

Southery

Village voice



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Editor

Just to let you know there will be no magazine for September.

As you know I will be retiring as editor of the magazine at the end of the year, however we have been

lucky enough to get a new editor, namely Chris Stabely-Barnett, we are in the process of working together to make a smooth transition and I hope you will give him the same support that you have given me.

Paul Braybrooke

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W.I.



The WI held their meeting in the Village Hall Thursday 4th July

Melanie Missen our Speaker for the evening kept us very interested telling of her Life in Textiles and showing us many samples of her wonderful work.

July is going to be a busy month with several of our members attending a Centenary Garden Party at East Ruston (Best dresses will be out for this occasion) We will be hosting the Group Meeting where we will be catering with a buffet for approx. 60 Group Members with entertainment by a Sea Shanty Singer and story teller.

Southery School has invited 2 of our members to join them in a three course meal which they will be preparing, our two members are looking forward to this.

We will be joining in the Southery Carnival, come along and partake of our WI Centenary Cake and take a look at our archives past and present. Watlingtons WI Birthday meeting promises to be good fun for our members who will be attending.

This months Walk was around Shouldham.

On now to our August meeting where Helen from MAGPAS will be telling us of the work they do amongst the community.

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Old Church Ruins

There will be a public meeting in St. Mary's new church to discuss the future of the ruin of St. Mary's old church at 7 p.m. on Tuesday August 20th 2019.

Southery Speed Watch

There were only three watches completed during the month of June, we were rained off on four occasions, 31 vehicles were logged exceeding the speed limit. Thanks to the team for coming out at short notice, much appreciated. If anyone is interested in what we do please get in touch.

Ann Allenby 378417

Swish

Our annual jaunt to Hunstanton is on 15th August. Coach leaves outside Old White Bell, Southery at 9.30am then onto Hilgay Memorial before heading to the coast. Seats are £5 and if bringing babies/small children own car seats must be provided to travel. Bus departs Hunstanton approx. 4pm. This is a popular event and coach fills quickly so don't miss out!!

To book your seat call/text Swish phone, message on facebook event page or email sam@southery.com

Payment is requested up front to secure seats, all welcome.

Pantomime auditions will be held in Southery Village Hall on Wednesday 4th September from 7.30pm – 9pm and Sunday 8th September from 5pm – 7pm. Age limit is 7 years upwards and we look forward to seeing you. Anyone wishing to

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Dates for your diary:-15th

August – Summer bus trip to Hunstanton, 4th & 8th September – Panto auditions, 29th September – Swish Car Treasure Hunt

18th October – Bingo, October –

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Southery Parish Council

Extraordinary Meeting - 17 June 2019 To Discuss Consultation

Regarding the following Planning Application: OUTLINE APPLICATION SOME MATTERS RESERVED: Demolition of existing vehicle repair facility, clearance of the site and erection of 5 dwelling houses with access road and parking areas at Service Station 14 Westgate Street Southery Norfolk PE38 0PA . The Parish Council unanimously agreed to object the application on the following grounds :

- There was concern that the vehicular access and traffic generation would cause highway safety issues arising from the proposed access to the development. This further compounded by its location being in close proximity to the shop, bus stop and school.

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- It was felt that the shop being the only one in the village, and after the site is constructed may cause day to day difficulties for the shop in its operation, and concerns that it could result in the loss of the facility should this occur. The Post Office van also stops outside the shop. as well as those using the facility already tight

for parking.

- The overspill of the visiting cars to the five properties may cause a disturbance to the neighbouring properties due to lack of parking for this need on the site itself.

- It was felt that the number of houses for the site should be four instead of five dwellings so that the properties are then larger and negate the need for them to be three storeys. It was felt that three storey homes is not in-keeping with the local area / village and the plan needed to be revised.

- **The Annual Accountability and Governance Return 2018/19** - was approved.

- **Church Ruins** - The Clerk agreed to review minute books and contact the Borough Council to ascertain who was responsible for grounds maintenance in the closed churchyard that was the Church ruins. It was suggested that a public consultation be arranged by the Church in the Village Hall as a next step so the public could share their views which could then be pulled together at a later stage so the right decisions are taken. The Parish Council would be prepared to attend and then in their meetings that follow discuss it further. Note support can be only be given to a project that reflected the will of the people in the village.

Ordinary Meeting - 1 July 2019

- UK Power network were re-instating electricity to a pole on Campsey Road for a Street Light installation. When they have resolved, the Parish Council's contractor will supply a quote to fit a new light in that location. The light had been missing for some time.

- Cllr Martin Storey, County and Borough Councillor advised the County Council continued considering cuts to budgets. The Borough Council continued to sift planning applications as part of a new process. He was to attend the Police and Crime Panel as a member. All welcome to contact him with any issues at any time.

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- Traps Gate path would be reviewed by NCC but there appeared to be no cracking. This was not the Parish Council's responsibility.

- A Youth Club organiser had been found but there were still volunteers needed in order to run the club. It would be a loss to the village if the club ceased and volunteers would only need to give their time every other Thursday from 7-8.30 pm in the village hall. Anyone interested should contact the youth club.

