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Thursday 26th June 2025
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Thursday 25th September 2025

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MUSICAL MAYHEM













The superb CAST Musical Theatre summer production, *Musical Mayhem*, proved to be another resounding triumph at our Village Hall. A talented cast of 21 enthusiastic performers took to the stage with energy and flair, delivering show-stopping numbers from a wide range of much-loved musicals. Audiences were treated to songs from *Matilda*, *Wonka*, *Pretty Woman*, *Kinky Boots* and *Hamilton* – just a small selection from the 15 musicals featured during the two-hour extravaganza.

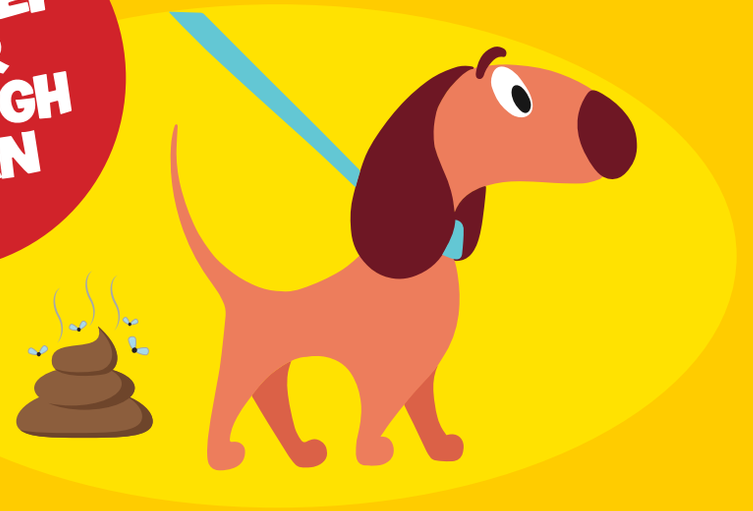
The evening was a dazzling mix of powerful vocals, lively choreography and infectious enthusiasm, all brought together by an impressive light show that transformed the hall into something resembling the West End itself. The blend of singing, dancing and stagecraft created an atmosphere brimming with excitement, delighting audiences from start to finish.

Once again, CAST demonstrated that community theatre can deliver professional-quality entertainment, and *Musical Mayhem* will be remembered as yet another shining highlight in their growing reputation for excellence.

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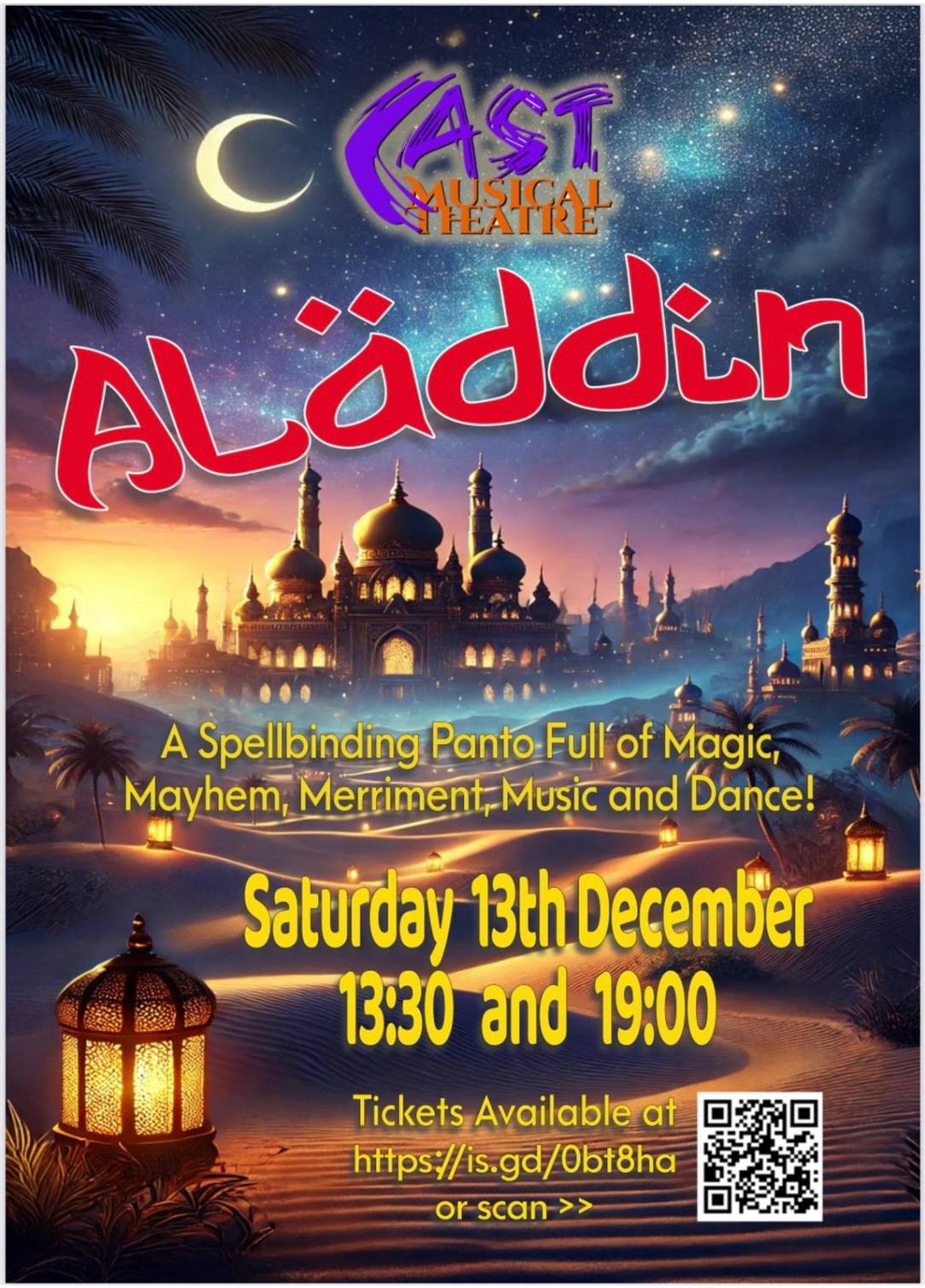
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15 Historical, Interesting & Quirky Facts About Great Coates

Domesday Origins

Great Coates is listed in the Domesday Book of 1086 as 'Cotes', home to about 30 households.

