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Voluntary Norfolk is looking for volunteers to support the NHS and vulnerable people needing extra help in the community. We have a wide variety of volunteer opportunities and are happy to work with you to find the volunteering role that is right for you, fits your interests, skills, location and availability.

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All our volunteers are friendly, approachable, have a sympathetic manner, good communication skills, and are determined to help and support others living in Norfolk.

If you would like to have a conversation about the volunteering opportunities available at Voluntary Norfolk, please get in touch.

Email us at volunteering@voluntarynorfolk.org.uk providing your preferred contact information, phone 07385 378740 and speak to a volunteer coordinator or leave us a message, or fill in the volunteer registration form for the relevant service you are interested in via this link: <https://www.voluntarynorfolk.org.uk/home-2/register-to-volunteer-2/>

How to register

1. Use the QR code to take you to the registration form
2. Email Covid19responseteam@voluntarynorfolk.org.uk
3. Visit our website www.voluntarynorfolk.org.uk



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I would like to thank everybody for their get well cards, telephone calls, emails, letters, texts and messages, wishing me well after my accident. When I came home, my house was like a flower shop, full of beautiful bouquets.

Thank you also to all those people, who supported and sustained Bill and Peter with cakes, shortbread, cheese scones and sausage rolls.

I am so pleased to be home, making steady progress and seeing springtime in the fens.

Thank you.

Judith Legge



Southery Methodist Chapel

Services now alternate with Hilgay and they are as listed below. All Services at Southery & Hilgay now begin at 10.30am. Everybody is most welcome to join us at all Services.

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Chapel Services for March 2022

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6 th	10.30am	At Southery Methodist Chapel - Rev. Alan Bennett
13 th	10.30am	At Hilgay Methodist Chapel – Mr. Dudley Pickston
20 th	10.30am	At Southery Methodist Chapel – Rev. Paul Critchley
27 th	10.30am	At Hilgay Methodist Chapel – Mothering Sunday – Mrs. Joella Nash

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CHURCH NEWS

For Baptisms, contact Tracey Rudge, Baptism Co-ordinator.
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Two large branches fell from a fir tree in the churchyard during the recent gales. Thank you to Philip Hardy for clearing and tidying it all up. It was much appreciated.

Lent begins on Wednesday 2nd March, a period of 40 days when Christians prepare for Easter by giving up alcohol or chocolate or something they really enjoy and donating the money saved to charity, or by doing a daily deed of kindness.

The Platinum Jubilee weekend is just 3 months away. We are going to have a Celebration of Flowers in church and held a recent meeting to decide what to do.

We are holding a Quiz in the village hall on Saturday 19th March at 7pm for church funds. Cost is £6 each which includes supper. Contact Beryl 377641 to book a place.

Services for March

Sunday 6 th	No service at Southery. Service at Ryston church at 9.30
Sunday 13 th	Eucharist at 10.00
Wednesday 16 th	Hymns and Tea at 2.30
Sunday 20 th	Said Eucharist at 5pm
Sunday 27 th	MOTHERING SUNDAY Service of the Word at 10.00

Marion Lewis

Southery Village Hall



For more information regarding events, bookings, and hire charges please visit:
www.hallbookingsonline.com/southery

Southery W.I.



W.I. Meeting in January 2022

Members and guests were welcomed to the first meeting of 2022 by Carolone Hansford our new President. Caroline then introduced Andy Moore who gave a fascinating talk about Bexwell Aerodrome's involvement in World War Two. Many people from Downham Market worked on the Aerodrome for the duration of the war and one story he told involved a small lady being employed to crawl through tunnels dragging electricity cables through. Mosquito's and Lancaster Bombers flew out of Bexwell to targets in Germany, one or two members who were children during the war could relate to the site. Andy was thanked by Caroline.

Refreshments were served by. Maureen Sharman and Doreen Goodwin.

Two members will be going to The Norfolk Federation AGM on March 21st which will take place at The Theatre Royal Norwich.

Andy judged our flower of the month competition and awarded 1st Sue Hilton 2nd Doreen Goodwin 3rd Val Osler.

W.I. Meeting in February 2022

Twenty Two members and visitors attended our monthly meeting 3rd February in the Village Hall.

President Caroline Hansford welcomed everyone and introduced speaker and demonstrator Julie Kirkham and Jan from Alby stained glass who is a designer and tutor Julie gave a very interesting talk and showed her commercial and private commissions . Giving a demonstration making a glass sheep which was put into our raffle. Several of our members were enthusiastic about booking Julie for a WI workshop. More on this at a later date.

The flower of the month competition judged by Julie was awarded 1st Doreen Goodwin
2nd Sue Haslam 3rd Sonja Wilden.

Several of our members will be attending Downham market WIs Birthday Meeting on 8th
March in Methodist Church.

Sandy Hackett manned a bring and buy table where £14.15 was raised.

We would like to work with other Village organisations to celebrate our Queens Platinum
Jubilee. A sub committee has been set up to liaise. We will of course take part in Church
flower festival .

Our outing to Thriplow daffodil festival Sunday 20 March was confirmed and payment
taken.

We are open to new members what ever age come along give. Us a try you will be given
a warm welcome.

Our next meeting which will be our 94th Birthday. Will be held on Thursday 3rd March
Members will be providing ploughman's buffet. With evening of entertainment.

A short history of Southery W.I.

It was a Wednesday afternoon in February 1928 when 11 ladies met to discuss starting a
W.I. In Southery, 60 ladies joined, a mix of mums, daughters and friends and
membership cost five old shillings (25p) and now here we are 94 years later and still
going strong. No other organisation in the Village has lasted this long so we must be
doing something right.

The meetings started in The Odd Fellows Hall (the building next to the School) then to
the Old National School (near the War Memorial) which is now a private house where one
of our newer members now lives. In the 1970's we moved to the then New Village Hall in
Recreation Drive, however in 1999 due to a fire in the hall undaunted we moved briefly to
Southery Methodist Church.

Since 1928 we have had 18 Presidents with one of the earlier Presidents serving for 24
years, Hannah Norman, who at the age of 86 wrote a poem about life for women in the
Village at this time, which were published along with old and new photographs in the
Village Voice Magazine last month.

World War Two nor the Pandemic have deterred us, so do come along and have a taster
of what we do, the friendships you make are lasting and you don't have to cook or make
jam and we only sing Jerusalem on special occasions. However we have now moved
into the 21st Century embracing technology and all its challenges.

Downham Market Library is open

We look forward to welcoming you back! You can

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- there is no 'Open Library' access
- please bring your library card with you or join in the library or online
- we may ask for details from you to help with Test and Trace
- you will need to wear a face covering in the library
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- sorry, there are no newspapers, magazines or seats in the library and the toilet is not available.

We've made some changes to our opening hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 10.00am – 6.00pm
- Wednesday: 10.00am – 6.00pm
- Thursday: 10.00am – 6.00pm
- Friday: 10.00am – 6.00pm
- Saturday: 1.00pm – 4.00pm
- Sunday: Closed

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- At home
- In peer support groups
- In their local community
- In healthcare settings



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