

## Jeremy Tipping

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**Subject:** Birch Church

*Dear David and Paul,*

*I am not a resident but have lived most of my life on the outskirts of Colchester; I think my niece was the last wedding at Birch Church the day after the big storm, when with no electricity we sang, well attempted to 'here comes the bride' So clearly I have great fondness for the church and spire which can be seen for miles.*

*In 1991 my husband and I converted a Chapel in Fordham Colchester. It is an amazing place to live in with three floors. It has a hidden framework inside which can be unbolted to put back to church if needsbe. We have an amasing 4600 sq ft. Listed grade 11 It still has a peace, a silence and we are so lucky. I have open days for the local historical society. I also have all the church records so let people come in look through them. They are given a cuppa and I print off any documents they need. I think it is all part of living in a building that people have been part of, whether it be weddings, funerals, christening and Sunday services. Demolition of Birch Church, the villagers have far to much to loose, and i'm so pleased that someone has come forward wanting to save it, and even more they will guarantee it will be for prosperity. I urge you to recommend this option, buildings like this are not built these days and once it is pulled down , that's it gone for ever!*

*King Regards*

*Shelagh Beach*