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Beginning 2026 Together

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2026, and a warm welcome to any new residents who may have recently joined the Partney and Dalby community. As the winter months gradually draw to a close, we look ahead - hopefully to brighter and warmer spring days. After the cold and extremely wet months of January and February, the signs of spring are beginning to reveal themselves. Daffodil bulbs and other spring flowers are emerging from the soil, bringing welcome signs of the season ahead. In this edition, we take a look back to the closing weeks of 2025 and we also look forward to some upcoming spring events and plans for the months ahead. So get your diaries and calendars at the ready!



An update from the Parish Council

The first meeting of the year was held in early January. This is always an important meeting, as it sets the budget for the 2026/27 financial year and gives councillors the opportunity to review the village precept. The budget has been agreed at £7,275. Parish Councils do not receive money from central government but rely on the precept, together with income generated from cemetery services, to fund its activities and facilities. It was agreed at the meeting, to set the precept at £6,565. The precept forms part of Council Tax and is collected from residents through their Council Tax payments. For a Band D property, this equates to £61.93 per year. Properties in higher bands (E-H) will pay more, while those in lower bands (A-C) will pay less. A detailed breakdown of the budget is available in the January meeting minutes or on the Council's website under the '**Budget and Precept**' section.



We are pleased to report that the council has also applied for additional funding from a **ELDC community Grant Scheme**. This financial year the grant has increased to £800. This once again will support the cost of printing this newsletter, approximately £300. The grant will also fund some of the new speed watch equipment and a new planting scheme to enhance the appearance of the villages.

Work on the new bus shelter is progressing well and may be close to completion by the time you receive this newsletter. The shelter will make a significant difference to those residents who rely on the bus service to Spilsby and beyond, providing welcome protection and comfort whilst waiting. Very much needed during the winter months !

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Pride of Place Funding

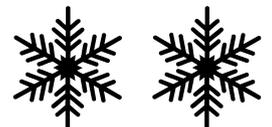
The defibrillator located outside Partney Victory Hall has been replaced, thanks to funding received from the ELDC **Pride in Place Scheme**. The previous unit had been discontinued and replacement pads and parts were no longer available. The Council is extremely grateful for this funding, which has enabled us to ensure that this vital piece of equipment remains accessible for the community.

The British Heart Foundation advises that defibrillators should be readily accessible and located in public places, as having one nearby can significantly improve the chances of survival for someone experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. If this should happen (they are unconscious and breathing normally), then the first action is to call 999 and the call handler will ask for your location and the access code to the cabinet will be given out. You do **not** need training to use a defibrillator and you cannot accidentally harm someone by using it- the device will only administer

a shock if it is required.



Update on Flooding on Skegness Road



Many residents have expressed concerns about the blocked drain on Skegness Road. Following recent heavy rainfall, water has been collecting across the carriageway, creating a potential hazard- particularly during icy conditions. The issue has been reported via the Fixmystreet app and has since been investigated. The response received was as follows: 'We've inspected and acknowledge that this gully/drain is blocked, but because it is not causing a serious highway safety or property flooding issue we will not be ordering work at this time'. Clearly, this is a very disappointing response. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation and report again if the flooding becomes increasingly problematic and would encourage residents to do the same via the Fixmystreet app.

Parish Council Vacancies

Following the January meeting, we received the resignations of **Councillor Packa Risi** and **Councillor Caroline Hewlett**. We would like to thank them both for their support and contributions to the Parish Council during their time in office. As a result, there are now two vacancies for Partney. Notices have been displayed on the village noticeboard outside the Victory Hall and also published on the ELDC website. If an election is not requested the Parish Council will be in the position to appoint the new councillors by co-option. If any resident in Partney is interested please contact the Parish Clerk, Jane Slaymaker at clerk@partneyanddalby-pc.gov.uk. Alternatively please come along to the Parish Council meeting to see what the Council does and find out how you could get involved. To be eligible you must be over 18 years old, be a British citizen and meet at least one local connection requirement (e.g live in the parish, work there, or live within three miles).