St Nicolas Church

The parish church dating from the 13th century has seen centuries of baptisms, marriages and burials with medieval stonework still visible today.

Hidden Time Capsule

In 2024 a time capsule was placed in St Nicolas Church tower to be our future generations in 2074 !

War Memorial Dedication

The War Memorial unveiled in 1921 honours local men who gave their lives in the First World War later joined by names from the Second now located at the Nursery School.

King Charles III Garden

The railway station boasts the UK's only known recognised "King Charles III" garden created by volunteers of Great Coates in Bloom.

Modern Community Spirit

From summer fayre s to railway art projects and concert's in the Village Hall, Great Coates thrives on volunteer energy and creativity.

Scarecrow Stars

The annual Scarecrow Festival has featured everything from the Queen on her Jubilee throne to Darth Vader and Spiderman guarding the streets.

Pollinator Island

The traffic island opposite St Nicolas Church is now a pollinator friendly flower haven.

Industrial Transformation

From fields to factories - the arrival of the 20th century chemical and engineering industries reshaped the village's landscape and employment.

Viking Echoes

The name 'Coates' derives from Old English meaning 'cottages' or 'huts' though the sea also saw Viking settlement influences.

A Royal Connection

During the 1950s and 60s parts of Great Coates supplied flowers and produce to Grimsby markets visited by the Royal Train.

Local Legends

Folklore recalls that smugglers once used the marshes near Great Coates to hide contraband brought in through the Humber Estuary.

Walk To Fitness
Walk For Fun

Walk No 9

Distance 6.2 miles

Time 3.0 hours

Humber Bank Nature Reserve

You may download the full walk leaflet giving directions and a map from the village council website: www.greatcoatespc.com/walks

As we boarded the 0910 train from Great Coates it seemed it would be a pleasant, warm day. On arrival at Barton on Humber 40 mins later it was cool and somewhat breezy.

Leaving the railway station, we head up to the Humber Bank, alongside the Barton Haven. After 15mins we arrive on the Humber Bank and head along the bank towards the Humber Bridge.

Walking along the bank, going under the bridge you'll pass on your left the old tile works now transformed into an Artisan Village including a first class restaurant, garden centre, gin distillery, brewery and gift shops. Well worth a slight detour to have a look around.



Re-joining the bank path and after 10 mins you will come across the Far Ings Nature Reserve Visitors Centre. Dropping off the path into the centre you'll enjoy the displays, maybe a coffee and relax looking over the lakes.

The Nature Reserve has three walks and one of these, the Tad Pole Trail, is from the visitors centre. The circular walk, of approx 30 mins, takes you along the reed beds getting you to pond level looking for various habitats in the ponds.

Continuing along our journey, along the flat, pebbled path it's such a shame to see the once Reeds Hotel, later becoming the Humber Bridge Hotel now boarded up and looking in a very sorry state.

Shortly after passing the hotel, we take a left turn, down the embankment onto a footpath and taking us into the Far Ings Nature Reserve.

Keeping to your left you'll walk along the 'Hotel Pit' lake stopping at our first hide to see what bird life can be spotted, without being seen.



Following this path we arrive at Ness End Farm, the original visitors centre.

Keeping the buildings on your left, head through the gates, across the open field towards Ness Pit one of the largest lakes where there is a significant amount of wildlife present.



As you approach the lake, to your right you'll see a large, double storey hide. Certainly worth spending some time watching the birds fly about not knowing your watching them.

Leaving the hide we continue to the right, heading through a wooded area with the Ness pit on our right. It's not just birds that are common here but all forms of wildlife including squirrels, rabbits and Muntjac, part of the deer family.





You'll pass two further hides all offering different perspectives of this huge reserve and whilst the Humber Bridge is clearly visible it's so tranquil and relaxing just to sit and watch.

Arriving back on the Humber Bank, we head left to go along the Grebe Trail, following the road away from the bank. After a short walk, we turn left to walk along the Blow Wells Pits. This is more open with very different wildlife, being predominately a lot of sheep !

It isn't long before we arrive back at Ness End Farm and to continue our walk we head back along the same path, across the field, but on arriving back on the Humber Bank we turn right walking back towards Barton.

This is the Bittern Trail and after a few minutes, we head right, into woodland and a totally different vista once again opening up into the former 'Adament Cement Works' dating back to 1890. There is little sign now of the imposing building although you can still see remnants of the site.



The path then rejoins the Humber Bank as we head back towards Barton having enjoyed a good three hours rambling around Far Ings Nature Reserve.

Feeling a little peckish we stopped off at The Viking Way Cafe Bar. Somewhat surprised to see they had an extensive bar menu and if your a follower of these walks you'll know I enjoy nothing more than a pint of real ale. Here I was not disappointed with an offering of six ales. I chose Shipyard with a sausage and egg bun.

There is an indoor seating area which was very pleasant, overlooking the Humber, combined with equally friendly staff.



Heading back to the train we took a slightly different route



heading back towards the bridge but turning left, down steps, just before going under the bridge.

Walking through the woods out and along the stream before you arrive on Far Ings Road. Turning left and then right onto Waterside Road we arrive back at Barton railways station for our journey home.

