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Editor comment: The new website for the newsletter can be found at **www.village-voice.org** and is already receiving subscribers and comments. Thank you for the comments that have been received which we have reviewed and actioned where necessary.

The closing date for inclusion in the next issue of the Village Voice is the 12th of the month. If you have any items for the newsletter then please send them to **contact@village-voice.org**

Message from Val Osler: I will be hanging up my hat as Treasurer of The Village Voice from January having been in at the beginning in 2000 and would like to wish the new Editor, Chris, every success and also to David who will be taking on my position. I will still be involved in preparing the Magazine and my husband Geoff will still be delivering, so not quite retiring.

Prostate Cancer Quiz

I would like to thank everyone who attended my quiz in aid of Prostate Cancer that was held at The Old White Bell in December. In total we managed to raise £250 which has been donated to the charity Prostate Cancer UK. I would like to give a special thanks to The Old White Bell for hosting the event and to David Fletcher for writing and leading the quiz. Thanks again to all involved. *Melvyn Woodbridge*

Church News

A cheque for £250 was sent to The Children's Society which was the collection from our Christingle service plus a couple of donations. Thank you to all who gave so generously. All the trees, candles and nativity sets have been packed away and we are looking towards the next events in the church calendar. Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day (or Mardi Gras as its called in some cultures) is a feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Traditionally, Christians went to confession the day before Lent began and were 'shriven' or had their sins forgiven, hence the word 'shrove' Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast and pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients. The pancake has a very long history, appearing in history books as far back as the 15th Century. The tradition of tossing them is almost as old.

The ingredients for pancakes are symbolic:

Eggs—creation

Flour—the staff of life

Salt—wholesomeness

Milk—purity

Enjoy your pancakes and don't forget the lemon juice and sugar!!

Our next Favourite Hymns and Afternoon Tea is on Weds 12th February at 2.30.

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Chapel Services for February

2nd February at 11am

2nd February at 6.30pm

9th February at 11am

16th February at 11am

23rd February at 11am

Rev. Maurice Stafford

Rev. Maurice Stafford - Songs of Praise

Mrs Heather Brown

Church Fellowship Service

Mr John Miles

Swish

Happy New Year to you all from the Swish Committee; sent with our very best wishes and thanks for your continued support. Without you there would be no us!

We would like to thank David Starling for publishing all our news each month over the last few years and wish him all the best in his retirement from the Mag.

Our final project of 2019 was participating in St Mary's Church Winter Wonderland. There were many decorated trees and festive displays from the whole community filling the Church with a festive backdrop for their Christmas services.

2020 begins a new decade and our 10th anniversary together. We are already busy planning events for this year now that Panto season has passed and will keep you up to date with these as they unfold.

Swish phone: 07983 162684 or find us on Facebook.

Services at St. Mary's Church, Southery

March 1st 2020 9.15 a.m.

Eucharist at Feltwell

March 1st 2020 11 a.m.

Eucharist at Weeting

March 8th 2020 5.00 p.m.

Communion

March 15th 2020 10 a.m.

Eucharist

March 22nd 2020 10 am

Service of the Word

March 29th 2020 10 a.m.

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Charity Bingo

The charity bingos held in the Village Hall during 2019 raised £1500.00. This amount has been divided equally between RNLI, Salvation Army, SERV's (Blood bikes), Southery Church Organ Appeal, West Norfolk Hard of Hearing Club (Downham Market Group), Kings Lynn Night Shelter.

Bingos were also held for Macmillan Cancer Care in January, The Gurkers Appeal Fund in June and the Poppy Appeal in November.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported these bingos, given prizes and helped in any way to make them such a success.

Bingo is being held every Friday in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. A warm welcome is extended to everyone who comes along. Please come and join us and help raise funds not only for charity, but the Village Hall, Church, Christmas lights, WI and other village organisations.

Beryl

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
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Southery W.I.

Sue Hilton welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2020 and introduced Rosie from the West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Magpie Centre at Wallington Hall Runcton Holme where they cater for a wide range of ages and abilities. Many start at an early age and continue into adulthood. The Centre has trained staff and an army of willing volunteers providing Riding Lessons and also Carriage Driving. Rosie was thanked by Sue. Rosie judged our Flower of the Month Competition with the following results: 1st Sue Hilton, 2nd Marion Lewis and 3rd Doreen Goodwin.

Business

Voting took place for the Resolution that Southery W.I. would like to go forward to be discussed and voted upon at the National AGM in June and a majority vote went to 'A Call to Increase the Potential for Stem Cell Donor Registration'.

Dianne Edwards will be taking on the position of Programme Secretary with helpers to organise speakers and demonstrators for 2021.

Our outing in June was discussed and suggestions voted upon with Wroxham Broads a clear favourite. More about this later.

For those members going on the outing to The Tripllow Daffodil Festival on Sunday March 29th the cost will be £19 to be paid at February meeting please.

Refreshments were served by Judith Fletcher and Dorothy Turner and table flowers were arranged by Judith Fletcher.

Our Walking Group is still going strong so why not join us, nothing too strenuous, we walk on the Monday following our monthly meeting starting from the Church at 9.45 a.m.

Our speaker for February 6th will be Norfolk Painter Paul Bryant and for our 92nd Birthday Meeting on March 5th we have Pat Bernaki with Microwave Cakes.

Val Osler

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QUIZ EVENING

on

SATURDAY, 7th March 2020

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at

Southery Village Hall



Open to teams of four people £6 per person including supper.

(Please inform us if you have any allergies)

Feel free to bring your own drinks if you wish.

Entry details with payment by Saturday 29th February (Cheques made payable to St Mary's Church Southery) to Beryl, Telephone 01366 377641 or David Starling, 5 Feltwell Road, Southery. PE38 0NW.

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This section of the newsletter is for topics that are being raised by people of Southery on various social media and other forums. We hope that it might highlight issues that are important to the village and perhaps help find solutions to particular problems.

Dark nights

It is that time of year again when the dark nights and mornings can cause problems for drivers to see pedestrians, cyclists and other road users. There have been several comments recently about cyclists and pedestrians not being visible during the hours of darkness. Reflective clothing and/or lights really do save lives. The speed watch team help keep driving speeds through the village down so please help drivers see you in the dark.

Burglaries

There have been reports recently of vehicles and houses being broken into. Please be aware and keep your own property safe and perhaps be more aware of activities around the village and your neighbours properties.

Dogs

There are several issues being raised about dogs being allowed to use pathways and open areas for their poop. Please be considerate and take poop bags with you when you walk your dog.

Useful Telephone Numbers

Rev. Maurice Stafford 388766 *Church*

Rev. Joan Horan 01842 828034

Judith Legge 377677

Marion Lewis 377610

Maggie Blowers - 377623 - *Chapel*

Sue Hilton 377661 - *Womens Institute*

Swish 07983 162684

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Martin Storey 07850 866854 - *County Council*

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Alison Youngs - *Council Chairperson*

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David Starling - 377342 - *Treasurer,*

Village Voice

Brenda Butcher - 377326 - *Village Hall*



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