



Village Voice



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COVID-19 OMICRON VARIANT

The new variant that has been detected in many countries including the UK is now a cause for concern. Although our vaccination programme in the UK has been very good, the effectiveness of the vaccines against this variant may not be as good as before.

Please protect our community

Wear a face covering in shops and on public transport
Consider face coverings in any crowded area
Have a booster vaccination when you are able

Anyone contacted due to confirmation of Omicron infection must self-isolate regardless of their vaccination status or age.

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Church News



Thank you to all who filled Shoe Boxes for the Link to Hope Charity. I took 33 boxes to a collection point in Soham where they were due to be picked up and loaded onto a lorry for the long journey to Eastern Europe and distributed to the very poor by Christmas.

We are holding a Christmas Tree Festival in the Church with village organisations and individual people decorating a tree. We are also putting a tree on the church lawn and asking anyone to pop a decoration on it. It will, of course, have to be waterproof.

Services and events for December are:

5th No Service,
12th Eucharist at 10am,
15th Christmas Hymns and Tea at 2.30
18th Coffee morning 10-12

19th Church open 2pm to see the trees followed by Christingle at 6pm

24th Dec Christmas Eve, Carols on the Church Lawn at 6pm
followed by Eucharist in church at 6.30

Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2022

Southery Village Hall



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

Southery W.I.



Sue Hilton welcomed everyone to our November meeting. Our speaker for the evening was Terry Hipsey. Terry gave an interesting talk about his work as a volunteer Police Support Officer. As a young man Terry had a passion to become a police officer but this was not to be and after a career in local government he realised his ambition by becoming a volunteer support officer for the police. Terry told us about his work with Police Forces in West Norfolk including Downham Market, Kings Lynn and many more attending events across the area including Sandringham. Following his talk, Terry was thanked by Sue Hilton. Refreshments were then served by Jan Allen & Chris Leahy.

This being our AGM Sue Hilton read out the Secretaries report for 2020/2021 compiled by Judith Fletcher, Beryl Stubbins. Our treasurer then gave her annual report which indicated a healthy balance to take us into 2022. Val Osler gave the competition report and winner of the Competition Cup for 2020/2021 was Marion Lewis. Sue also read out the names of the Committee members for 2022 and Caroline Hansford kindly agreed to be our new President for the coming year.

Our sincere thanks must go to our outgoing President Sue Hilton for all her hard work and dedication in the last eleven years.

Kay Hipsey judged our flower of the month competition and awarded 1st Val Osler, 2nd Judith Legge, 3rd Doreen Goodwin.

Our December 2nd meeting will be a Social Evening with food prepared by members.

Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month in The Villagge Hall at 7.15p.m. Anyone wishing to join us will be made most welcome. We have a variety of speakers and demonstrators during the year and hopefully next year we will have a few outings too, Covid permitting. The old format of "Jam & Jerusalem" has long gone and new members bring new ideas, so do come along and give us a go.

Val Osler

McMillan Coffee Morning

Many, many thanks to all who supported the coffee morning on the 22nd October. It was lovely to see old and new faces have coffee, cake and catch up with friends. Special thanks to those of you who donated cakes and raffle prizes and the generous people who gave me donations, and all my loyal helpers who spurred me on this year. Also, a special mention to F.O.S.A. and the children who held a fund-raising event and donated the proceeds to MacMillan, a lovely gesture and really appreciated. I have been able to send £1220.00. to MacMillan Cancer Care.

Thank you again.

Beryl



RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS IN OUR AREA

[https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/homepage/169/
comment_on_a_planning_application](https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/homepage/169/comment_on_a_planning_application)

Date received	Address and proposal
26/10/2021	7 Feltwell Road Southery, Downham Market, Norfolk, PE38 0NW 🗨 Proposal: Brick and block built double garage
18/10/2021	Potato Marketing Board Lynn Road, Southery, Downham Market, Norfolk, PE38 0HT 🗨 Proposal: Prior approval for installation of roof mounted 528kW solar PV system comprising of 1392 x Canadian Solar 380W modules
13/10/2021	Agricultural Building At Duchy Farm Broad Drove, Methwold Hythe, Norfolk 🗨 Proposal: Variation of condition 4 of planning permission 19/00329/FM to enable accommodation of seasonal workers from 1st May to 31 December in any calendar year for the following 5 years starting from 2021
04/10/2021	North of Blackbank Farm Black Bank Drove, Southery, Norfolk, PE38 0NL 🗨 Proposal: Proposed replacement dwelling



December 4th at 11am till 4 pm is our annual Christmas market day in aid of The food Pantry feltwell. St Mary's church Feltwell (Ip26)

Downham Market Library is open

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We've made some changes to keep you safe, so

- 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
- we have a one-way system for social distancing
- hand sanitiser is available for use on the way in and out of the library
- surfaces and computers will be regularly wiped down
- returned books will be quarantined for 72 hours
- 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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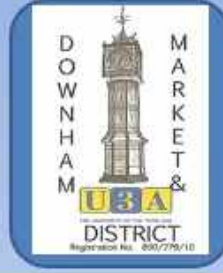
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