

Southery

Village voice



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Editor

As this is my last magazine as editor, I would like to thank all those who have contributed articles for the Mag every month and all those who have distributed the Mag to all the Village, without them you would not have a Mag dropped through your door every month.

I would now like to wish our new Editor, Dr Chris Stabely- Barnett all the best as he takes over. There might be a few teething problems at the start of the change over but I know he will make a good job of it. We are now producing 600 copies, when we started it was 500 obviously our costs have gone up so please support us by using the box at the shop.

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Southery W.I.

Sue Hilton welcomed members to our A.G.M. in November and introduced David Reeve who gave us an interesting talk on how for 14 years he helped protect our Royal Family, serving at Buckingham Palace, Sandringham House, Balmoral and many more, he was thanked by Sue.

Maureen Sharman and Kath Murfitt then served refreshments.

Business:- Sue Hilton agreed to continue as our President along with the existing committee, we also welcomed Dianne Edwards onto the committee for 2020.

The Minute Secretary Judith Fletcher gave her Annual Report and we have indeed had a busy and interesting year with a variety of speakers and demonstrators also attending Norfolk Federation events, Group Meetings and visiting surrounding Institutes,

Our Treasurer Beryl Stubbins gave her Annual Report and we again start the New Year with a healthy Bank Balance.

The Competition Secretary also gave her report and The W.i. Cup for the most points gained in 2019 was awarded to our President Sue Hilton, well done Sue.

Sue thanked everyone for their support in 2019 and we thank Sue for her dedication and generosity and look forward to another successful year in 2020.

Dates for Diaries:-

Thursday December 5th meeting in Village

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Hall will be a Social Evening with members preparing a meal.

Friday December 6th - Christmas Tree to be decorated in Church for Christmas Tree Festival.

Tuesday 10th - Downham Market Invitation 7 p.m.

Wednesday 11th - Christmas Meal - The Folgate Stradsett 7p.m. For 7.30p.m.

Friday 13th - Centenary Celebrations - St Nicholas Church Kings Lynn - 11a.m.

Friday 13th - Christmas Bingo 7.30 p.m.

David Reeve judged our flower of the month competition 1st Val Osler 2nd Sue Stacey 3rd Christine Bunn., Table Flowers arranged by Sue Hilton.

Southery W.I. would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2020/ **Val Osler**



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Southery Playgroup Nearly New Sale

Southery Playgroup are having a Nearly New Sale at Southery Village Hall on Saturday 7th December from 9am until 12 noon. If you would like to have a clear-out and raise some money for Christmas, tables can be booked for £5 each through the playgroup on 01366 377117 (9am-3pm Monday to Friday) or anytime via the Facebook Event page (search for Southery Playgroup Nearly New Sale). Alternatively come along to find some bargains! Refreshments will be available and all the money raised from the table bookings will be used to buy new resources and equipment for the children. We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your support. **Sarah Downes**

Southery Speed Watch

There were only two watches completed during October, both on Feltwell Road, 5 vehicles were logged exceeding the speed limit. With luck the weather will be kinder to us in November. Anyone interested in joining the group please contact me on the number below. **Ann Allenby 378417**

CHURCH NEWS

Southery Academy came to church for their assembly to commemorate Remembrance Day, joined by parents, grandparents and friends. Thank you all for a memorable and meaningful presentation.

The Methodist Chapel was full for the Sunday Remembrance day service and there was a large crowd at the War Memorial for the 2 minutes silence, reading the names of the fallen and laying of wreathes. A further wreath was then laid at the Tommy on the Werehen. It is just such a shame that cars are driven by during the proceedings and that their drivers cannot respect this event.

How nice it was to see all the poppies



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37 Shoe Boxes for the charity Link to Hope are now on their way to the very poor of Eastern Europe so that they can all receive them by Christmas. Thank you to all who

filled a box. It's such a worthwhile thing to do and brings so much joy to those who have nothing. There is a lot going on at St. Mary's at Christmas.

We have our Christmas Tree Festival. We need trees and windows decorated by Tuesday 10th please. There will be plenty of opportunity for everyone to come into church to see the trees.

On the 11th there is Favourite Carols and Afternoon Tea at 2.30pm.

The Academy Carol Concert is on Tues 17th at 6pm. Playgroup Nativity is on Thurs 19th at 9am. Coffee Morning from 10—12 on Saturday 21st

Christingle is on Sunday 22nd at 6pm. The church will be open from 3pm for anyone wishing to see the trees. The collection from the Christingle will be given to the Children's Society.

On Christmas Eve there will be a Eucharist service with carols at 9pm.

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2020.

Services for December

1st - Benefice service at Feltwell Tree Festival, **8th** 5pm - Communi **10th** - Christmas trees to place, **11th** - Christmas Carols & Tea, **15th** 9.15am - Eucharist, **17th** 6pm - Academy Carol Service,

19th - Southery Playgroup, **22nd** - Christingle **24th** 9pm Christmas Eve, **29th** - 10am - Benefice service at Hockwold,

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To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 October 2019. The minutes were agreed as a true record, proposed by Cllr Alison Youngs and seconded by Cllr Annette Osler, all were in favour.