The Victory Hall Highlights

The Victory Hall Committee is delighted to announce that the new constitution has now been finalised and agreed. This important milestone means we are in a position to apply for full charitable status for the Hall, helping to secure its future for the community. This unfortunately can be a lengthy process, taking up to six months to complete. The committee are currently seeking legal advice from Simon Giles at Tinn Criddle Solicitors in Spilsby. Once the charitable status has been achieved this will offer the hall many benefits including, relief from some taxes, as well as the ability to apply for a wider range of funding, such as the National Lottery Community Fund. I am sure you will agreed that this is a big step in protecting and strengthening a valued community asset for years to come!



A Fabulous Start To Christmas At The Christmas Fair



What a fabulous community event our Christmas Fair was! It certainly marked the beginning of the festive season in style. Held on the 29th November, the fair boasted a wonderful array of homemade Christmas crafts and stalls, alongside delicious sweet treats and homemade cakes. The event was run in partnership with Partney Primary School, St. Nicholas Church and the Victory Hall. All were delighted to share the funds raised, approximately £661. A huge thank- you to everyone who helped, supported and attended- your continued support makes events like this so special.

Festive Floral Workshop



The Victory Hall was a hive of activity as a wonderful selection of Christmas foliage and flowers was transformed into stunning festive creations. **The floral workshop**, held on the 17th December, brought members of the community together for an enjoyable and creative afternoon.

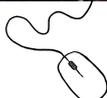
By the end of the session, beautiful arrangements were ready to take pride of place on Christmas tables and mantlepieces. A big thank you to **Rosemarie Oliver** who expertly guided everyone throughout the workshop.





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A New Website For The Hall



We're pleased to share that the hall now has a new website, making it easier for everyone in the community to stay informed and get involved. Residents can now view details of upcoming events/activities and book the hall for any celebrations, meetings or special occasions. A big thank you to **Garry Hewlett** for setting up the website and helping to make this community space more accessible. You can visit the website here: victoryhall.uk. We hope that this will make organising events- and seeing when the hall is available much simpler for everyone.

A Strong Start To 2026 From The Coffee Morning Team

The Coffee Morning started the year with many regulars bravely embarking on healthy eating plans! Despite this, the team are delighted to share that they have achieved substantial takings over the past seven weeks. Thanks to everyone's continued support the Coffee Morning team have donated £200 to **The Victory Hall** (in addition to our rent payments). £200 has also been sent to the **Air Ambulance** and the Valentine themed coffee morning collected £100 for the **British Heart Foundation**. These fabulous totals are only possible because of the wonderful support from the community. An enormous thank you to everyone who helps each week- the bakers who surprise the team each week with their wonderful creations, and the helpers who support with the setting up, serving and tidying away. Your support makes a real difference! We are always looking for volunteers to help either with the baking or serving. If you are interested please contact Ann on 07565348188



Village Hall Week- 16-22 March 2026



This is a national campaign to shine a spotlight on the contributions that village halls make to rural communities. This year the focus is on health and well-being. The Victory Hall will be focusing on the importance of hall as a hub to keep people connected and improve well-being through social interactions and friendship.



Our Village Hall Needs You!

Did you know that 88% of village halls are run entirely by volunteers? These dedicated individuals generously give their time to organise activities, support local groups, and keep these spaces thriving. As mentioned in previous newsletters, our committee is always looking for additional volunteers. Like many community organisations, we are very well aware that our existing team isn't getting any younger, and we would love to welcome some new members. Fresh faces bring fresh ideas, new energy, and help ensure that the hall flourishes for generations to come. Whether you can offer a little time occasionally or would like to get more involved, your contribution would be greatly appreciated. If you've interested in helping secure a bright future for the hall, please get in touch - we'd be delighted to hear from you. Contact Jacqueline on 07881315200



The Winter Warmers Lunch Club

New Lunch Club Initiative for Partney and Dalby

Please Join Us At

THE WINTER WARMERS LUNCH CLUB

Wednesday 26th January
 Wednesday 4th February
 Wednesday 11th February
 Wednesday 18th February
 Wednesday 25th February
 Wednesday 4th March
 Wednesday 11th March
 Wednesday 18th March
 12pm – 3pm






Partney Victory Hall
FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT SUE 0152744098

WINTER WARMERS LUNCH CLUB

MENU

DRINKS

- Coffee
- Tea
- Hot Chocolate
- Selection of Fruit Teas
- Squash



MAINS

- Butter Nut Squash and Chilli Soup
- Vegetable Soup
- All soups served with French Bread or choice of Sandwich
- Sandwich fillings - Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise



PUDDINGS

- Jam Sponge and Custard
- Apple Crumble and Custard



We're delighted to announce that **The Victory Hall** and **St. Nicholas Church** have successfully worked in partnership to secure funding from **ELDC** to launch a new weekly Lunch Club in Partney. This is held at **The Victory Hall** on a Wednesday afternoon from 12pm- 3pm. The grant, a one-off payment of £1080, has enabled the purchase of equipment, resources and food for eight sessions. The aim is to bring people together during the long winter months and create a welcoming space where residents can get out of the house, enjoy good company, share a meal and strengthen community connections.