This was a very different walk, very easy, flat and relaxing where you could easily spend hours just watching the wildlife.

Walks from Great Coates

A series of walks for all ages with a range of distances

Combine with the train service and most walks have pubs en-route to enjoy a meal or a drink

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TWENTY is PLENTY



The Village Council's *Twenty is Plenty* campaign has continued to gather widespread support within the community. Although the recent survey carried out by the Council did not attract the high level of participation we had hoped for, the results are nevertheless very clear and encouraging. Of those who responded, an overwhelming 89.1% expressed the view that introducing a 20 mph speed limit through the village would improve road safety. This statistic demonstrates a strong local appetite for change and underlines the importance of protecting pedestrians, cyclists, and vulnerable road users in our community.

The Council has submitted a formal request to North East Lincolnshire Council (NELC) for the introduction of a 20 mph scheme through the village. Particular emphasis has been placed on reducing speed limits around sensitive areas such as the nursery school, where children, parents, and carers are at greatest risk from fast-moving traffic. The safety of our youngest residents is paramount, and councillors felt that this must be given the highest priority.

We are pleased to report that this request has been received positively by NELC. As with any highways matter, there is a formal process to follow before decisions can be made. A period of consultation will now be undertaken, involving not only the local authority but also a number of other stakeholders including the police, local schools, and community representatives. The first step will be a series of traffic surveys scheduled to commence in September. These will provide vital evidence on current traffic flow, speed patterns, and driver behaviour. It is important to note, however, that the entire process could take up to 50 weeks to conclude. Whilst we would all like to see immediate improvements, such measures must be carefully considered, evidence-based, and subject to the necessary legal requirements.

Alongside this formal request, the Council has also been proactive in seeking additional ways to improve road safety. They recently applied to the Humberside Police and Crime Commissioner for financial support towards the purchase of two new reactive speed signs. These signs are state-of-the-art and not only flash up the speed of approaching vehicles to warn drivers, but also record traffic data continuously—24 hours a day, seven days a week. This information will provide the Council with invaluable insight into driver behaviour, while at the same time reminding motorists of the need to drive responsibly through our village. We are delighted that our application was successful and with match-funding from Great Coates Village Council and NELC, we expect the new signage to be installed by the end of September.

In addition, the Community Speedwatch scheme has recently returned to Great Coates. Run by dedicated local volunteers, Speedwatch is not designed to 'catch' or punish speeding motorists, but rather to raise awareness and encourage safer driving. Whilst there has inevitably been some negative feedback from a small minority, the vast majority of comments received have been positive. The very presence of volunteers monitoring speeds has already had a noticeable deterrent effect, reminding drivers that the village expects and deserves safe and considerate driving.

These initiatives mark significant progress towards making Great Coates a safer and more pleasant place for all who live, work, and travel here.

Speedwatch Statistics~11/07/25 to 31/08/25

Session Time	17 Hours
Vehicles	7,020 (413 / hour)
Speeding Vehicles	31 (1.82 / hour)
	0.44%

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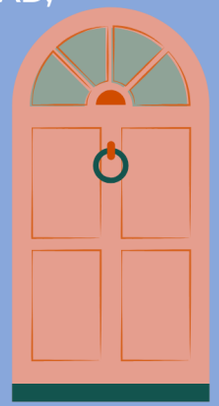
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You may or may not have noticed, but Great Coates in Bloom has recently taken the decision to gently scale back its operations, focusing instead on a number of key areas throughout the village. This change is intended not as a step backwards, but as a way to ensure the long-term continuity of the group's work and to safeguard the wonderful floral legacy it has built over many years. It is, in essence, a conscious move from quantity to quality—ensuring that every display the team now maintains is at its very best and continues to do the village proud.



Having proudly propelled Great Coates onto the national stage as an award-winning village—with a prestigious Gold award in Britain in Bloom and an outstanding run of three consecutive Gold awards in East Midlands in Bloom—the group has much to celebrate. Yet, as with many community organisations, the team is getting older, and with few younger members stepping forward to join, a sensible decision has been made to reduce the workload while still ensuring that floral displays remain a vibrant part of village life all year round. Volunteers continue to work tirelessly, but the reality is that such commitment requires stamina, energy, and, most importantly, more helping hands from the wider community.

At its height, the group maintained an incredible 164 planters, each one requiring constant attention and watering—a task that alone can take three hours every two to three days, depending on the weather. This number has now been thoughtfully reduced to around 130 planters, allowing efforts to be concentrated on the village's most visible



and meaningful areas. These include the traffic island opposite St Nicolas Church, the War Memorial, Blackthorn Corner, the Village Hall, Cow Byre, the railway station, Tommy's Mound, and the welcoming entrance at Allington Drive. By focusing on these much-loved spots, the group is able to preserve the sense of pride and identity that makes Great Coates such a special place.

To further ease the pressure on the group while still enhancing the village's natural beauty, new wildflower areas have been



planted over the past year or two. These are now beginning to flourish and will continue to develop, offering sustainable, low-maintenance displays that bring colour and biodiversity to the village. They also provide important habitats for pollinators such as bees and butterflies, adding an environmental benefit to their visual appeal.



Despite the reduction, the results this year have been nothing short of spectacular. The village remains awash with colour, with floral displays lifting spirits and bringing that special "feel-good factor" to all who travel through Great Coates, whether by car, on foot, or by train. Passers-by often pause to admire the planters, and many visitors have remarked on how well the village presents itself, making a lasting impression.

The group has also continued to support important commemorations, with VE and VJ Day marked in fitting style by the lighting of the beacon at the Venue in the Village—a poignant reminder of those who gave their lives for our freedom. These moments show that Great Coates in Bloom is not simply about flowers, but about community, remembrance, and shared identity.

