

PARTNEY & DALBY NAVIGATOR



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‘If Winter comes, can spring be far behind?’

The above quote, from the English writer Percy Shelley, truly captures the longing for the warmer and lighter days of springtime. A recent walk along the footpaths around Partney and Dalby revealed that there’s more than just a hint of spring in the air. The daffodils have begun to push their way out of the ground and days are gradually getting lighter. We are certainly more than ready to banish the cold grey skies of winter in exchange for the brighter bluer skies of the springtime.

Thank you to Emma (Partney Rectory) for the stunning aerial photographs which shows our beautiful rural location.



Partney and Dalby Parish Council

The first meeting of 2025 was held in Partney Victory Hall on January 14th. Councillors were joined at the meeting by County Councillor Colin Davey and District Councillor Will Grover. Councillor Davey was able to update the council on the proposed changes to the structure of the County Council and District Council (ELDC). Lincolnshire currently has seven district and city councils that deliver services, such as bin collections and planning decisions. Lincolnshire County Council, known as the upper-tier authority, operates separately and is responsible for education, social care and highways. Under the proposals all the councils would merge to form a single authority. It is not certain how these changes will affect Parish Councils. In May the local elections will go ahead, with voting taking place at the Victory Hall. These elections are for the County Council as well as for a new Mayor for Greater Lincolnshire on 1st May.

More information on the restructure is available at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk



The Parish Precept



An agenda item at the first meeting of the year is the setting of the Parish Precept. The Precept is the council tax that the billing authority, East Lindsey District Council, collects on behalf of the Parish Council. Parish Councils do not receive any direct funding from central government and the precept is the only source of income. At the meeting Jane Slaymaker, as the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO), provided a proposed budget for the following financial year. Last year, you may recall, the precept was not increased. It equated to an annual payment of £56.47 for Band D dwellings. This year however it was agreed that this should now increase to £59.56 to cover future costs.



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Darker Skies In Partney

Residents may remember that the autumn edition of the Navigator provided information on the advantages of the 'Darker Skies Initiative', including benefits to wildlife and improvements in sleep quality. Understandably, some residents had expressed their concerns and apprehension about how the proposal, to reduce the street lighting in Partney, would affect household security and safety. A full and balanced discussion took place at the January meeting and all consideration was given to these concerns. Following a lively debate the council voted to support the 'Darker Sky Initiative, with some councillors voting against the proposal. Excessive use of artificial light (light pollution) prevents us viewing the beauty of the universe and as stated has a massive impact on wildlife and of course climate change. The street lighting in Partney will be switched off from midnight until 6am for a 12 month period only. This reduced lighting is in line with other villages and residential areas in Spilsby. The 60 street lights situated in Partney are a legacy from when the village was part of the main A158 route to Skegness and A16 to Louth/ Boston.

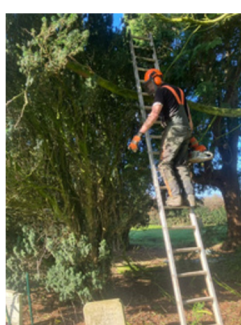
The street lights on Spilsby Road (from the garage bus stop to the start of the houses) will be switched off. These light columns were installed before the construction of the by-pass and are considered redundant. If you have any queries please contact the parish clerk. As already stated, this is for a twelve month trial period, comments both for and against, are welcome as at the end of the trial period the lighting will be reviewed by the councillors. clerk@partneyanddalby-pc.gov.uk or 01790 752541



Maintenance at Partney Cemetery



The continuing maintenance of Partney Cemetery has a huge implication on the parish council finances. In the summer months the grass cutting and strimming is completed by Karl Valentine. Local residents have also supported the maintenance of this area by kindly volunteering their services with pruning vegetation, painting and the clearing away of debris. The council has commissioned a tree survey to provide a professional opinion on what work is needed to the trees. We are pleased to report that the this work has started. In January low laying branches were removed from the large cedar trees at the rear of the site. A huge thank you to Stewart and Robert Oliver who gave their time and expertise at no cost to the council to ensure that this essential maintenance took place. Stewart has the relevant qualifications to operate the equipment necessary and Robert worked hard to clear away branches before wood chipping. Many more hours work required and this is very much an on-going project. Below are some photos taken on the day.



In other news, the parish council has submitted an application to ELDC for a 'Community Grant' and if successful will fund the printing of the Navigator newsletter, approximately £300 per year.



The Victory Hall

Victory Hall Events

The Victory Hall ended 2024 by hosting two very successful fund raising events. Firstly, on Saturday 30th November the Christmas festivities began with the Christmas Fayre. This event is run in partnership with Partney Primary School and St. Nicholas Church, with all money raised divided three ways. There was a lovely festive atmosphere in the hall and in a little over two hours approximately £750 was raised for the three organisations - an amazing total! Thank you to all the stall holders, those people who donated tombola/raffle prizes, and of course, all of you who supported the event.



On Saturday 7th December teams gathered for 'The Giant Christmas Quiz'. There was more than just a competitive feeling in the air as the quizzers were questioned on some fun, and sometimes, bizarre Christmas facts. Who knew that Jingle Bells was originally written as a Thanksgiving song? To be fair - not many of us! Congratulations to the winning team "The Snowballs".. approximately £160 was raised for the Victory Hall funds. Thank you to the excellent quiz masters, Sue Sargeant and Mick Lovelock.

Coffee Morning Update

The Coffee Morning runs every Friday morning come rain or shine from 9:30am - 12pm. We are fairly busy most weeks, plenty of chatter and of course delicious cake, sausage rolls and scones, all for the bargain price of £1. We offer a 'cakeaway' service, with many customers popping in for items to take out. We can also deliver to Partney and Dalby if required. Nigel always amazes us with his special cakes, and over Christmas and New Year he really surprised us with some works of art! If you're free and would like some company and refreshments, please come along. We were able to donate £300 to St. Nicholas Church, £350 to the Air Ambulance, over £2,500 to the Victory Hall . The Coffee Morning also supports the Community Garden, that has



been set up to the side of the hall. In a couple of weeks we will be celebrating the Coffee Morning's 8th birthday. With a total of over £32,000 raised for local and national charities. Thank you to all our absolutely amazing supporters, bakers and volunteers who have truly made a difference! We could not do it without you all... we just need to keep up the good work ! We look forward in 2025 to more coffee, cake and good company!! We are dog friendly too!

