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Summer in Partney and Dalby: Community, Connection and Celebration



What a summer! It's fair to say we have felt the heat this summer, with several days of scorching temperatures in a row. For those of you who remember the long, hot summer of 1976, this year has been comparable. Back then, standpipes lined the streets, water was rationed and we were encouraged to save every drop - even to the point of sharing bath water! Whether these hot, dry conditions are a sign of things to come, or whether we'll soon be drenched by an autumn and winter deluge, only time will tell. We know already that the drought conditions have hit UK crop production, particularly the pea harvest. I am sure many of you will have also noticed that the trees around the villages are losing their leaves unusually early this year, due to the lack of rainfall. No wonder we are all becoming keen weather watchers!



As the new school year begins, there's more than just a back-to-school buzz in the air. Freshly sharpened pencils are ready, new shoes are polished and excitement is building for the term ahead - as well as perhaps a feeling of anxiety. Wishing all children - whether moving up a year group, meeting new teachers or starting a new school - the very best as they embark on this next chapter.

News from Your Parish Council

The summer meeting took place in early July when we warmly welcomed Caroline Hewitt (Wolds View, Partney) as a councillor for Partney. Caroline also serves on Spilsby Town Council and we look forward to sharing initiatives and working more closely with the Spilsby Council.

The Parish Council is delighted to report that permission has been granted for a new bus shelter outside the Red Lion - this is something that residents requested in the Partney questionnaire delivered to households last year. The project is very much in the early stages of development and will be discussed in depth at the September meeting. Considerations will need to be given to the design options; whether constructed from wood or metal the cost is another important factor. I am sure you will agree, that we are very fortunate to have a frequent bus service connecting the village with Spilsby, Skegness, Lincoln and beyond and the Parish Council is keen to encourage residents to make use of this excellent service. A new bus shelter will certainly provide a more comfortable place to wait, especially during the dark and cold winter months.



Community Speed Watch

The Parish Council is pleased to report that several councillors have completed the Community Speed Watch (CSW) training via Zoom and are now qualified police-trained volunteers. This means they'll be out and about in the parish helping to monitor vehicle speeds in areas where residents have concerns.



The Community Speed Watch is run by Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership and it isn't about catching people out, rather encouraging safer driving habits - particularly in our 30mph and 40mph zones. By raising awareness we aim to make our village roads safer for everyone.

Help Keep Our Village Tidy

The Parish Council now has hoops, bags and gloves available for anyone who would like to help with litter picking along the quieter roads around the village (the A158 and A16 are busy roads and best left to East Lindsey District Council). If you'd like to get involved and make a real difference in keeping our village tidy, please contact the Parish Clerk, for a copy of the risk assessment and access to the equipment. Contact Jane Slaymaker at

clerk@partneyanddalby-pc.gov.uk

Calling all Dog Owners !



A gentle reminder to all our dog owners: please remember to pick up after your dogs when out and about in the villages. It helps keep our footpaths, open spaces and verges clean and safe for everyone to enjoy. There are several signs around the village of Partney acting as reminders to residents. In Partney we are fortunate in having two dog waste bins ; one is situated on Maddison Lane and the other one is in front of the church. By using these you are doing your part in keeping our village pleasant for all!

Safer Parking

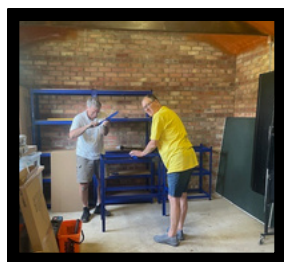
A number of residents in Partney have recently expressed their concern about parked vehicles reducing their visibility on the approach to junctions in the village. The hot spots appear to be on Maddison Lane, Dalby Road and outside the church. Just a reminder to motorists to park considerately, especially near to these junctions. Keeping these areas clear ensures the safety for all residents and visitors to Partney. If you have access to a safe and secure parking space at your property it is requested that this is used rather than on the carriageway (Although we understand that not all properties have access to a non roadside parking space), I am sure you would agree that safer parking allows for clear visibility for motorists and better access for emergency vehicles and larger vehicles, such as the bin lorry and the road sweeper. Thank you for your in help in keeping our roads accessible and safe for all users. By parking safely you may also avoid any possible damage to your own vehicle and the stress of an unnecessary insurance claim. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Victory Hall News: Updates and Events for our Community

At the beginning of the summer, the committee received the resignation of Mick and Ann Lovelock from the Management Committee, although they will both continue to serve as trustees of the hall. Ann and Mick have dedicated over twenty years to the hall's improvements and developments, and we would like to express our sincere thanks for their hard work and commitment.