Finally, a huge and heartfelt thank you must go to the tireless group leaders, Mike and Dawn Stewart, whose passion, energy, and countless hours of dedication continue to keep Great Coates in Bloom at the heart of village life. Their efforts, and those of the team, ensure that Great Coates remains not only a place of community pride, but a village that truly blooms. And while the workload may have been lightened, the determination to keep Great Coates looking beautiful has never been stronger.

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Discovering the King Charles III England Coast Path

Lincolnshire to Humber Bridge

Lincolnshire's stretch of the King Charles III England Coast Path, unveiled on **15 May 2025**, offers a vibrant 75 km (47 mi) journey from Mablethorpe to the iconic Humber Bridge (gov.uk). This magazine piece explores its landscapes, wildlife, history, and community impact—perfect for planning your next local adventure.

Seaside Beginnings: Mablethorpe and Beyond

Starting at **Mablethorpe**, this traditional seaside resort welcomes walkers with sandy beaches, vintage donkey rides, and holiday camp nostalgia (wired-gov.net). From there, the path winds through shifting sands, sea defences, and expansive dunes. It connects seamlessly to the **Saltfleetby–Theddlethorpe National Nature Reserve**, where unique habitats—such as a Neolithic "submerged forest"—come alive at low tide near the North Sea Observatory (wired-gov.net).

Wildlife Encounters: Seals and Birds

A major highlight is **Donna Nook**, a renowned grey seal breeding ground. Each autumn, around **2,000 pups** are born, offering unforgettable wildlife viewing opportunities (wired-gov.net). Marsh harriers, avocets, little egrets, redshanks, and lapwings are regularly spotted, especially in dune and marshland settings (lincolnshire.gov.uk). At the northern reaches lies **Far Ings National Nature Reserve**, where bitterns croak, warblers flit, and great-crested grebes glide—testimony to the rich biodiversity along this coastal margin (lincolnshire.gov.uk).

Towns, Ports, and Industrial Edges

Leaving wild spaces behind, the trail reaches **Cleethorpes** and **Grimsby**, two coastal communities rich in maritime history. From traditional piers to working harbours, walkers experience a blend of lively seaside culture and industrious port activity (wired-gov.net). The route then passes through stretches near Immingham docks, a reminder of the region's economic heartbeat.



Finale: Humber Estuary and the Iconic Bridge

The path culminates at the **Humber estuary**, where the landscape shifts dramatically. Industrial riverbanks give way to the engineering marvel of the **Humber Bridge**—a 2.2 km suspension structure linking Lincolnshire to Yorkshire. The bridge offers breathtaking panoramas of the tidal river and serves as a symbolic gateway between land and water (wired-gov.net).

Connecting Communities & Boosting Benefits

This latest section forms almost a continuous 160-mile coastal trail stretching from Suffolk to the Humber, with just minor gaps at Gibraltar Point and Immingham (wired-gov.net). Local leaders praise it as "one of the most spectacular walks anywhere in the country," emphasising free, legal access that draws visitors from across England and stimulates local economies (lincolnshire.gov.uk). Natural England's Victoria Manton highlights its benefits for wellbeing, tourism, and wildlife connection (wired-gov.net).

Planning Your Walk: Tips & Insights

To make the most of this route through Lincolnshire:

- **Section Length:** ~75 km, ideal for a 3–5-day trek.
- **Terrain:** Includes flat beaches, dunes, embankments, and occasional industrial edges.
- **Services:** Abundant in Mablethorpe, Cleethorpes, Grimsby—scarce during nature-rich segments.
- **Facilities:** Check National Trails and Lincolnshire County Council for trail maps and tide advice (lincolnshire.gov.uk, wired-gov.net, nationaltrail.co.uk).
- **Best Seasons:** Spring to autumn for pleasant weather and wildlife viewing; seal pupping peaks in autumn.
- **Wildlife Watch:** Keep an eye out for seals at Donna Nook, reedbed bitterns, and dune butterflies like the green hairstreak (lincolnshire.gov.uk).
- **Coastal Margin Access:** Extended public rights between the path and sea, with exceptions for private land and military zones (en.wikipedia.org).

In Summary

From beachside charm in Mablethorpe to the soaring Humber Bridge, the Lincolnshire segment of the KCIII England Coast Path is a standout coastal adventure. It weaves serene dunes and dynamic wildlife with vibrant towns and industrial heritage. Accessible, engaging, and scenic, this section offers both locals and visitors a chance to explore



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St Nicolas News



The exciting news from St Nicolas is that, thanks to some grants and the generosity of some of our congregation, we have been able to install an up to date sound system which includes a hearing loop, making our services and other events more accessible. To mark this we held a celebration of song and poetry alongside a 'jam jar' festival which was generously supported by the Singing for Fun group and the local community. There was also enough money left over for us to upgrade some of our lighting.

Up coming events include the annual Heritage Day which this year takes place on Saturday September 13th and this year's theme is architecture. There will be information that compares our church tower with others in the area. There will also be refreshments available. Please do come and support this event.

Christmas Tree Festival - 6th Dec 10 till 4
Christingle Service - 7th Dec 4.00pm
9 lessons and Carols - 21st Dec 6.00pm
Crib Service - 24th Dec 4.00pm
Midnight Mass - 24th Dec 11.30pm
Christmas Morning - 25th Dec 10.00am

Our harvest festival service will take place on 12th October as part of our regular morning service.

It may seem some way off yet but below are dates for your diary for the Christmas services. Please watch out for further details on how to enter your tree for the Christmas tree festival.

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Great Coates Annual SCARECROW WEEKEND













Our seventh annual Scarecrow Weekend took place on 5th and 6th July, and once again the village came alive with colour, creativity, and community spirit.

A heartfelt thank you goes to all the residents who dedicated their time and imagination to create an incredible 51 scarecrows displayed across the village. Your efforts brought smiles and laughter to the faces of more than 1,000 visitors who joined us over the two days.

