

# Southery

# Village Voice



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## CHURCH NEWS

On 10<sup>th</sup> July our new Vicar, Rev. Nigel Moat, was inducted here at Southery, at St. Mary's church. The church was full with visitors from the other parishes of our Benefice, representatives from other faiths and members of Nigel's family.

The Bishop of Huntingdon performed the induction.

It was a lovely sunny day and after the service we served tea and cakes on the church lawn.

Rev. Nigel will be living at the Rectory in Denver and will have 7 parishes to look after. His phone number is: 01366 358034.

We took part in the village carnival by doing a coconut shy. With thanks to Lorraine and Derek for spending the afternoon out in the hot sun!

Services for August

7<sup>th</sup> No service at St. Mary's

14<sup>th</sup> Eucharist at 10.00 taken by Rev. Nigel Moat

21<sup>st</sup> Eucharist at 10.00 taken by Rev. David Yabbacome

28<sup>th</sup> Service of the Word.

There is no Hymns and Tea in August. The next one will be in September.

Marion Lewis

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### Village Voice Newsletter - paper copies

*The newsletter is available on the Village Voice website and sent electronically to all subscribers. In consultation with the Parish Council, we will be producing a limited number of paper copies and will be contacting the Village shop, hairdresser, and Old Bell Pub to ask if they would be willing to accept a number of copies each month so that residents can obtain copies. It is proposed that this will commence during August 2022.*

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### Southery Village Hall



For more information regarding events, bookings, and hire charges please visit:

[www.hallbookingsonline.com/southery](http://www.hallbookingsonline.com/southery)

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# Southery W.I.



Caroline Hansford, our President, welcomed everyone to our July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and introduced Jane Brucass of the RNLI. Jane is a volunteer member of the Cromer Life Boat Station which has been in operation since 1804. Jane gave us a detailed insight into the wonderful work of the Lifeboat Crews, saving many lives throughout the year around our coasts and rivers. The majority are volunteers and funding for the service is from donations and fundraising events. Jane was thanked by Caroline.

Refreshments were served by Lorraine Cummings and Margaret Rose.

A vote was taken to establish how the profit from our Jubilee Tea Party should be used. The winning vote was to plant a tree, possibly on the Weirhan, accompanied by a commemorative Plaque.

Sandy Hackett raised £20.50 on her bring and buy table.

Jane Burcass judged our flower of the month competition and awarded 1st Beryl Stubbins 2nd Sue Hilton 3rd Maggie Blowers.

At our August 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting we have Susanah Farmer with a film show of past years and at our September 1<sup>st</sup> Harvest Meeting we will be entertained by Peter Waddison, singer and guitarist, we will be joined by members from local WI's and groups.

## **Dates for Diaries:-**

- Group Meeting at Downham W.I. In The Methodist Church Thursday July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30p.m.
- Invitation from Watlington W.I. Tuesday August 9<sup>th</sup> cost with supper £9
- Maureen Sharman has kindly offered to host a BBQ on Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting at 2 p.m.
- Invitation from Littleport W.I. to their Centenary Party on Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup> 7.15 p.m. with buffet £5.

Val Osler

# Judith's Journey Home

On July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022, a group of 22 walkers and friends made an early start at 5am to walk the 'Fen Rivers Way' from Cambridge train station to Further Fen Farm. With the wind behind them, they made good progress to Ely covering 18 miles by 11am where a vast spread of food and drink was waiting for them, prepared by St Mary's Church Southery refreshment team. Revived by good food and more walkers joining them, they walked the river bank to Geoff and Siobhan's farm at Littleport for more 'tea and cake' made by friends, boosting energy levels just as the walkers started to wane. At 4 p.m. they reached the Ship Inn and were joined by more walkers, including several children to walk the last few tiring miles. By 5p.m., all walkers were home safe and sound, except for a few blisters and aching limbs, having completed 32 miles in 12 hours, what a remarkable achievement, captured by David Fletcher in photographs. The walkers had support from Charlie Marks and his wonderful 'treat van' and were kept safe and well with Tim Osler, marshalling and Ali Glover, providing first aid cover.

The challenge was to raise money for the East Anglian Air Ambulance, to give back to the service that was so essential to my recovery. The Legge family have been overwhelmed by the generosity of family, numerous friends, St. Mary's Church, Southery WI, FOSA, farmers, agricultural businesses and farming merchants, sponsoring the walkers.

At the moment we have raised over £35,000 with gift aid, a colossal sum! This will fund 10 journeys with the EAAA helicopters to help other families. A huge thank you to everyone who has donated or helped on the day.

Judith Legge



<https://www.alivewestnorfolk.co.uk/activities/>

# 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.

## Chapel Services for July

### Chapel Services for August 2022

7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	At Southery Methodist Chapel – Mrs. Barbara Foster
14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	At Hilgay Methodist Chapel – Ms. Angela Bishop
21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	At Southery Methodist Chapel – Mrs. Joella Nash
28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	At Hilgay Methodist Chapel – Mrs. Mary Cumbers

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