The committee are pleased to announce that Jacquie Simpson has now taken on the role of Chair of the Committee. A key action for 2025 is to finalise the update of the constitution and complete the application for charitable status, ensuring that the hall can benefit fully from all that this recognition brings, which includes the ability to apply for more grants and funding. With this foundation in place, the committee plans to apply to the GrassRoots Fund for support in upgrading the disabled toilet, to ensure it meets the same standard as the other facilities. The committee also hopes to increase bookings at the hall and would like to thank Jacquie Simpson and Sue Sargeant for their hard work in preparing a new set of terms and conditions for hirers. Due to rising electricity and insurance costs, hire charges have seen a small increase; however rates remain competitive with similar village halls in the area. An hourly rate has also been introduced to offer greater flexibility to hirers. For all enquiries and cost information, please contact Sue Sargeant on [07871 240190](tel:07871240190).



All hands were on deck for a early summer deep clean of the storeroom room at the back of the hall. New storage units were installed and the equipment was carefully reorganised to make the space more functional and tidy. A huge thank you to everyone who gave up their time to help - especially to Gary Hewitt for disconnecting the old electric cooker and to David Watling for removing unwanted items. The improvements have made a real difference, creating much - needed extra space and storage.

A Evening of Family History

An enjoyable and informative history talk took place in early July during an evening 'of two halves'. Sue Lumb, a Chatsworth employee and local author, gave the audience a captivating glimpse into life on a great estate, sharing stories filled with celebrities, royalty, and fascinating facts about the architecture of the wonderful building. In the second half, Mick Lovelock took the audience on a fascinating journey down memory lane, exploring the research behind his own family history. Stories were brought back to life and long - forgotten relatives reconnected through shared census records and historical documents; he also offered a wealth of practical tips in research techniques. Mick has let us know that he has recently received a proof copy of his new book on Partney 1900 - 1914. There will be more information in future editions. Well done Mick!



The Victory Hall

Friday Coffee Morning Update .. There's Always Time For Cake!

One Of Nigel's Creations



A big **Thank You!** to everyone who has joined us over the summer months - including our lovely new customers! It is always great to see the children over the school holidays. Our coffee morning continues to go from strength to strength, thanks to the dedication of our loyal team of bakers and volunteers and, of course, your continued support.

For those new to the villages; the coffee morning is held every Friday at the Victory Hall, all year round. Tea and coffee/tea are just £1, plus we also offer a **Cakeaway Service**. Each week we welcome around 30-40 members of the community - a wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends or indeed make new ones.

We are currently looking for another volunteer to join our very friendly team. This would involve helping out once every three weeks with serving and washing up - nothing too daunting, and always a friendly group beside you! Please contact Ann Lovelock, 07565348188 . Most importantly, all proceeds go directly to local organisations, such as Partney Primary School and local churches, so every drink and slice of cake helps to make a difference.



A Date For the Diary: Friday, September 26th all proceeds will go to the **Macmillan Cancer Support**. It is **Macmillan's** biggest annual fundraiser so your support will be greatly appreciated. 🎵

Pimms Proms: An Evening of Music Refreshments, and Community



Partney Victory Hall Presents
A Pimms and Proms Evening
With Skegness Silver Band

On Saturday 13th September
At Partney Victory Hall
7pm to start 7.30pm PROMP

Tickets £12 Available in Advance
From
Jacquie 01790 753839
Sue 07871240190
Stuart 07484839641

Get ready for a September evening filled with music, laughter and a touch of tradition! Join the committee for a Pimms & Proms event, where you can relax with friends and neighbours, enjoy a delicious glass of Pimm's all whilst enjoying the rousing music of the Skegness Silver Band. We are delighted that this event has been generously sponsored by local businesses. Every penny raised will go directly towards the improvements and upkeep of the Victory Hall, helping us to preserve it for the whole community to enjoy. Your support makes a real difference and we are truly grateful. Thank to the following Partney businesses:

Auto Tech Partney (David Hughes), Fix it Auto (Pete Chapman), Gill Marsh Forecourts Ltd, G. H. Electrical Lincs Ltd (Gary and Caroline Hewitt), Lymm Roofing (Andrew & Emma Hoare), John Oliver & Sons Partney (Ian and Stewart Oliver), Willsons Property (James Boulton).