Visitors enjoyed a fantastic variety of refreshments: Event Box mobile bar kept the drinks flowing, Burger Brains served up delicious food, Casey's Coffee kept everyone fuelled, and Blake's Bakes provided mouth-watering sweet treats – all helping to make the weekend even more memorable.

The atmosphere was further lifted by the return of Worzel and Aunt Sally, whose special appearance was once again a highlight for many.

This event simply wouldn't be possible without those who built a scarecrow – thank you for making it happen! And a very special mention must go to our wonderful volunteers who worked tirelessly before, during, and after the weekend. Despite the changeable weather, the weekend was another shining example of why Great Coates continues to be a GREAT village.












A Lifeline in North East Lincolnshire

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Remaining safe, independent, and confident at home is something many of us value as we grow older or if we live with health challenges. In Grimsby and across North East Lincolnshire, Carelink has become a vital lifeline – supporting residents 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



At its heart, Carelink is a telecare service that connects people to help whenever they need it. The system is simple: a small alarm unit is fitted in the home and paired with a lightweight pendant, worn around the neck or wrist. With just one press of a button, the user is instantly connected to Carelink's local control centre, where trained staff are ready to respond. Whether it's calling for medical assistance, contacting a family member, or simply offering reassurance, support is always available – day or night.





But Carelink offers much more than an emergency button. The service provides a wide range of sensors and monitoring devices designed to keep people safe in their own homes. These include:

- Fall detectors that automatically raise an alert if someone takes a tumble.
- Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, linked directly to the control centre.
- Flood and temperature sensors to prevent accidents in kitchen and bathrooms.
- Door sensors that can provide peace of mind for those with memory difficulties.

This technology means that even if the user is unable to press their button, help will still be summoned.

The real strength of Carelink lies in the peace of mind it brings to families. For relatives who may live some distance away, there is enormous reassurance in knowing that their loved one has immediate access to help whenever they need it. Carelink bridges the gap between complete independence and residential care, enabling people to remain in their own homes for longer – surrounded by familiar surroundings, friends, and community.

Local residents often describe Carelink as their "lifeline." For some, it has provided urgent help during a fall; for others, it is simply the comfort of knowing that they are never truly alone. Families, too, have spoken of how the service has lifted a weight of worry, allowing them to enjoy quality time with their loved ones rather than constantly fearing the worst.

Arranging Carelink is straightforward. Residents in Grimsby and North East Lincolnshire can sign up directly, or referrals can be made by relatives, GPs, or social services. Installation is quick, the equipment is easy to use, and staff ensure every customer feels confident in operating their alarm before they leave.

Carelink is affordable and flexible, designed to suit individual needs. With so many options for additional safety equipment, the service can be tailored to offer the right level of reassurance for each person.

If you, a neighbour, or a family member could benefit from Carelink, contact the Carelink North East Lincolnshire team on 01472 312003 or visit their website to learn more.

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Celebrating 200 Years of the Railway



The year 2025 marks a landmark anniversary in British history – 200 years of the railway. Railway 200 is the national celebration honours two centuries of progress, innovation, and community connection brought about by the railway. Across the country, events and activities are taking place to mark the bicentenary, highlighting not only the achievements of the past but also the role of the railway in today's society and its future potential.

Here in North and North East Lincolnshire, the Barton Cleethorpes Community Rail Partnership (BCCRP) is playing a proud part in the festivities through a unique initiative: **Art Along the Line**. This ambitious project aims to transform stations along the Barton to Cleethorpes route with vibrant artwork that reflects local heritage, celebrates community identity, and creates welcoming spaces for passengers and visitors alike.

The project has been funded by the BCCRP, East Midlands Railway and Community Rail Partnership.

So far, eye-catching artwork has been installed at Cleethorpes, Grimsby Docks, New Clee, Great Coates, Stallingborough, and Barrow Haven stations – with more exciting plans already in hand.

A key contributor to this transformation has been local artist Nikita Sparkes, whose distinctive murals are now brightening stations at Cleethorpes, Great Coates, Stallingborough, and Grimsby Docks. Nikita's work combines bold imagery with community storytelling, turning previously plain or tired spaces into places of colour, imagination, and pride. Her murals are designed not only to be visually striking but also to spark curiosity and conversation, encouraging people to pause and reflect on the railway's importance in connecting people and places.

Community engagement has been at the very heart of Art Along the Line. At Goxhill station, local schoolchildren have been actively involved in designing artwork that will soon take pride of place, ensuring that young people have a voice in shaping how their community is represented. Their creations capture a sense of fun, imagination, and local pride – a perfect example of how the project is bringing people of all ages together.

In addition, the CRP has worked with local artists through competitions, inviting them to contribute their ideas and talents. This not only supports the region's creative community but also ensures that the artwork reflects the diversity of local perspectives. From professional murals to community-led projects, *Art Along the Line* demonstrates how art can enrich public spaces and strengthen the bond between railways and the communities they serve.

The project has been warmly received by passengers, residents, and visitors. Stations once seen purely as functional stopping points are now becoming destinations in their own right. For commuters, the artwork provides a cheerful welcome at the start and end of their journeys. For visitors, it offers an introduction to the area's character and creativity. And for local residents, it reinforces a sense of pride in their community and its place within the wider story of Britain's railway.

The Barton Cleethorpes Community Rail Partnership sees this as just the beginning. Plans for include expanding the project to more stations along the line, with further opportunities for schools, community groups, and local artists to contribute. The ultimate aim is to ensure that every station on the Barton to Cleethorpes route tells a story – of heritage, of community spirit, and of the enduring importance of the railway.

