

Southery

Village voice



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Southery Carnival – not forgotten!! J **Treasure Hunt**

On Sunday 29th September 10 cars full of 27 eager treasure hunters set off from the Old White Bell with their instructions in hand. This years route took them through Hilgay, West Dereham, Wretton, Stoke Ferry, Wereham, Runcton Holme, Watlington, Magdalen and Barroway Drove (or Outwell for one car!) Bonus points were available for selfies with the village signs.

The overall winners this year were the Dippy Doras, who finished with an impressive 68 points and collected all village sign bonus points. There was a tie for second with two teams on 64 points. Jane and Katie came second as they completed the most bonus point challenges, although the Oldies but Goodies got more questions correct they took longer and used more miles than Jane and Katie which ultimately bumped them into third place.

The Law Abider trophy went to Charlies Angels, and the law breakers to last years overall winners the Audi Bors. The wooden spoon was contested between the Bourbon Bandits and Martin & Skoda, The Bourbon Bandits had less questions correct but didn't get so lost they need to call for directions 4 times!

Thank you to everyone who took part! Look out for a date for next year!!

Xmas Bus Norwich – 2nd December

Coach leaves outside Old White Bell, Southery at 9.30am then on to Hilgay Memorial before heading off to Norwich. Departs Norwich at approx. 4pm. To book a seat email rose@southery.com/ call Swish phone or message us on facebook. Seats are £5 and please remember if bringing babies/small children they must have own car seats to travel. Look forward to seeing you, all welcome(sorry no pets!)

Santa Visits – 3rd & 5th December

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cath@southery.com.

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Macmillan Coffee Morning

Another fantastic coffee morning and Bingo raising £2505 for Macmillan Cancer Care West Norfolk.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make it such a big success, from the invite delivery people, helpers at the coffee morning and in the evening at the bingo.

Thanks also to everyone who donated books, cakes, bric-a-brac, etc, buying the grand draw raffles tickets and all donations which were much appreciated.

Last but not least, everyone who visited the Village Hall for coffee and supporting the stalls. The children from Southery Academy looked smart, were polite and very friendly.

With the children visiting us it made a great community effort and we should be very proud of ourselves for such a successful day.

Thank you again. **Beryl**

Southery Playgroup

Southery Playgroup's Xmas Shopping Night Thursday 28th November at Southery Academy. 6-8pm. Loads of fantastic stalls, a huge raffle and a free mince pie! Come along and grab a bargain, whilst supporting your village Playgroup! Thank you

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Southery Speed Watch

There were three watches completed during September, two on Lynn Road and one at the top of Feltwell Road, 20 vehicles were logged exceeding the speed limit.

My thanks to the team for all of their support.

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Southery W.I.

Sue Hilton welcomed members to our October meeting and introduced Mark and David from The East Anglian Air Ambulance. We were shown the many aspects of what to do in an emergency and we were then able to have a go at CPR on the dummies provided, Mark and David were thanked by Sue, they also judged our flower of the month competition and awarded 1st Sue Hilton 2nd Lorraine Cummings 3rd Marion Garrett.

Refreshments were then served by Margaret Rose and Brenda Walsh.

This being nominations night for the committee for 2020 nomination papers were handed out to members.

Dates for Diaries:-

St Marys Church will be holding a Christmas Tree Festival again this year with the theme "Winter Wonderland", trees to be decorated by December 10th.

Our Christmas Meal will be at The Folgate Inn Stradsett on Wednesday 11th December.

Four members will be going to The Centenary Celebration Service at St. Nicholas Church Kings Lynn on Friday December 13th. Our Christmas Bingo will also be on December 13th in The Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The Norfolk Federation Annual Meeting will be held on April 8th 2020 at The Theatre Royal Norwich.

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The walking Group is still going strong, anyone wishing to join us please see Lorraine Cummings or Beryl Stubbins, we walk on the Monday following our meeting and start from The Church at 9.45am.

At the November 7th Meeting which is our Annual Meeting we have as our speaker David Reeve and his talk will

be "Protecting our Royals" and our December 5th Meeting will be a Social Evening with members preparing food.