Loneliness can be especially challenging during the winter months, and we hope that the lunch club has offered some warmth, friendship and information. Currently the team are busy planning the menus and activities for week five. The lunches have been wonderfully supported, with around 26 people coming together to enjoy a delicious homemade meal including warming soups and tempting puddings. It has been lovely to see so many familiar faces gathering together around the table.



Alongside good food and great company, attendees have also been able to access helpful information and mini-sessions on a variety of topics, including energy-saving tips, floral art and exercise/fitness ideas. Photographed on the left is Ams, a Community Development Officer at the **YMCA**, who joined the session on the 4th February to share advice on how to save energy in the home and also Deborah Evans, a Dance and Fitness Coach who inspired everyone to engage in simple, but highly effective exercises.



Future sessions will focus on finding out about the work of **The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust** and the **RNLI**. All sessions have no cost and are quickly establishing themselves as a mid week highlight, feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. The lunch club will run until the 18th March. If you are interested, or just want to get out and meet new people, please come along, you will be guaranteed a very warm welcome. It is something that we may be able to offer again, however it will depend on whether the funding continues to be available to community organisations. A big thank you to all helpers who have offered their support to help the lunch club run smoothly.



Winter Warmers Lunch Club



News From St. Nicholas' Church

Firstly, we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped and supported us throughout 2025, it was a very busy and productive year, and we are incredibly grateful for the encouragement and practical support we continue to receive from the community. A special thank you to all who took the time to decorate the church so beautifully over the Christmas period, from the floral arrangements to the lights, it looked truly wonderful.

We are delighted to share that St. Nicholas Church is currently hosting the beautiful **Sutterby Woolly Church** model on loan for the coming weeks. The craftsmanship and dedication that has gone into creating this remarkable piece are truly impressive, and it is well worth a visit. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to see it, please do pop into the church and take time to admire the model and read the story of the church. While you're there, you're warmly invited to enjoy a hot drink and a biscuit from our cuppa table as you explore the history. If you would like to visit outside our usual opening times, please just give us a call on [07821576982](tel:07821576982) or [07833702092](tel:07833702092)-we are always happy to open the church for visitors. 2026 promises to be another busy year, with the ongoing repairs to the roof, chancel walls and tower plus plenty of paperwork to keep us occupied! Wishing you a blessed and peaceful Lent.

Partney Relief In Need Charity

The Trustees of **Partney In Relief Charity** have the responsibility for managing the Poor Field situated next to Partney Cemetery. The trustees wish to inform residents that they have made a donation of £250 to the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance, a charity which provides life-saving care to the people of Lincolnshire and beyond.



Upcoming Events



Saturday 7th March INDOOR CAR BOOT SALE - 10am- 2pm . Call Geoff on [07835566173](tel:07835566173) to book a table. At the Victory Hall.

Saturday 7th March Prize BINGO & RAFFLE - For Breast Cancer. To Book a Table - Contact [07932432917](tel:07932432917) At the Victory Hall

Tuesday 10th March PARISH COUNCIL MEETING at the Victory Hall 7pm



Saturday 14th March SPRING QUIZ at the Victory Hall. Teams up to 6. 7pm To book a table Contact Sue [07871240190](tel:07871240190)

Wednesday 25th March EASTER FLORAL WORKSHOP at the Victory Hall . Contact Jacqueline [07881315200](tel:07881315200)



Wednesday 6th May SEWING WORKSHOP- making cushions covers at the Victory Hall Contact Sue [07871240190](tel:07871240190)

Friday 8th May THE GREENHOUSE FASHION SHOW at the Victory Hall 7pm



Tuesday 12th May ANNUAL PARISH MEETING at the Victory Hall 6pm