As Britain celebrates 200 years of rail, *Art Along the Line* is a reminder that the railway is not just about trains and timetables – it is about people, creativity, and community. It shows how a station can be more than a platform: it can be a gallery, a meeting place, and a source of local pride.

Through projects like this, the Barton Cleethorpes Community Rail Partnership is ensuring that the bicentenary of the railway is marked not only with reflection on the past but also with vibrant, lasting legacies for the future.



"Enter the Sunset" (2025)
by Ellie Webster aged 10 and Hollie Timmis aged 10









Summer Fayre

Our second Summer Fayre, held on 16th August, proved a resounding success with well over 1,000 visitors flocking to enjoy the festivities. Traditional favourites such as splat the rat, bean bag and ping pong kept everyone entertained, with a pineapple shy adding a quirky twist. Guests were treated to fantastic performances by Joe Gash, Robyn Gayle, Grimsby Steel Standing Band, Toomn Cook creating a lively atmosphere throughout. Children revelled in the Mad Hatter's Tea Party, Star Wars characters and Padawan Training, while the local Policing team's mobile prison van offered fun dress-up opportunities. A truly memorable community day!

























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Hello once again from Great Coates W.I.

Our sunflower competition has been a challenge this year, many of the entries were considerably shorter than in the past. The winner will be announced at our next meeting, and, for once, mine was nowhere near!!

During our July meeting we joined together to create many flower arrangements for St Nicolas' 'Jam Jar Flower Festival'. Each jar carried a



message or dedication, and they looked splendid in the church. At the same meeting we enjoyed a music quiz and a chance for a good chat over a welcome cuppa.

The speaker for August was Liz Drury, a voice over artist; she spoke of how she got into the business and the variety of jobs she had undertaken. As part of our competition, we put forth the names of actors whose voice we love to hear. Mine was Liam Neeson, I love his soft Irish accent, who would yours be?

At the moment, members are busily knitting 'Izzy Dolls'. These are small dolls



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that eventually will be left in various places as a part of our 'Random Acts of Kindness' campaign, so keep a lookout after the St Nicolas' Christmas tree festival in December. Always thinking ahead!

The meetings for the remainder of the year include Doreen Tyson challenging us to working out the use of items from the past. Fiona Poulton will be talking to us about 'Family history'. To tie in with 'World Kindness Day', we are having a session of Aromatherapy, led by Joanne Barley, involving a hand and arm massage! The final session of the year will be a Christmas craft session lead by our very own member, Mavis Brown followed by Secret Santa and a buffet.

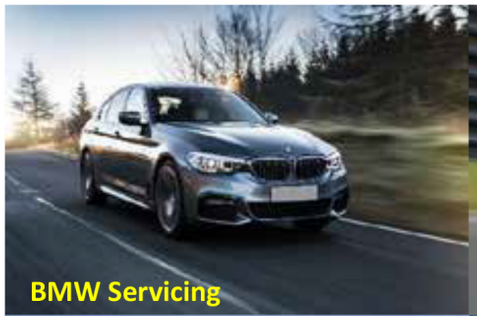
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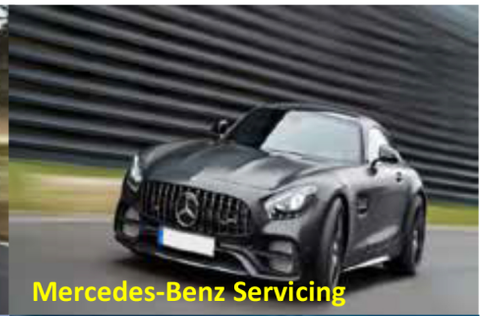
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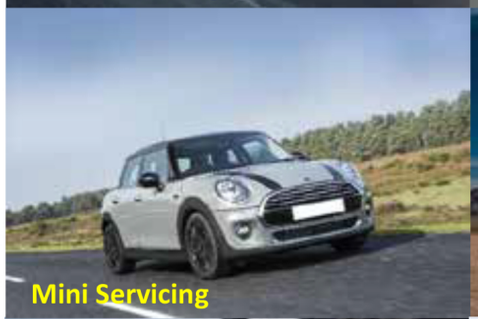
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Immingham's Place in History

The Pilgrim Fathers and the Voyage of Faith

When we think of the Pilgrim Fathers, most of us immediately picture the Mayflower setting sail from Plymouth in 1620, bound for the New World. Yet the story of this determined group of English Separatists—seeking the freedom to worship according to their own conscience—has deep roots in our own corner of Lincolnshire. Immingham, often overlooked in grand narratives of national history, played a pivotal role in their journey. It was here, on the shores of the Humber, that a crucial and dramatic episode unfolded, helping to shape a story that resonates across the Atlantic to this very day.

The Religious Climate of Early 17th Century England

To understand why Immingham enters the pages of history, we must first step back into the world of early 1600s England. The Church of England, established under Henry VIII and reinforced by Elizabeth I, had become the only lawful form of worship. However, many groups, known as Puritans and Separatists, were dissatisfied. They believed the Church remained too close to Catholic traditions and sought a more radical, "pure" form of Christianity.

Among them were men and women from villages across Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, and Yorkshire—places not so far from our own. They wished to "separate" entirely from the Church of England, holding independent gatherings and appointing their own ministers. This was not only frowned upon but treated as an act of defiance against both Crown and Church. Persecution, fines, and imprisonment were constant threats.

The Attempted Escape at Boston

In 1607, a group of these Separatists attempted to flee England from Boston, Lincolnshire, in the hope of finding refuge in Holland, where greater religious tolerance was known. The plan was betrayed, and many were arrested and imprisoned. But the desire for freedom was not crushed. Instead, it burned brighter. A year later, another escape attempt was carefully arranged—this time, not from Boston, but further north, at Immingham Creek.



