

Southery Village Voice



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COVID-19

As a village, I am sure we are all looking out for each other and making sure that we keep each other safe. As a reminder the latest information on the current situation can be found at the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> As you know from the daily briefings on TV, the nature of the lockdown and support available, including testing, has been changing. The latest information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>



Do not leave home if you or someone you live with has any of the following:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

[Check the NHS website if you have symptoms](#)

Find help if you're struggling because of coronavirus

For example, with paying bills, being out of work, or taking care of your mental health.

→ [Find help](#)

Guidance and support

Open all	
Protect yourself and others from coronavirus	+
Testing for coronavirus	+
Health and wellbeing	+
Employment, financial support and money	+
Working safely	+
Businesses and self-employed people	+
School openings, education and childcare	+
Housing and accommodation	+
Driving and transport in the UK	+
International travel and immigration	+
Volunteering and offering help	+
Healthcare workers, carers and care settings	+

Chapel Services

It is with sadness that we announce that all Worship Services are suspended for the time being in line with Government guidance. We will keep you informed as the situation continues.

CHURCH NEWS

The church is still closed although for the last 4 weeks one person has been allowed in to ring the bell for the 'Thursday Clap for Carers'. Sadly this has now finished.

Some of you may have seen the display that we did in the church porch for VE day.

We have done another one for Pentecost or Whit Sunday which was 31st May.

Continue taking care everyone. *Marion Lewis*

Editor comment: As you will be aware the May edition of the newsletter was fully an online version of the newsletter. As we enter June, there has been further lifting of restrictions and schools and additional shops will begin to open. Garden centres are now open but please be aware of social distancing requirements and help to continue to keep everyone safe. It is possible to download the newsletter pdf from the website and send it by social media to your family and friends and it can be read on a mobile phone or tablet.

We hope that the July issue might return to being a paper newsletter distributed to the houses in the village. We are very interested to receive news items, including photos of activities taking place around the village.

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Learning Support Resources

The link found on the village-voice website (www.village-voice.org) or below opens up a folder full of learning resources for different ages. This includes links to free online classes such as PE, dance and art lessons with professionals, online freebies, indoor activity day ideas, and various other free learning resources. I've collected as much as I can and add to it daily, if I can't find something for free I design it myself so I can provide it for free. You can also find me on Instagram at @inspirationforisolation for daily activities and ideas.

Danielle Kirk

https://drive.google.com/drive/mobile/folders/1cvizYU5BO5OFa71UXP_Wkxr7Gnalw4Jf

Although children will begin to return to schools the link remains available

SWISH

At present this year's outdoor event will still take place on Saturday 25th July at Southery Playing Field. As always there will be entertainment for the whole family. If you would like to book a stall/car boot please message cathy@southery.com call the Swish phone or message us on Facebook. Pitch fees: stalls £10/ car boot £5

If there are any people in the village unable to leave home because of coronavirus there is a group called Covid-19 Southery help. They offer support to the people of Southery and ensure nobody is left isolated or without support. They ask nothing in return and are local neighbours not a professional body. They can arrange deliveries, pick up shopping, collect medication, post mail, top up gas/electric etc in ways that keep you and them safe. Call Ross on 07749 171123 or Clare on 07960 226517

Stay safe folks.... Swish Team

Dates for the diary

25th July – Wild West Outdoor Event

20th August – Hunstanton Bus Trip

September – Pantomime auditions

16th October – Bingo

14th November – Swish Ball(TBC)

30th November – Xmas Bus Trip to Norwich

8th & 10th December – Santa Visits

Swish phone: 07983 162684 or find us on Facebook.

Amusing news headlines

- Latest Panda mating fails: Veterinarian to take over
- New study on obesity looks for larger test group
- Astronaut takes blame for gas in space station

Rebuilding Southery, 1945



Britain celebrated May 8th 1945, Victory in Europe as VE-Day, street parties were held. Labour won the General Election and wanted a Better Britain for all, but had to contend with the financial burdens from the war years. Rationing continued, especially in 1946 with a huge bread shortage after the harvest failed. The National Health Act was passed, free medical help, dentists, opticians became available and BBC resumed televising in 1946, first broadcasts for children, Muffin the Mule. Austerity continued for years after the war. The Government tried to provide jobs, constructing houses and prefabs with indoor toilets. Coal, iron, steel, railways and electricity were nationalised.

