

NEWSLETTER

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 19 MARCH 2026



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WHATSAPP

With heavy hearts, we share that Gary Pidgley, a much-loved Belchford resident whose friendship and humour lit up many lives, tragically passed away. Our thoughts are with Summer, Tara, and all his family. At the opening evening of The Blue Bell, we shall raise a glass to our dear friend who we deeply miss.



From the notes of Karen Elliot, Clerk of Belchford & Fulletby Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting Report 22 January 2026

We're delighted to welcome Jake Fixter as our newest parish councillor. Jake lives in Fulletby and works for the District Council, bringing valuable local knowledge to the team.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Neighbourhood Development Plan, it passed with an impressive 90% approval! Councillors have been busy distributing the Public Purposes Charity Fund, which generated lovely feedback from recipients.

We're working with the tree officer to secure a Tree Preservation Order for the Pig Hanging Tree.

Food waste bin recycling is coming. The scheme is arriving to our area this year.

We're addressing several important matters: setting up litter picking groups (free bags available from ELDC), improving street safety for school children, and maintaining our village furniture. The defibrillators are being serviced, and we're exploring quotes for repairs.

Our precept for 2026/27 has been set at £4,000 to ensure we can maintain all our equipment and facilities.



The Bluebell Returns!

Fab news, our beloved pub is reopening. Let's join the new guardians for a drink and a buffet on Friday 6 March, 6 pm. Full opening on 11 March.

Save the Date



Table Top Sale
Saturday 2 May

Village Hall, pay per table



Village Fete & Tractor
July TBC

Village Green

Woodland Update

The Community Woodland is a big public space with wonderful views, on top of the hill between Belchford and Fulletby. So far approximately 50 new trees and roughly 200 hedge plants, donated by LCC and the Woodland Trust, have been planted this winter.

The new plantings have filled most of the available spaces. The young fruit trees in the orchard area at the southern end of the woodland are getting established. These will be carefully pruned before the spring to make sure they grow into productive trees.

The Christmas trees that were donated by villagers have been gathered up. They have been used by village volunteers to build up the walls of the observatory and to create habitat for animals in the corners of the woodland.



Village Hall News

The **Toddler Group** is closed for half term on 20 Feb.

Restarts Friday 27 Feb. Closes after 27 March session for Easter and reopens Friday 24 April for the summer.

BELCHFORD CHURCH NEWS

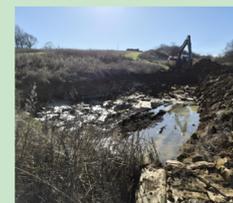
Nobody knows exactly when our first church appeared, though records hint at one standing here since the 12th century. From outside, it looks rather ordinary. Step through that elegant 18th-century doorway, and you'll discover something special. Pale blue light from the east window washing over the chancel and nave, creating a wonderfully peaceful sanctuary.

In 1900, Rector Richard Hippisley Domenichetti (what a name!) recognised the building desperately needed restoration, even dismantling the tower. Today's church reflects his vision. Don't miss the ornate Victorian altar with its painted apostles, the pulpit's carved Magi panel, the decorated organ, and that stunning painted chancel roof. There's a leaflet inside if you'd like the full story.

We hold services roughly every six weeks. The next falls on Sunday 13 April, 10am.

Pond Update

The parish council has exciting plans to construct a large clay-lined pond at the southern end of the woodland to add to the range of habitats for local wildlife. This work will be partially funded by a generous grant from Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Services. Local farmers; A W Smith & Sons Ltd are kindly providing equipment and their expertise to do the digging and landscape re-shaping. The new pond should be finished by the end of February. A life-saving ring, funded by a separate District Councillor's grant will be fitted by the side.



But we're more than a place of worship; we're a community hub that belongs to everyone.

Here's the thing, the Church of England doesn't fund us. We cover our £6,200 running costs through collections, visitor refreshments, book sales, our monthly lottery, and brilliant events like the tractor run and bingo. Last year we raised around £11,000, supporting ten charities including Macmillan, Air Ambulance, and Help for Heroes.

With 374 visitors signing our book in 2025, people clearly treasure this place. Help us keep it thriving; join the lottery, donate books and jigsaws, or come along to our 2026 events. Better yet, join our Committee!

Fulletby Church News

St Andrew's next Sunday Morning praise is March 01, 10am.



Thank you for the Primulas, Robert Ward

Once again the Belchford sign flowerboxes look lovely.

Sports & Wellbeing



Move It and Lose It

A fun and friendly low fitness group for those over 50

First class FREE, then £5 pay as you go, Just turn up

Monday, 10-11am



Bexxfit

Cardio and strength classes

£6 pay as you go, Message to book

Monday, 6-7pm

Saturday, 8.30-9.30am



Ragged Robin Yoga

Strength, balance, peace with Jill & Miranda

Tuesday, 6-7pm



Sound Bath Group

Step into calming sound therapy

Visit website to reserve your place

Wednesday, 6-7pm. Not each week



Yoga with Susan Waller

Expertly led stretches & moves

Thursday, 9-10am



Sewing & Crafts for All

Bring your projects for co-working sessions

1st Thursday of month,

10.15-2.45pm



Toddlers Group, Sue Murfin

Gentle interaction and play for children

Friday, 9.45-11.45am

Get Involved!

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