Immingham Creek, 1608

The Separatists—later to be known as the Pilgrim Fathers—made secret arrangements with a Dutch sea captain to meet them along the Humber estuary. Immingham Creek, then a quiet and relatively isolated

stretch of the coast, was chosen for its remoteness. It offered shelter, concealment, and a clear passage to the North Sea.



But even in this desolate place, their movements were watched. On the appointed day, the women and children travelled overland, bringing with them luggage, clothing, and provisions. The men arrived separately, often under cover of darkness, wary of betrayal.

Accounts tell us that as the Dutch vessel lay waiting offshore, the men rowed out in a small boat to board it first. But before the women and children could follow, they were intercepted by local militia, alerted by informers. Panic and confusion spread. Mothers were torn from husbands, children from fathers, as the soldiers descended upon the shore.

The Dutch captain, fearing for his ship and his own liberty, weighed anchor and sailed away, carrying with him only the men who had managed to board. Thus, the women and children were captured and dragged back to Immingham village and later to courts in Lincoln and Boston. It was a scene of heartbreak and division that would remain etched into the memory of those families for years to come.

Release and Reunion

Yet fate was kinder than it first appeared. The women and children were eventually released—imprisonment of entire families proved impractical and even counterproductive. Over the following months, they were able to reunite with their husbands and fathers in Holland. By 1609, the entire congregation had successfully established themselves in the Dutch city of Leiden, where they lived for over a decade.

This dramatic episode at Immingham Creek, then, became the turning point in their story—the moment of risk and sacrifice that ultimately paved the way to freedom.

From Holland to the New World

Life in Leiden was more tolerant, but it was not without challenges. Work was hard, wages low, and the threat of war with Spain loomed large. The community worried that their children were becoming too Dutch and feared losing their English identity. By 1617, talk had turned to establishing a new life in the Americas, where they could worship freely and build a society founded on their principles.

In 1620, after years of planning, around 100 Separatists and adventurers set sail on the Mayflower. Their perilous voyage and subsequent landing at Plymouth, Massachusetts, have become legendary—celebrated in the United States every Thanksgiving. But the roots of that extraordinary journey lie right here, in Immingham.

Immingham's Legacy

Today, Immingham honours this connection in several ways. The Pilgrim Fathers Memorial, a simple but poignant stone monument erected in 1924, stands close to the creek where the Separatists attempted their escape. Though the landscape has changed—modern docks and industry now dominate the shoreline—the memorial ensures that the courage and faith of those families is not forgotten.

The names of some of those who made that desperate attempt are inscribed, linking us directly to individuals whose descendants would go on to shape a nation across the ocean. It is a reminder that our small Lincolnshire town has played a part in world history far beyond what its size might suggest.

A Shared Heritage



Pilgrim Father's Monument on Church Lane,

Immingham's role is not an isolated footnote, but part of a broader regional story. Gainsborough Old Hall, Boston Guildhall, and Scrooby Manor are all sites tied to the Pilgrim Fathers. Yet it is here, on our very shoreline, that we can still sense the human drama of their struggle—the cold winds whipping off the Humber, the cries of children as they were pulled back from the water's edge, the desperate prayers whispered by parents who would not see one another again for many months.

For the United States, the Mayflower voyage represents the birth of a new society. For us in Lincolnshire, it represents the determination of ordinary men and women from our own communities—farmers, craftsmen, mothers, fathers—who were willing to risk everything for their beliefs.

Remembering Today

Each year, visitors from America and beyond make pilgrimages to Immingham, seeking the roots of their ancestry. Local schools and community groups often explore this story, linking young people with a chapter of history that is both local and global.

The Pilgrim Fathers' journey is a reminder that freedom of belief, the courage to stand by convictions, and the strength of family bonds are timeless values. In our modern age—where debates about faith, freedom, and identity continue—it is worth reflecting on the sacrifices made by those who once walked our lanes, crossed our fields, and stood upon our shoreline.

Conclusion

Immingham may appear today as a busy port town, known more for its modern docks than for its history. Yet in 1608, on a quiet creek, it became the stage for an act of courage and faith that helped shape the course of history.

The Pilgrim Fathers' attempt to escape from Immingham was not successful in the immediate sense—it ended in heartbreak and separation. But in the long view of history, it was a decisive step in their journey towards freedom. From Immingham to Leiden, from Leiden to Plymouth, and from Plymouth across the Atlantic, their path can be traced like stepping stones, each one vital.

As residents of this community, we can take pride in knowing that our town—often overlooked in national histories—played its own remarkable part in a global story. Immingham Creek may look different now, but its place in history is assured. It remains a symbol of faith, endurance, and the unyielding human desire for freedom

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1000 - 1100							
1100 - 1200							
1200 - 1300				Music Bugs 12.30 - 3.00			
1300 - 1400							
1400 - 1500							
1500 - 1600							
1600 - 1700							
1700 - 1800							
1800 - 1900	Puppy & Dog Training 6.30 to 8.30 pm	SLT Fitness 6.30 to 8.30 pm	Cast Theatre 7.00 to 9.00 pm	W.I. 2nd Thursday 7.30 to 9.30 pm			
1900 - 2000							
2000 - 2100							
2100 - 2200							

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New Clee	0613	0900	1101	1300	1500	1700	1901	2111
Grimsby Docks	0616	0902	1103	1302	1502	1702	1903	2113
Grimsby Town	0620	0907	1107	1307	1507	1707	1908	2118
Great Coates	0624	0911	1111	1311	1511	1711	1912	2122
Healing	0627	0914	1114	1314	1514	1714	1915	2125
Stallingborough	0630	0916	1117	1316	1516	1716	1917	2127
Habrough	0636	0922	1122	1322	1522	1722	1923	2133
Ulceby	0640	0926	1126	1326	1526	1726	1927	2136
Thornton Abbey	0645	0930	1130	1330	1530	1730	1931	2141
Goxhill	0648	0934	1134	1334	1534	1734	1935	2144
New Holland	0653	0939	1139	1339	1539	1739	1940	2150
Barrow Haven	0656	0942	1142	1342	1542	1743	1943	2154
Barton	0703	0949	1148	1349	1548	1749	1950	2200