Our Meetings are held in The Village Hall on the first Thursday of the month at 7.15 p.m. **Val Osler**

SOUTHERY PARISH COUNCIL

Anaerobic Digester - (Feltwell) - A member of

public expressed concerns of increased traffic through the village. The Chair shared that it fell outside the Parish Council's remit as a consultee, but if there is concerns in the village the Parish Council would discuss at their next meeting, the Clerk agreed to seek information.

Village Voice Magazine. The new editor was in attendance to be in place from January 2020. The current editor advised that when the current magazine was produced there was 460 copies a month. Since that time they were now producing over 600. Publication costs since that time had increased and adverts had decreased so they were now only breaking even. The Parish Council were contributing to around a third of the magazine's content with their minutes. The Village Voice had requested a donation of between £150-£200, and in the last 20 years the Parish Council had donated £310 to the magazine which included, £150 in October 2016 towards a new printer. The new editor of the magazine addressed the Parish Council and shared that he had planned to improve it with website design and the magazine was something that was appreciated by the older generation.

War Memorial A resident shared a visitor to the village from the midlands wished to pass on their thanks for the beautiful poem on the memorial.

(Clerks Report)

- Highways had identified works to the road on Westgate Street and past to a contractor for assessment.

- NCC Highways Senior Manager advised that they were carrying out extensive patching to the A10 junction (Southern) which will tidy the area up. The kerbs had failed due to an issue with the concrete backing which our works team are investigating

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and they will be pushing for remedials to be undertaken as a matter of urgency. The Parish Council felt that the junction should be a slip road to the right to avoid this issue from re-occurring and was not wide enough for the two vehicles intended, and the Clerk agreed to contact them with this response.

- The Clerk inspected memorials in the cemetery and there was a high number which had come free from their plinths.

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The Clerk would be contacting next of kin and placing notices on those affected.

The Council discussed at length the flooding situation in the Campsey road area. Cllr Martin Storey felt that they should be prioritising other areas over this one. The Parish Council felt that the response was not sufficient and agreed to invite the team to a meeting and invite residents at Campsey Road.

- **Lynn Road Missing Pathway** - The Clerk had contacted them numerous times since mid-February and the latest was that the issue was being dealt with by NCC

Highways and the Planning Department as it would have been a condition of that.

- **Streetlight Campsey Road** - UK Power networks had installed a supply on 5th October, the contractor would not be procuring a light to put in its place.

- **Planning Applications Received Between Meetings (no meeting needed) and no comments returned to Planning:** 19/01516/F Demolition of agricultural building and construction of replacement agricultural building at Towlers Farm Southery Road Feltwell Norfolk IP26 4ER and 19/01386/F Construction of an open front horse shelter and hay barn at Land At E562338 N293844 Common Lane Southery Norfolk.

To Discuss and Approve Parish Partnership 201920 - Bus Shelter Following discussions of safety of school children getting their bus to school on Feltwell Road, the Clerk agreed to contact Norfolk County Council and the High School to invite them to work with the Parish Council spending the money on improving this issue and discuss again at the November meeting.

To Discuss the Speed Sign Data, if any - The Parish Council had received the latest data. The Feltwell Road data was 21 days and not 31, so hitting about 84k vehicles for the month of September. Reported 20 vehicles in September and 19 of which had received letters to slow down, there were two police watches in September and there had been a significant number of those that had speeding fines or a speed awareness course. Cllr Annette Osler had attended a recent meeting held by the Downham Police Team



and they were interested in working with the Parish on any such matters. The Police Officer at the meeting had advised her that he had a contact at the Sugar Factory and any lorries that were caught speeding to contact the local police.