Meanwhile in Southery, the Wissington Railway carried produce to the main roads and Wissington Factory. The Italian Prisoners of War helped with the land work, worked on the railway and constructed 9 ft concrete roads through Feltwell Fen. They were housed in Poppylot Camp on the Feltwell Road. A church, St. Paul's, catered for the many families from the Norfolk County Council Holdings and farms on the Feltwell Road. Large areas of fen scrubland were opened up and cultivated for the first time to help with the national effort to produce food and be self-sufficient.

November 21st 1946 saw the first meeting of the Southery branch of the NFU. The meeting was held in the Oddfellows Hall and housing and the need for land workers was on the agenda. The NFU was concerned about the shortage of housing for agricultural workers, many prefabs and council houses were built after the war, particularly the houses in Recreation Drive and Hall Close. A Young Farmers Club was started in Downham Market, providing agricultural education and a marriage bureau.

Mr. Bartholomew carried on as Headmaster, ably assisted by Mrs. Bartholomew. The school leaving age was raised to 15, some of the older children from Southery went to Downham Secondary School for lessons for cookery. A new canteen block was built at the bottom of the school yard and central heating with a boiler house was installed. Electric light and mains water were installed before the war.

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Southery Village Hall



Tuesdays – Auction – Entries by 2:30pm with Auction at 6:30pm

Thursdays – Youth Club every 2nd and 4th of the month 7-9pm

Friday – Bingo – 7:30pm

EVENTS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED



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The Rev. W. H. Woodhouse took over from Rev. E Morton in 1947 and looked after St. Mary's Church, St. Mary's the ruin and St. Paul's Poppylot. The roof of the ruin was removed and some of the walls lowered to make it safe in 1949. The Bishop of Ely visited the little wooden church, St. Paul's of Poppylot, packed to the doors with people, who had walked along the tracks from remote farms. The spire was restored on St. Mary's and the new altar dedicated in the side chapel, dedicated to the long serving Rev. Clement Hall. The Rector provided 2 houses on a Monday night of the Parson's Picture Palace, especially Westerns. Tennis was played on the Church tennis courts. November 1949 the new District Nurse moved into the nurse's bungalow and the new War Memorial Tablet was dedicated by Flt. Lt. Finlay a member of the congregation.

Everyday life continued to be difficult. The winter of 1946 was harsh, windy and bitterly cold with heavy snowstorms, bringing hard times once more. In the spring of 1947, the snow melted, the ground was hard and the River Wissey burst its banks. The River Wissey flooded the farmland around Hilgay and Southery. Despite valiant efforts from the Army and villagers, the waters broke through a culvert under the Ferry Bank, Southery, Feltwell Fen was flooded. Some families abandoned their homes and moved into the school and some stayed in temporary quarters in Bexwell. Donations were gratefully received from the Lord Mayor's Fund, the government and the NFU Agricultural Disaster Fund to rebuild the flooded areas. The farmers worked hard to grow crops as soon as the fields could be planted, food was still desperately short. The summer was dry and hot, Les Legge grew some of his best cabbages ever.

Lynn News & Advertiser 1945 - *There was a large congregation for a VE-Day thanksgiving service at Southery Parish Church, conducted by the rector, the Rev. E. Morton, while a well-attended service was also held at the Methodist church conducted by Mr. Willis Griggs. On the Sunday (May 13th) afternoon members of the Home Guard, Civil Defence and other organisations marched through the village to the parish church, which was crowded for a service conducted by the rector. The collection amounted to more than £18 for the Red Cross.*

Provided by Judith Legge

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being held until further notice due to Covid-19
Coronavirus
but please go to the website for the latest information
<https://southeryparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

Please see the policies section of the Parish Council website for more information.

It is understood a volunteer group has kindly contacted all residents through sending flyers in the village during March, so any resident requiring help should consider this option open to them. Thank you to those people who have taken it upon themselves to do this and put this in place and for helping the residents of Southery. Should you wish to make contact with them the Clerk is happy to pass on your details if you contact her 07795006811.

Coronavirus

There are some simple steps we can all take to help keep ourselves safe and prevent the spread of Coronavirus:

- Reduce the risk of catching and/or spreading viral infections. Wash your hands! It sounds obvious, but there are so many occasions where we put our hands to our mouth giving viruses an easy way in. Regular hand washing can reduce that risk significantly, and it only takes 20 seconds to wash them properly by following [this NHS guide](#).
- Avoid touching your hands to your face as much as possible, especially to your eyes, mouth or nose.
- Catch it, Bin it, Kill it ... Germs can live on some surfaces for hours. To protect yourself and others, always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.