- Thanks to Councillors for fixing the football hut door again following vandalism by youths in the village.

- Community Payback Scheme had two more dates in July 16th and 30th to paint and clean items on the playing field and play area.

- The Clerk had reported a drain to NCC on Recreation Drive again with a picture after they advised it could not be found.

- The Clerk continued to chase NCC for action on a missing path on Lynn Road following housing development that needed reinstatement.

- The Parish Council had met the tarmac contractor at the cemetery regarding the path that had been installed last year as there were a few weeds in the middle that were pushing up. The Parish Council agreed remedial works with the contractor and would continue to monitor.

- The Draft Southery Statement of Community Involvement would be postponed and placed back on a agenda should the Chair or Vice Chair deem appropriate after their training Autumn time.

- The proposer in relation to a village hall project had advised that due to other committed projects they were no longer able to support one in Southery at this time.



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- Purchase of a dog bin was agreed at Black Bank Drove following approval by NCC and BCKLWN.

- Electrical installation work to the football hut was agreed at £585 as it had recently been inspected and isolated due to the electrics being deemed unsafe. Swish agreed to pay half the costs as they used the



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source for their events. The Parish Council agreed for the temporary removal of the goal posts for the carnival by Swish, it was possible to lift off and replace back on.

- New padlocks for the football hut was agreed up to a spend of £50 as the current ones needed returning to someone previously had access.

- The Councillors agreed to consider what was required for refurbishment in the toilet block by having a site visit together when possible.

- The Clerk confirmed the grounds maintenance contractor had agreed to clear the grass to the boundary in the cemetery as it had got overgrown and particularly in the cremation area. Councillors agreed to clear large weeds that had grown on the older grave areas.

- The Council agreed to commission a tree hazard management report for parish owned land.

- The Parish Council agreed to purchase lamppost poppies up to £50 for Remembrance Sunday.

- Cllr Chris Edwards agreed to review the state of the bench on Ugate Street for possible refurbishment



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- A representative from the Church advised that they would be holding a public consultation meeting where Norfolk Wildlife Trust, English Heritage and the Diocese would be attending and it would be held in the Church as close to the site. The Chair shared that the Parish Council would be happy to attend and it could only put support to a project that the public can be involved in as this process would be representative of the community. The Chair shared that if something went ahead it needed to be the will of the people in the village. The Parish Council also felt that it would monitor turn out at any consultation event and should it be considered a low turnout it would review the consultation method.
- The PC agreed to purchase a third speed management sign battery for £80.
- Planning Consultation Received - Siting of a mobile home on rear garden at 8 Lynn Road Southery Downham Market Norfolk PE38 0HU. The Parish Council agreed to return no comments.
- The Clerk agreed to report vision splay grass cutting on Campsey Road to NCC.
- The Clerk agreed to investigate Tree Preservation Orders in Southery.
- The Clerk agreed to report a pot hold on Ringmore Road junction.

Chapel Services for August

4th 11am - Church Fellowship
Service, **4th** 6.30pm - Mrs. Joella
Nash – Songs of Praise

11th 11am - Church Fellowship
Service, **18th** 11am -No Service at
Southery – we join with Hilgay at

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8 11am - Mr. John Miles

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inside the church. We had lots of visitors who enjoyed a cream tea, competitions, stalls and a raffle and we made £382. Thank you to all who helped in any way.

I know its only August (but there is no magazine in September) and Christmas is a long way off but I am again organising Shoe Boxes for the charity 'Link to Hope.'

The boxes have to be completed and collected by the end of October so that they can be taken to their main depot, packed onto a lorry and transported to the very poor in Eastern Europe, to arrive by Christmas. You can fill a box either for a family or an elderly person. If you would like to do this please let me know and I will drop a leaflet off to you. This tells you exactly what items to put in the box. Many thanks.

Our August Favourite Hymns and Afternoon Tea is on Weds. 14th at 2.30 and in September it will be on Weds 11th at 2.30.

Harvest Festival is on September 22nd at 10.00 **Marion Lewis**
07775973404

St Mary's Services for August

Aug 4th - 10am benefice
service at Feltwell, 11th – 5pm
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18th – 9.15am Eucharist, 25th –
10am Service of the Word, 22nd
Sept Harvest festival

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Entry details with payment by Saturday 5th October. (Cheques made payable to St Mary's Church Southery) to Beryl, Telephone 01366 377641 or David Starling, 5 Feltwell Road, Southery. PE38 0NW.

St Mary's Church Quiz Entry Form

Name of organisation / family _____

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SAY A PRAYER

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house.

Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served.

When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away.

"Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer." said his mother.

"I don't need to," the boy replied.

"Of course, you do." his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house." Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!"

Useful Phone numbers

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Youth Club

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County Council

Martin Storey - 07850 866854

Southery Village Hall



Tues - Auction - Entries by 2:30pm Auction 6:30pm

Thurs - Youth Club every 2nd & 4th of the month 7 - 9pm

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The closing date for items for the next issue is the 12th of the preceding month

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