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The Parish Council had returned comments on the inadequate access to the development, the number of homes needing to be four and not five, and three storey home design not being in-keeping with the village. The areas of access and three storey home design had been addressed and the access moved and there were no longer three storey homes on the revised application received for comment again. However the Parish Council still had concerns of the number of homes in relation to the cars that would be accessing the road from Westgate Street. The Parish Council felt that there most likely would be two cars per household as well as visitors. As well as the traffic causing issues in being near the school, the shop and the high number of vehicles that go through the village and the lorries already. It was noted that this view mirrored the public's comments received by Planning online. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to object to the planning application on the grounds of traffic and highways issues, because there would be an overspill of vehicles from the development due to lack of parking within it, and that it the Parish Council felt that the development should be for four homes and not five to alleviate this issue and create more parking. They felt that lack of parking within the development would result in the residents and their visitors from this development parking out on the main road (Westgate Street), which it would affect the shop's operation, residents that live on that road, and safety concerns for the school children who attend Southery Primary on the same road. Extra parked cars on Westgate Street would further compound the issues the village suffers from the HGV lorries that travel through the village in high numbers on Westgate Street.

Councillors concerns and agenda items for next meeting



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- Councillors were going to install the large poppies at the end of October and gravel would be purchased at no charge to the Parish for the memorial. The Clerk agreed to check wreath purchases. Cllr Roger Whitehead agreed to lay the wreath on the war memorial and Cllr Crispin Copsey agreed to lay the wreath on the Waring War Memorial.

- The Waring War Memorial was also received small gravel at no charge to the village.

- The footpath from Feltwell Road to Campsey Road had been integrated into a garden, the Clerk agreed to David Mills the Public Right of Way officer

- The Clerk agreed to check with the BCKLWN that the bin at Black Bank Drove was being emptied.

- There would be further meetings the Police will be holding that the Parish Council will attend.

- The Chair and Vice Chair found the recent training they had attended with NALC had been very informative. The Chair would be sharing notes from the training with Councillors. They felt that Planning training was something the Parish Council might benefit from.

- There were still a high number of dogs on the playing field whose owners were not collecting the waste after, it was agreed to remind people to clear up behind themselves and that there were fines applicable for those who didn't. It was a health hazard for people and in particular children who play there.

- A bin on the Werehen still had a sponsorship sign on it that was no defunct, it was agreed to remove it.

. Date of next meeting – Monday 4 November 2019

The meeting was closed at 9.16 pm.

Council Tax Support Scheme 2020/2021 - Consultation Now Open

***OFFICIAL - ***

The consultation for the 2020/2021 Council Tax Support scheme is now open and can be found at www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/ctsconsultation

As in previous years, the council is keen to hear views on the scheme from as many of its residents as possible. It would be a great help if you could encourage people in your area to have a look at the details and complete the questionnaire, and also let us have any comments you may have.

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.CHURCH NEWS

At the end of September a concert was held in Church to celebrate the completion of the restoration work on the organ.

David Ivory, who is well known locally for recitals of popular and classical organ music, performed at the concert. His playing was amazing and was enjoyed by all. We had puddings and wine in the interval. It was a good evening.

During the Sunday service on 17th November the organ will be re-dedicated to the glory of God.

The children from Southery Academy came to church to celebrate Harvest Festival. They kindly donated tins and packets of food which has been taken to the Food Bank in Downham Market and was gratefully received.

The Remembrance Sunday Service will be held this year on Sunday 10th Nov. at the Methodist Chapel at 10.00am followed by the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 11.00am.

The Academy are coming to church on Friday 8th for their Act of Remembrance.

Favourite Hymns and Afternoon Tea is on Weds. 13th November at 2.30pm.

We are holding a Christmas Tree Festival again this year. If anyone would like to decorate a tree or do a Nativity scene please let us know.

