



Maltby Le Marsh Parish Newsletter No 74 March 2026

Maltby W.I.

One of our founding members Molly Waller, pictured between Brenda Williams, left and Anne Freeman, right, has retired after 46 years as a Maltby W.I. member. All three have been stalwart members with leading roles since the group's inception. Molly will be sorely missed and we wish her well in the future. We continue to meet every third Monday of the month in the village hall at 7.30pm. Anyone thinking of joining, come along and

give us a try, there is no obligation to join, if its not for you, you are still welcome. Our April meeting will feature a talk by Lesley Castledine who will be guiding us around Lincolnshire villages on a ramble of interesting facts and rustic tales.

Smoke Alarms Save Lives... Travis Hesketh

Recent weeks have seen four house fires in our local area one of which tragically resulted in the loss of two lives with another person seriously injured. Incidents like this are a stark reminder of how quickly fires can take hold and the importance of having a working smoke alarm in your home. A simple functioning smoke alarm provides an early warning that can give you and your family the precious time needed to escape safely. Many lives have been saved thanks to these small but vital devices. In response **Billy Hesketh from Ebound Technologies** has kindly offered to **supply and fit 10 smoke alarms, free of charge in the Maltby area.** If you already have a smoke alarm installed Billy will also check that it is working correctly and positioned properly. If you would like to request a visit, please email billy@e-bound.co.uk

Checking or installing a smoke alarm takes only minutes, but it could save your life .

Village Hall News ... Fourteen entries of Valentine themed fairy cakes were entered into the Fun Bake Off Competition at the February Coffee Morning. The competition, which has been going for a year now is proving very popular; particularly if the baked goods are offered around for sampling afterwards! Slices of Bakewell Tart were fiercely contested this month, with entries of three Easter Meringue Nests requested for April.

THE COMMITTEE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF **EASTER EGGS for the TOMBOLA at the EASTER COFFEE MORNING.** Please drop off to Sue Proctor at Kathmar, Strubby Road. I'm happy to report that Kevin Proctor has recovered well from his serious illness and has resumed his role as village hall chair person.

The 2026 Great British Spring Clean
Hosted by **KEEP BRITAIN TIDY** runs
from March 13th - 29th.

Green plastic bags are available from me
(Jane Gray) if anyone would like to do
some litter picking.

07753 597679 or call at Melford,
Main Road.

SUE PROCTOR'S FUND RAISER
on Saturday 5th June at 10am
in the village Hall.

Home Made Cakes, Tombola, Raffle,
s/h clothes rail and Bric a Brac.

Refreshments- Bacon Rolls,
Teas and Coffee. **ALL PROCEEDS**
TO THE CRITICAL CARE UNIT AT
NOTTINGHAM CITY HOSPITAL

Extracts from the Annual Parish Meeting Chairman's Report

I am pleased to be able to present my 14th Annual report. Thanks again to my fellow Councillors for their support; in particular my Vice Chair for her

Sound advice and also occasional minute taking. Thanks too to Reuben Robinson for his attendances following his success in the May elections and his reporting on County Council matters. We were very sorry to lose Noi Sear, who worked very hard on our behalf during her time as a County Councillor. Many thanks to Travis

Hesketh for his regular attendance at meetings, for his recent donation to the Parish Council; which will fund the much needed upgrade of our now obsolete defibrillator and his monetary support of several events at the village hall. All of which are very much appreciated.

We have held five meetings this year. Sadly public attendance has not increased. Sincere thanks to Parish Clerk Graham Simpson, who has been suffering ill health, but has continued to provide a thoroughly professional service. We all greatly value his work.

The Anne Graves Cup/Front Garden competition was won for a second year running by Diane Davies of Timsah. Runners up were Alan and Jean of Bramble Corner. Thanks for the independent judging by Adam at Woodthorpe Garden Centre.

We continue to administer the Anne Bolles Educational Foundation. There were no applications this year.

The radar speed awareness signs were installed in May. Thanks to the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership's Graham Butler who helped install them. I am sure they are reducing speeding in the village. We were lucky to get funding before the Theddlethorpe GDF project was abandoned. I am pleased to note that the pole camera van still continues to come at least twice a month.

The 30mph speed restriction has been extended out of the village towards Louth and an excellent job has been made of the refurbished pavements on Strubby Road.

Thanks to Anthony White for unearthing the very well hidden village sign on Alford Road.

We have considered several planning applications and responded accordingly. ELDC continue to ignore our comments and the proliferation of new properties continue, all citing nearby local facilities in their applications.

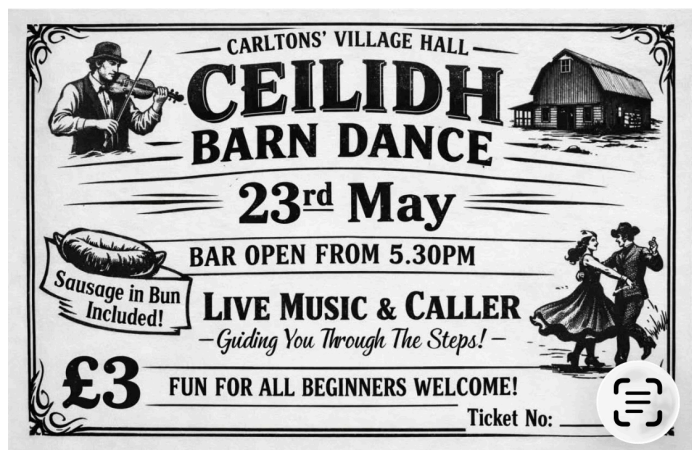
To conclude, thanks to Jane Gray for her excellent Newsletters, Robert Aldrich for keeping the village tidy and John Clark for auditing our accounts.

David Whitehouse - Maltby Le Marsh Parish Council Chair

At the later Parish Council meeting District Councillor Hesketh informed the committee that ELDC and LCC Council Tax bills will increase by 2.99% this April.

He said that Camera Doorbells have proven to be the biggest preventer of house burglaries and has funded 10 units in a nearby village from his councillors grant, and is willing to extend this to Maltby Le Marsh if there is enough interest.

If you are interested, please contact a Parish Councillor or attend our next meeting on May 11th.



UPDATE: HEATING OIL

ELDC's Household support fund 'Heating Oil scheme, is still open for applications.

This scheme is being administered by Lincolnshire Community Foundation and offers eligible households a £300 grant payment towards to cost of heating oil.

Follow the link for more information

<https://lincolnshirecf.co.uk/hsfel/>