St Nicholas Church



Summer Updates

After a few challenging weeks with the church closed for emergency repairs to the Chancel Arch, it has been wonderful to reopen in time for Harvest. A huge thank you goes to Emma, Andrew and Connor from **Lymm Roofing** for their skill and guidance with the work. Following a major clean and some beautiful floral arrangements, the church looked truly spectacular - thank you to everyone who came along to help with the big clean-up.



The base for the new churchyard bench has now been laid, and the bench itself will be arriving in September and we're really looking forward to this lovely addition. Alongside the bench, our wildflower garden is in full bloom (photo at the top of the page). Grateful thanks to Bob for all his hard work in planting and caring for it, creating a haven for the butterflies and bees. Bob also maintains the church gates and lends a hand with some many other jobs - his efforts are greatly appreciated by the church team.



Scarecrows Come to Life !

Our scarecrow competition brought so much colour, laughter and creativity to the village of Partney - thank you to everyone who joined in and made it such fun! The Harvest Show was a great success, with 41 entries in total. A special thank you to Mink from Candlesby, who very kindly judged to entries. Well done to the children for their wonderful paintings!



On Sunday 24th September we enjoyed two special services: firstly a baptism, which was followed by our Harvest Festival led by Archdeacon Alyson Buxton from Lincoln. It was a truly heartfelt service of thanksgiving for the harvest and for the hard work of the farmers, as well as a celebration of community here in Partney. Thank you to all our readers and those who took part, and a special mention to Leo for kindly lending his tractor, which took pride of place on our harvest table.

Upcoming Events

Lincolnshire Wolds and Coastal Churches Festival

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September 13th & 14th September

10.00- 3.00pm. Over 85 historic churches to take part. St Nicholas will be open both days with refreshments available- we'd love to welcome you ! www.lincswoldsandcoastchurches.org

Coningsby Military Wives Choir

September
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Saturday 27th September

7pm . Tickets £12 - Contact Carol Jones (07821 576982).

Bring Your Passion To Life!



This edition we catch up with Freya Young (Holly Cottage, Partney) who in September will start her third year at Lincoln University studying for a **BA HONS in Drama and Theatre**; Freya has had a very busy summer with many drama events. In August many residents took the opportunity to see Freya in **The Great British Bake Off Musical** at the Louth Riverhead Theatre which was truly fantastic! Freya tells us all about it!



'Bake off the Musical' was a fun, enigmatic show full of comedy, sentiment and showbiz! Alongside an incredible cast of young actors and crew I was fortunate to be able to play the part of the judge 'Dame Pam Lee'. This part included a cabaret solo, a comedic duet with Phil Hollinghurst (judge), and a surprising amount of well timed innuendo! I also join the cast for many company songs.

It was an incredible show to be part of; and the whole production (including set, costume, tech and performance) was put together and finessed in 10 days! It was fair to say that the opportunity for everyone in the cast and crew was an absolutely amazing one! Please keep supporting your local theatre and up and 'coming talent!'



In other news; Freya also performed in Shakespeare's 'Midsummer Nights Dream', at the end of August. This was with Bunton Productions, performed at Grimsby Central Hall. Freya played Snout, a tinker who plays the part of the Wall in the play-within-a play, 'Pyramus and Thisbe'. The play will also be touring to the Louth Riverhead Theatre next season, so stay tuned and don't miss out on this production of the magical play.



Freya is also hoping to see you all at 'Alice in Wonderland' at the Lincoln Arts Centre from Thursday 11th December to Sunday 21st December. This promises to be a wonderful, family - friendly show. There will also be relaxed performances (where house lights will be kept low and there will be chill - out spaces). Relaxed performances are specially adapted to create a more supportive and comfortable atmosphere, particularly good for individuals with learning difficulties, sensory or communication needs and those with anxiety or dementia. So don't miss out! Get booking tickets to the theatre and support the next generation of talented performers!



Congratulations!

An enormous 'Congratulations' to Freya's brother, Charlie Young, who has recently graduated from Sheffield University with a first-class Master's degree in Architecture. Charlie has now started a new job as an architectural designer working on community projects in Sheffield and is also trying his hand at some exhibition design, as well as planning to teach the new first year students in the University studios! Charlie hopes to be able to give more support to Partney and Dalby's thriving initiatives when he's visiting Lincolnshire, as he still considers Partney to be his home!