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Village Voice

SOUTHERY NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH NEWS

We were all very sorry to learn of the death of David Everitt. He has been a faithful member of our congregation and Secretary of our Church Council. The church was full for his funeral on 6th February. He will be sadly missed by us all.

Our Quiz Night for church funds is on Saturday 11th March in the Village Hall starting at 7pm. The price is £7 which includes supper. Bring your own drinks. Please contact Lorraine on 378498 or Beryl on 377641 to book a place.

Services for March

Sunday 5th No service
Saturday 11th Quiz at 7pm
Sunday 12th Communion service at 10am
Wednesday 15th Hymns and Tea at 2.30pm
Sunday 19th Mothering Sunday Service at 10am
Sunday 26th Service of the Word at 10am

METHODIST CHAPEL

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

Chapel Services for March 2023

5th 10.30am At Hilgay - Mrs. Sheila Johnson
12th 10.30am At Southery - Mrs. Heather Brown
19th 10.30am At Hilgay - Mrs. Pauline Driver
26th 11.00am At Southery - Revd. Gail Kerry



SOUTHERY WOMENS INSTITUTE

President Caroline Hansford welcomed members to the February meeting. Caroline then introduced Sarah Cox from the King's Lynn Group of the West Norfolk Deaf Association, Sarah gave a detailed account of the help provided to people in the area starting with very young children and covering all ages. There is a Hearing Support Shop in Downham Market offering help with hearing aids etc. Sarah stressed the need to have a hearing check at the early stages.

We then had a break for refreshments served by Sue Hilton, Chris Leahy and Sue Haslem.

As this was our AGM Judith Fletcher gave her annual report followed by the treasurer Beryl Stubbins with her financial report. We do still have a healthy balance but we need to think about some fundraising.

Val Osler then gave the Competition Report and the Cup for 2022 was awarded to Sue Hilton for the most points gained during the year.

Caroline thanked the Committee members who are standing down for their hard work and support during their time of office and also welcomed the new Committee Members.

A vote was taken on the Resolutions to be forwarded to the NATIONAL AGM and our choice will be Save Our Water-every drop counts.

Outings were again discussed and proposals put forward a vote then decided our first choice would be Beth Chatto's Garden, Lorraine Cummings to organize this.

An invitation was received from Denver Ladies Group who will be holding a Fashion Show on Wednesday April 12th in Denver Village Hall, names were taken.

Sarah Cox judged our Flower of the month competition and awarded:
1st Judith Legged, 2nd Sue Hilton, 3rd Marion Lewis.

At our 95th Birthday Meeting on March 2nd we will be entertained by musical group "Two Cats & Payne".

TIME TO GET WALKING AGAIN!

With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Norfolk

<https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/norfolk> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Norfolk (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

www.walkinginengland.co.uk

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Scripts required by May 1st for review**



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Performance dates : January 2024

Spring Afternoon Tea

SOUTHERY VILLAGE HALL



**JOIN US ON
SATURDAY
25TH MARCH**

Doors open 1:30pm
Food served 2pm
Finish time 4:50pm



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ECO4 funding is NOW available for eligible households in West Norfolk. ECO Flexible Eligibility scheme allows us to identify the most vulnerable households who could benefit from energy efficiency improvements.

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SWISHFEST

Southery's Outdoor Event organised by Swish

Saturday 8th July

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Southery's Outdoor Event

Spring Afternoon Tea

IN AID OF SOUTHERY VILLAGE HALL



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Tickets available to purchase in advance until 17th March only
No on the door tickets. Please see below for tickets:

Sally-Anne Howe on 01366 378 869 / 07810 820 687
At the village hall on Fridays at 7pm (Bingo)
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The Art of Papercraft
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18th March 2023
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 All materials supplied

New classes coming soon

Raffle | Refreshments

Free Taster Session

CASH BINGO @
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EVERY FRIDAY EVENING
DOORS OPEN 7PM
EYES DOWN 7:30PM

3 6 GAMES
 2 FLYERS
 LUCKY 90
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 & PRIZE RAFFLE!

6 8

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ALL AGES WELCOME, AS LONG AS THEY'RE PLAYING BINGO



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HEAR SOMETHING
SAY SOMETHING**

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- 250 mixed occupancy tables and dance
- 299 dancing only
- 299 closely seated audience

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LIGHT RELIEF

**WHY DID THE WOMAN GO ON THE DATE WITH THE MUSHROOM?
BECAUSE HE WAS A FUN-GHI!**

**WHAT DO YOU CALL A BEAR WITH NO TEETH?
A GUMMY BEAR!**

**WHAT DID THE FULL GLASS SAY TO THE EMPTY GLASS?
YOU LOOK DRUNK!**