

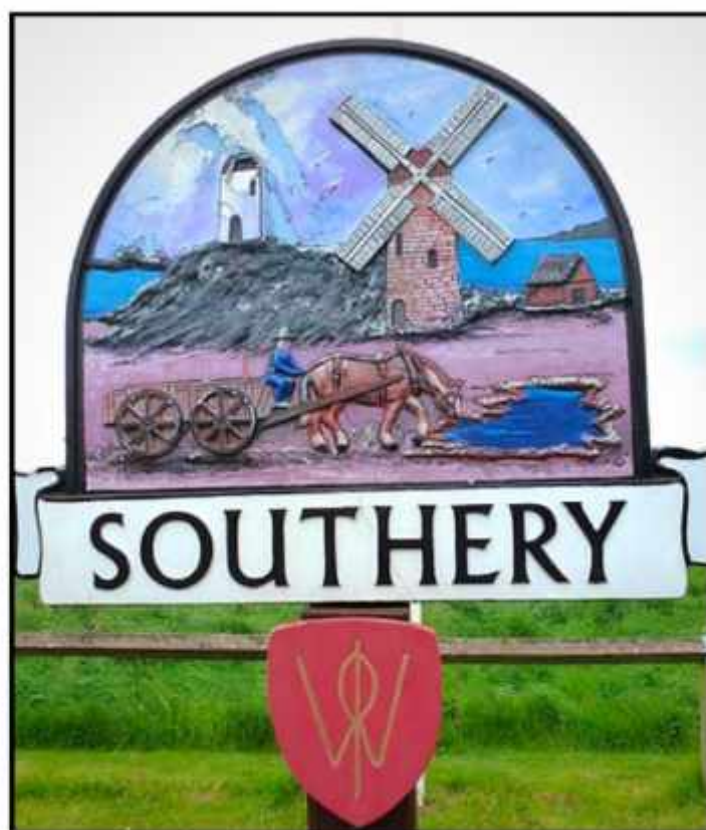
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# Village Voice

SOUTHERY NEWSLETTER

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# **THE VILLAGE VOICE**

## ***EDITOR'S COMMENTARY***

Dear All,

It is with some sadness that following a meeting with the originator of the Village Voice newsletter, David Starling, we have decided that the time has come for the newsletter to end.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic we have seen a significant shift to the use of online resources by residents of Southery to keep up to date with the events and activities taking place in the Village.

The use of the Southery Life facebook page provides residents with the latest and most immediate information about the activities, news updates and events taking place. Our recent survey of residents that required hard copies of the village voice in May 2023 resulted in only 4 requests for hard copy. This is an indication that the newsletter has served a purpose over many years but now the digital age allows everyone to access important information on their phones and other devices.

We have agreed that the December 2023 issue of the Newsletter will be the last edition.

We would like to thank all of the businesses that have supported the publication over the years and all of the people that have contributed to the newsletter every month. Our sincere thanks to the volunteers that distributed the publication to all households over the years and made the newsletter successful.

In the December issue there will be a further article regarding the newsletter and we will then close. The website will remain active for a period of time and then close as well.

Chris Stabile-Barnett  
Editor.



## CHURCH NEWS

We were pleased to welcome the children from the Academy and their families into church for their Harvest Festival. Each class did a presentation to celebrate the harvest and our food. The children had taken tins and packets of food into school the previous day and these were taken to the Downham Market Food Bank. It was so nice to have a full church and to hear the children singing.

Remembrance Sunday is on 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. There will be a service of remembrance for those who have died in past conflicts and prayers for peace in today's world. The service will be at the church at 10am followed by the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 11am All are welcome to join us.

We are going to hold a Christmas Tree Festival again this year. (we do one every alternate year) Organisations in the village are invited to decorate a tree which we provide. We hope it will be as successful as the previous tree festivals have been.

We are going to hold a Village Carols by Candlelight Service on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6pm.

Next month there will be a list of services over the Christmas period.

### Services for November

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> No service at Southery. (services at Ryston at 9.30 and at Ten Mile Bank at 11am)

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday Service at 10am

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Hymns and Tea at 2.30pm.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Service of the Word at 10am

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion at 10am

Marion Lewis





## SOUTHERY WOMENS INSTITUTE

Members and guests were welcomed to our October meeting by President Caroline Hansford who introduced our speaker for the evening Andy Moore. Andy gave a fascinating talk on Bexwell Aerodrome in Downham Market and the role it played in World War Two and the bravery of many of the young airmen who gave their lives in keeping us safe and also the people of Downham Market, including many of the women who worked on the Aerodrome during the war. For those that don't know where Bexwell Aerodrome was it was where Arbuckles and the Garden Centre now stand and the surrounding area towards Bexwell.

Caroline thanked Andy for a very interesting talk and Judith Legge and Marion Garrett then served refreshments.

Southery Church will be organizing a Christmas Tree Festival this year and it is hoped the W.I. will take part. We will also hopefully be entering the Norfolk Federation Silver Salver Competition again in April 2024 and the theme will be a Memorable Day.

Andy judged our flower of the month competition and awarded joint 1<sup>st</sup> Doreen Goodwin and Val Osler joint 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Stacey and Sheila Osler joint 3<sup>rd</sup> Maggie Blowers and Beryl Stubbins.

At our November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting we have Lorraine and Kevin Stevens a dance duo.

Our meetings are on the first Thursday of the month at 7.15p.m.in Southery Village Hall. We are a friendly and lively group so do come along. We have a variety of speakers and demonstrations during the year. Our walking group meet every Monday outside the Church at 9.45 a.m.

Val Osler



NORFOLK FARMERS MARKET PRESENTS  
**SOUTHERY  
FARMER'S MARKET**  
SATURDAY 24TH JUNE  
SATURDAY 22ND JULY  
SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST  
SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER  
SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER  
SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER  
SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER  
**9am - 3pm**  
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**SOUTHERY VILLAGE HALL  
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### Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council Held on Wednesday 13th September 2023 at 7.00pm In Southery Village Hall

<https://southeryparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/category/minutes/>

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**SOUTHERY VILLAGE VOICE**  
Paper copies of The Village Voice

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so delivery arrangements can be made.



NOV 29 **G4 Christmas – Ely Cathedral 2023**  
Wed. Nov 29, 2023 7:30pm - 9:30pm GMT

Experience sumptuous harmonies in an idyllic, festive setting...

Selling out every year, G4 will be back on the road in 2023 with their biggest and best Christmas tour to date!

With a series of 34 shows in beautiful venues nationwide, join Jonathan Lewis, Mike and Duncan as they recall the musical experiences of their childhoods.

Expect to hear timeless classics such as When A Child is Born, Silent Night and All I Want For Christmas, as well as delightful medleys to evoke the Christmas spirit, all delivered exquisitely in some of the UK's most iconic historical venues.

VIP 'Meet & Greet' tickets are available, including a pre-show Meet & Greet with G4 at 6pm for all "G4 Christmas" tour dates.

#G4Christmas

*And Finally:*

**It is funny how my wife waits for me in the kitchen all night till I come back from the pub just to ask me what time it is.**

**After a heavy night at the pub, I was rudely awakened by my neighbour cutting his grass. Sod it I thought, he can mow around me.**