Marion Lewis 377610 Judith Legge 377644

Services and Events at St Mary's

Nov 3rd 10 a.m. Weeting All Saints, 3rd All Souls 3 p.m. Northwold

8th p.m. Academy Remembrance Service, 10th Remembrance Sunday 10 a.m. Methodists, 13th 2.30 pm Favourite Hymns and tea, 17th 10 a.m. Rededication of St. Mary's Restored Organ, 24th 10 a.m. Service of the Word, 27th PCC meeting at Marion's 7 p.m., 29th 7.30pm Christmas Bingo

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Chapel Services for November

3rd 11am - Mr. Greg Sargent, **3rd** 6.30pm - Rev. Maurice Stafford Songs of Praise,
10th 10am - United Service for Remembrance Sunday together with congregation
from St. Marys at Chapel – Rev. David Yabbacome **17th** 11am Mrs. Joella Nash, **24th**
11am Church Fellowship Service

Hereward The Wake

(Hereward was to Ely as Robin Hood was to Nottingham)

The legendary Hereward the Wake, the guerrilla leader who headed Anglo-Saxon resistance to **William the Conqueror** for five years has been called one of history's "greatest Englishmen".

The Domesday Book confirms that a man named Hereward held lands at Witham on the Hill and Barholm with Stow in the southwestern corner of Lincolnshire as a tenant of Peterborough Abbey. Before his exile, Hereward had lands as a tenant of Croyland Abbey at Crowland, eight miles to the east of Market Deeping in the neighbouring fenland.

Known in his own time as Herward the Outlaw, the epithet "the Wake" is first mentioned in the late fourteenth-century Peterborough Chronicle, which could either derive from 'watchful' or from the Wake family, Norman landowners who acquired his lands in Bourne, Lincolnshire, after his death, they claimed descent from Hereward's daughter by his second wife, Alfruda.

Primary sources on Hereward's exploits are either brief or sometimes enigmatic. They consist of the Anglo-Saxon Chronicles, the Domesday Book, the Liber Eliensis (Book of Ely), and much the most detailed, the Gesta Herwardi Saxonis ('Deeds of Hereward the Saxon'), compiled by monastic scholars in the eleventh century.

Hereward, by all accounts, a hot-headed young man, was exiled from England at the age of eighteen for disobedience to his father, and was declared an outlaw by the Saxon King Edward the Confessor. After spending some time in military activity on the continent as a mercenary for the Count of Flanders, Hereward returned to England following the Norman conquest, either in late 1066 or 1070 to discover his family's lands



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had been confiscated and given to the Norman Ivo de Taillebuis and his father and brother killed, his brother's decapitated head was placed on a spike at the entrance to his house.

Overhearing Normans ridiculing his countrymen at a drunken feast, Hereward exacted a bloody revenge for his family, with the aid of only one follower, he is said to have killed fourteen of them. The next day fourteen Norman heads had replaced that of his brother at the gate. He then went to Peterborough Abbey where he was knighted by his uncle Abbot Brand. After returning briefly to the continent while the heated situation cooled, he returned again to England.

In 1070, Hereward took part in a rebellion against Norman rule which centred on the Isle of Ely. The Danish king Sweyn Estrithson sent a small army to try to establish a camp on the Isle of Ely, where Hereward joined them. Brand had been replaced at Peterborough Abbey by a Norman abbot, Turolf of Fecamp. With the aid of the Danes, 'Hereward and his crew' stormed and sacked Peterborough Abbey, claiming that he wished to save the Abbey's treasures from the rapacious Normans.

William the Conqueror led an army to Ely, where Hereward, joined by a small army led by Morcar, the former Saxon Earl of Northumbria, made a desperate stand. Ely at that time was an island in the fenland, William was foiled on three occasions by Hereward in his attempts to build a causeway across the impassable marshes, known as the Aldreth Causeway. However, during William's first attack the weight of the troops on the bridge was so great that the causeway sank and many soldiers drowned.

The legends surrounding Hereward state that the third time, while William was encamped at Brandon, Hereward rode there, meeting a potter, whom he persuaded to exchange clothes, in disguise and carrying their potter's wares, he daringly managed to enter William's camp and overheard his plans. William even went as far as employing a witch to curse the band of Saxon rebels. Following the construction of William's third causeway, his troops proceeded along it in attempt to take Ely, Hereward's men, who lay hidden in the reeds, set fire to the area, engulfing the Normans in flames, those who tried to escape were either drowned or killed by Anglo-Saxon arrows.

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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