hall
	1.30 - 2.30pm	weekly	Tai Chi (Lincs Inspire)	Methodist Hall
	6.00 - 7.30pm	weekly	Yoga Fusion	Methodist Hall
	6.00 - 8.00pm	Last Monday of month	Knit and Natter	Waltham Tea Gardens
	6.45pm	weekly	Bridge Club	Waltham Mill Gallery
	7.30 - 9.00pm	2nd Monday of month	Waltham W I Group	All Saints Hall
	6.45 - 9.00pm	weekly	Waltham Army Cadets	Hall, Mt. Pleasant
TUES	9.30 - 10.30am	weekly	Little Readers	Waltham Library
	10.30 - 11.30am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues of month	Reading Group	Waltham Library
	1.00pm	weekly	Crochet Club	Blue Dragonfly T-room
	2.00 - 4.00pm	weekly	50's + group inc. Tai Chi	All Saints Hall
	5.30 - 6.30pm	weekly	Pilates	Methodist Hall,
	7.15 - 9.15pm	weekly	Waltham Choral Society	Methodist Hall
	7.30pm	3rd Tuesday of month	Model Engineering Soc.	Waltham Mill
WED	8.45 - 11.15am	weekly	Slimming World	Methodist Hall
	10.00 - 12 noon	4th Wednesday of month	Walthamites	All Saints Hall
	10.30	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed of month	W I Book Club	Waltham Library
	11.00 - 12noon	1st Wednesday of month	Coffee Morning	Grove Care Home
	2.00 - 3.30pm	1st Wednesday of month	Memory Lane	Waltham Library
	5.30 - 6.30pm	weekly	Pilates	Methodist Hall
	5.45 - 7.00pm	weekly during term time	Rainbows / Brownies	Waltham Leas
	6.30 - 7.30pm	weekly	Yoga	Methodist Hall
	6.45 - 9.00pm	weekly	Waltham Army Cadets	Hall, Mt. Pleasant
	7.15 - 9.00pm	weekly	Bingo Session	British Legion
THUR	9.30 - 10.00am	weekly	Morning Prayer	All Saints Church
	10.00am - 3.00pm	1st Thursday of month	Textiles	Bridge Club, Windmill
	10.00am - 3.00pm	2nd + 4th Thurs of month	Patchwork and Quilting	Bridge Club, Windmill
	2.00 - 3.00pm	weekly	Tai Chi	All Saints Hall
	5.30 - 6.30pm	weekly	Children's Dancing	Methodist Hall
	5.45 - 7.00pm	weekly during term time	Rainbows / Brownies	Waltham Leas
	6.45pm	weekly	Bridge Club	Waltham Mill Gallery
FRI	8.45 - 11.15am	weekly	Slimming World	Methodist Hall
	9.30 - 10.30am	weekly	Shake, Rattle and Read	Waltham Library
	10.30 - 11.30	weekly	Tai Chi	All Saints Hall
	12.00 noon	weekly	Lunch Club	Blue Dragonfly T-room
	6.45pm	weekly	Bridge Club	Waltham Mill Gallery
SAT	10.00am	1st Saturday of month	Men at Ten	All Saints Hall
	9.30 - 12 noon	4th Saturday of month	Coffee + Stalls	All Saints Hall
	10.30 - 11.30am	Apr - Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat of month	Coffee Morning	Methodist Hall
	10.00 - 11.00am	weekly	Grimsby Boro. Junior FC	Neville Turner Way
SUN	10.00am	weekly	Eucharist	All Saints Church
	10.30am	weekly	Morning Worship	Methodist Church
	2- 4 / 6.30 - 8.30	Weekdays	Bowls Club	Neville Turner Way





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**7.30pm**

**Waltham Methodist Church**

A retiring collection will be taken at the  
end. Refreshments will be served  
afterwards in the hall. We do hope you will  
join us for this Christmas celebration.

## Dear Friends

As we enter the season of Advent and Christmas, with the days shortening, with the early darkness of night and the year coming to an end, we have more time to think about past things.

I imagine that most of our lives have been filled with challenges of hard and difficult times and also, times of celebration and of joy. In September we celebrated the diamond (60 years of marriage) with 4 couples who were married in 1965 and have attended the church at All Saints Waltham for the past 60 years. We will be having a Waltham Memorial Service on 3rd December at 7pm at All Saints Church to remember those loved ones especially at this time of year.

**Reverend Pauline Cummins**

Rector and Oversight Minister - Waltham Group

Visit our website for more information

[www.walthamgroupchurches.co.uk](http://www.walthamgroupchurches.co.uk)

### Services for December at All Saint's Church, Waltham

**Weds 3rd Dec. 10am-12noon**  
Christmas Coffee Morning

**18th December 7pm**  
Festival of 9 lessons & Carols

**20th December. 7.30pm**  
Cleethorpes Brass Band  
Concert

**24th December 2pm and 4pm**  
Crib and Christingle Service

**24th December 11:30pm**  
Midnight Mass

**25th December 10am**  
Christmas Day Eucharist and  
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