Barton	0753	0954	1154	1354	1553	1754	2007	2205
Barrow Haven	0758	0959	1159	1359	1558	1759	2012	2210
New Holland	0802	1003	1203	1403	1602	1803	2016	2214
Goxhill	0806	1007	1207	1407	1605	1807	2021	2218
Thornton Abbey	0810	1011	1211	1411	1610	1811	2024	2222
Ulceby	0815	1015	1215	1415	1614	1816	2029	2226
Habrough	0821	1020	1220	1420	1619	1821	2033	2231
Stallingborough	0825	1026	1226	1425	1624	1827	2039	2237
Healing	0829	1028	1228	1428	1627	1829	2041	2239
Great Coates	0832	1031	1231	1431	1630	1832	2044	2242
Grimsby Town	0838	1038	1238	1438	1636	1839	2050	2249
Grimsby Docks	0841	1041	1241	1441	1639	1842	2053	2252
New Clee	0844	1044	1243	1443	1641	1844	2055	2254
Cleethorpes	0848	1048	1248	1448	1646	1849	2059	2259

Saturday

Cleethorpes	0640	0854	1054	1254	1454	1658	1857	2107
New Clee	0644	0858	1058	1258	1458	1702	1901	2111
Grimsby Docks	0647	0900	1100	1300	1500	1704	1903	2113
Grimsby Town	0650	0904	1104	1304	1504	1708	1907	2118
Great Coates	0654	0908	1108	1308	1508	1712	1911	2122
Healing	0657	0911	1111	1311	1511	1715	1914	2121
Stallingborough	0700	0914	1114	1314	1514	1718	1917	2125
Habrough	0706	0920	1120	1320	1520	1724	1923	2127
Ulceby	0710	0923	1123	1323	1526	1727	1926	2133
Thornton Abbey	0715	0928	1128	1328	1528	1732	1931	2137
Goxhill	0718	0931	1131	1331	1531	1735	1934	2141
New Holland	0723	0936	1136	1336	1536	1740	1939	2150
Barrow Haven	0726	0940	1140	1340	1540	1744	1943	2153
Barton	0732	0945	1145	1345	1545	1750	1948	2159

Barton	0746	0951	1151	1351	1551	1755	2001	2202
Barrow Haven	0751	0956	1156	1356	1556	1800	2007	2207
New Holland	0755	1000	1200	1400	1600	1804	2010	2211
Goxhill	0759	1004	1204	1404	1604	1808	2015	2215
Thornton Abbey	0803	1008	1208	1408	1608	1812	2020	2219
Ulceby	0807	1012	1212	1412	1612	1816	2025	2223
Habrough	0815	1017	1217	1417	1617	1821	2032	2228
Stallingborough	0821	1023	1223	1423	1623	1827	2037	2234
Healing	0823	1025	1225	1425	1625	1829	2040	2236
Great Coates	0826	1028	1228	1428	1628	1832	2043	2239
Grimsby Town	0833	1038	1234	1434	1634	1838	2049	2246
Grimsby Docks	0836	1041	1237	1437	1637	1841	2052	2249
New Clee	0839	1044	1240	1440	1640	1844	2054	2251
Cleethorpes	0844	1049	1245	1445	1645	1849	2059	2256

Sunday 18th May to 7th September only

Cleethorpes	1002	1307	1505	1807
New Clee	1006	1311	1509	1811
Grimsby Docks	1008	1313	1511	1813
Grimsby Town	1011	1316	1514	1816
Great Coates	1015	1320	1518	1820
Healing	1018	1323	1521	1823
Stallingborough	1021	1326	1524	1826
Habrough	1027	1331	1529	1831
Ulceby	1030	1335	1533	1835
Thornton Abbey	1035	1340	1538	1840
Goxhill	1038	1343	1541	1843
New Holland	1043	1348	1546	1848
Barrow Haven	1046	1352	1549	1851
Barton	1052	1357	1555	1857

Barton	1110	1406	1611	1906
Barrow Haven	1115	1411	1616	1911
New Holland	1119	1415	1620	1915
Goxhill	1123	1419	1624	1919
Thornton Abbey	1126	1422	1627	1922
Ulceby	1130	1426	1631	1926
Habrough	1134	1430	1635	1931
Stallingborough	1140	1436	1641	1937
Healing	1143	1439	1644	1940
Great Coates	1147	1442	1647	1943
Grimsby Town	1151	1447	1652	1948
Grimsby Docks	1154	1450	1655	1951
New Clee	1157	1453	1658	1954
Cleethorpes	1202	1458	1703	1959

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Thursday 2nd Jan





Refuse Collections

Please put your green bin out before 7am on the dates shown below. Green bins are emptied every two weeks.

Thursday 18th Sep
Thursday 2nd Oct
Thursday 16th oct
Thursday 30th Oct
Thursday 13th Nov
Thursday 27th Nov
Thursday 11th Dec
Thursday 27th Dec



Garden Waste Collections

Please put your brown bin out before 7am on the dates shown below. Brown bins are emptied every two weeks.

Monday 8th Sep
Monday 22nd Sep
Monday 6th Oct
Monday 20th Oct
Monday 3rd Nov
Monday 17th Nov



The nearest Community Recycling Centre (the 'tip') is located at Gilbey Road, Grimsby, DN31 2UD. This is open from 8am until 6pm every day.

The dates provided are subject to change especially during bank holidays or bad weather. You can check collection days by going to www.nelc.gov.uk/refuse-collection-schedule/.