Matters Arising (Clerks Report)

- Parish Partnership Funding - The Clerk is awaiting a date to meet with Andy Wallace, NCC Highways Manager to discuss options on the Feltwell Bus Stop area and suggested scheme for 2020/21 footbridge repair.

- Flooding on Campsey Road - Following request for a meeting with the Council the Water Management Team have shared the following response; *Unfortunately at this time we do not feel there is anything further the Flood and Water Management Team can do in Southery. Our threshold for a flood investigation is for a property to be internally flooded and currently there are no internally flooded properties along Campsey Road. We have communicated to residents their riparian responsibilities and have been out with a resident of Campsey Road who has had their ditches cleared following our letter. I think it would be beneficial to have the ditch cleared on the West of Campsey Road and I have communicated this to the land owner. Currently the ditch has not been cleared but at this stage it does not meet out threshold for enforcement.*

- NCC Highways confirmed that a manhole cover on Feltwell Road had been repaired.

- Numerous streetlights had been reported, and the quote for the light at Campsey Road chased up with the Council's contractor..

- The Clerk was awaiting a response in regard to concerns raised by the Parish Council on the A10 southern turning communication to Highways.

- Due to the Clerks annual leave tree surveying

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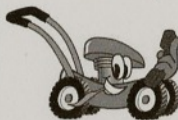
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costs had been deferred to December.

- Clock servicing contractor had confirmed to take it forward directly with the Church.

- Planning response in regard to the development on the garage site Westgate Street was sent shortly after the October meeting and determination was awaited.

- Dog bin emptying was chased up with BCKLWN for the new bin at Black Band Drove and resolved.

To Discuss Anaerobic Digester (Feltwell) - Information had been circulated to the Parish Council and it didn't appear to effect Southery as the movements of traffic were between the site and beet factory outside the village. The Council agreed that it had no comments.

To Discuss Southery Village Caretaker or Handyman Role - The Parish Council discussed the need for the role within the village, all agreed that the role was needed. The Parish Council discussed the terms of engagement and all agreed that it should be a self employed position rather than a paid employee. The Clerk agreed to pull a specification together for comments and presentation to a future meeting.

To Discuss Playing Field Toilet Refurbishment - The Parish Council had successfully been awarded £750 from the Borough Council to spend on the toilet block refurbishment. It was agreed that Parish Councillors would arrange to meet on site to agree the works.

To Approve Commissioning of Annual Play Area Report - The Parish Council agreed to commission the annual play area report, proposed by Cllr Alison Youngs, and seconded by Cllr Chris Edwards, all were in favour.

To Discuss and Approve Christmas Event Costs and Arrangements, if any - The Clerk agreed to source cones for the event. The gifts for children were being devised for the event and which would be funded by the money raised from Bingo. The Parish Council agreed to spend the winnings on the Christmas lights, gifts for the children and anything else that was needed for the event. The licence from the Borough Council and Music licence was within the budget which the Clerk was actioning. The Village Hall would be asked for availability should there be high winds or rain forecast on the night.



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To Discuss the Speed Sign Data, if any - There was no data available to view.

Cllr Chris Edwards proposed the payments for approval, seconded by Cllr Annette Osler, all were in favour

To Discuss Draft Precept and Budget 2020/21 - The draft was circulated and presented by the Clerk. The final budget and precept would be agreed at the December meeting. The Parish Councillors agreed to review the information before the next meeting and bring comments or amendments to the proposed document for approval in December.

To Discuss and Approve Change of Banking Provider - It was agreed to discuss further in December after Councillors review the report provided further.

Councillors concerns and agenda items for next meeting

- Halls Close light out near traps gate and the Clerk agreed to report.
- Golden Meadow and corner of Feltwell Road is subsiding and the Clerk agreed to report to Norfolk County Council.
- The Clerk agreed to add the cleaning the gates to the rangers next visit.
- The Cemetery path had been re-tarmaced and appeared to now be okay and going forward the Parish Council would need to spray it going forward, perhaps by the Handyman role.
- Football Hut - The Football hut had been broken into again mid-October and they had destroyed the plasterboard and they had made a MESS. The Clerk had advised the local Policeman. Cllr Javey Osler and Cllr Chris Edwards agreed to secure the building again and will continue to inspect it.
- Burials - The Clerk advised that memorial applications needed to be made to the Parish Council and that was up to individuals what they wished to apply for. Generally side by side burials needed to have at least a stone plinth underneath any headstone to show the burial area. Memorials could only be laid 12 months after burial.
- The Clerk agreed to write to the property on Campsey Road about tall trees that were of concern.

Forward Work Programme - The work programme was noted.

Date of next meeting – Monday 2 December 2019

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