For the latest information on the Coronavirus visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>.

If anyone has any concerns about their health they should call 111.

- Keep 2 metre distance from others, stay home and protect the NHS. Only shop for essentials and one hour of exercise each day within those who you live with.
- Resources for schools and communities are also available at www.norfolk.gov.uk/coronavirustoolkit which encourage Norfolk residents to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds soap and warm water- one of the most effective ways to prevent



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Face coverings

There has been a lot of discussion regarding face coverings recently based on 'My face covering protects you and your face covering protects me'. Whether this will become a recommendation across the UK we will find out. However, it seems that people are using them in places where they may come into contact with larger groups such as when shopping. Here are three ways to make face covering which can be found on the internet.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

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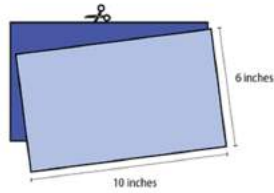
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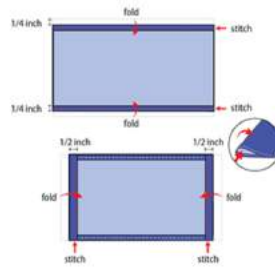
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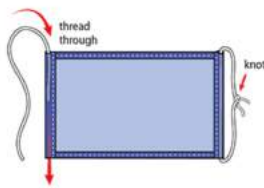
1. Cut out two 10-by-6-inch rectangles of cotton fabric. Use tightly woven cotton, such as quilting fabric or cotton sheets. T-shirt fabric will work in a pinch. Stack the two rectangles; you will sew the mask as if it was a single piece of fabric.



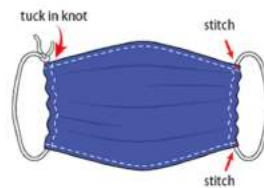
2. Fold over the long sides $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and hem. Then fold the double layer of fabric over $\frac{1}{2}$ inch along the short sides and stitch down.



3. Run a 6-inch length of $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch wide elastic through the wider hem on each side of the mask. These will be the ear loops. Use a large needle or a bobby pin to thread it through. Tie the ends tight. Don't have elastic? Use hair ties or elastic head bands. If you only have string, you can make the ties longer and tie the mask behind your head.



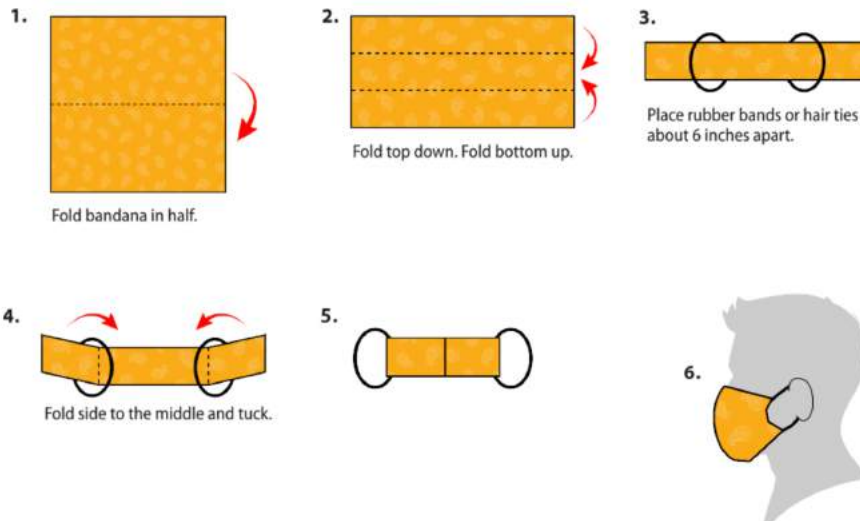
4. Gently pull on the elastic so that the knots are tucked inside the hem. Gather the sides of the mask on the elastic and adjust so the mask fits your face. Then securely stitch the elastic in place to keep it from slipping.



Materials

- Bandana (or square cotton cloth approximately 20"x20")
- Rubber bands (or hair ties)
- Scissors (if you are cutting your own cloth)

Tutorial



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