

# Village Voice

SOUTHERY NEWSLETTER



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*Panto is back!*



# *Robin Hood*

*January 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

*7.30pm all nights, plus 2.30pm Saturday*

*Southery Village Hall*

*Tickets: £8 Adult*

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# Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2022

I have received Southery's Poppy Appeal collection total and I am amazed at the amount.

The total amount was £1658.31 made up of:

- Wreaths £147.50
- Chapel service collection £122.01
- Bingo £374.00
- Collecting tins £1014.80.

Another fantastic amount for this village.

Thanks to everyone who supported the collecting volunteers so generously, the local businesses who kindly had collecting boxes on their premises. A special thank you to the the volunteers who collected around the village .

This year sadly one of our collectors Hazel passed away but her daughter Lisa has taken her place. Another long standing volunteer retired after ten years collecting, thank you Linda for all your help which was greatly appreciated, Chris and Diane kindly filled Linda's shoes.

Healthy New Year to all.

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## Church News

A big thank you to all who decorated the church so beautifully for Christmas. Everyone who came into church over the Christmas period admired it all.

The school held their Carol Service in church in which they told the story of the Nativity and sang carols and Christmas songs.

We were so pleased to join with the Friends of Southery Academy for a Christingle on the last day of term followed by their Assembly and presentation of certificates. The church was completely full.

It was also good to see so many at our Carols and Afternoon Tea held on the Wednesday before Christmas.

### **Service for January:**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Communion at 10am

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Communion at 10am

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Communion at 10am

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Hymns and Tea at 2.30pm

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Service of the Word at 10am

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Benefice Service (venue to be arranged, see notice board.)

A cheque for £150 was sent to the Children's Society from the Christingle.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Marion Lewis

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## **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 January 2023

1<sup>st</sup> 10.30am Local Arrangement

8<sup>th</sup> 10.30am At Hilgay Methodist Chapel – Rev. Paul Critchley Covenant Service

15<sup>th</sup> 10.30am. Mr. Dudley Pickston

22<sup>nd</sup> 10.30am. At Hilgay Methodist Chapel – Mrs. Mary Cumbers

29<sup>th</sup> 10.30am. Rev. Paul Critchley

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# Southery W.I.

Sue Hilton our Vice President welcomed everyone to our December meeting where members enjoyed a Social Evening. A variety of delicious food had been prepared by the members. We were soon chatting and laughing with old and new friends welcoming new members Lesley and Annette. We have been lucky this year in welcoming a few new faces to our meetings so hopefully in the New Year we can attract some more.

After a lovely meal Brenda Walsh arranged a quiz which caused much head scratching and discussion.

Our competition for a Christmas Table Decoration was judged 1<sup>st</sup> Sue Hilton 2<sup>nd</sup> Sheila Osler 3<sup>rd</sup> Brenda Walsh, Lorraine Cummings received a gift for points gained in recent competitions.

W.I. Ladies took part in The Village Christmas Event in The Village Hall on Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> serving mince pies and mulled wine, we then went on to the Christmas Lights switch on at The Werehen.

Our first meeting of the New Year will be on Thursday January 5<sup>th</sup>. We have a variety of speakers and demonstrators for 2023 and our thanks to Di Edwards for arranging these.



Val Osler

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**News** update from



**Norfolk** County Council

## NEWS RELEASE

Dear Resident

I am contacting you as the UK Chief Vet because there has been an outbreak of Avian Influenza (also known as bird flu), in your area.

The avian influenza strain in this outbreak presents a **low risk to human health** but is highly pathogenic for birds, meaning they can catch and spread the disease easily. More information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu#latest-situation>

You have received this letter because your property is in, or very close to a declared AI protection or surveillance zone. To assure the health status of birds within the area around confirmed infections, we need to complete a survey of susceptible birds.

***If you keep poultry such as chickens, ducks or geese, game birds, pigeons, or other birds even if you only keep them as pets, we need you to take action.***

***The second page of this letter explains what you need to do.***

If you do not keep poultry or captive birds, you can still help us by reporting dead wild birds. If you find any dead wild waterfowl (swans, geese, or ducks) or other dead wild birds such as gulls or birds of prey, you should report them to the Defra helpline on 03459 335577. More information is available on our website at

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu#wild-birds-in-england>

The Animal & Plant Health Agency (APHA) which is the government agency responsible for animal health, is working tirelessly to tackle any confirmed case of bird flu. Whilst we are doing everything we can, animal disease control is everybody's responsibility, and we need your support. Most people are already helping by following the guidance above. I hope you will also play your part by following the steps outlined in this letter.

Yours faithfully

**CHRISTINE MIDDLEMISS**  
**UK CHIEF VETERINARY OFFICER**

# Light Relief

A phone and a firework were arrested on New Year's. One was charged, the other was let off

Did you hear about the new restaurant in Southery called Karma? There is no menu, you just get what you deserve!

What sits at the bottom of the sea and twitches? A nervous wreck.

Why are farmers so cool? Because they are outstanding in their field.

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## Emergency Financial Support Assistance – Southery

### EMERGENCY NEED

This notice is for anyone finding themselves in financial difficulty in the Parish of Southery. You can contact the number's below for emergency support which MAY be available to you.

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Tel: 07748217962

*Southery, Feltwell and Methwold Relief in need charity*

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We currently have more than 80 subscribers to the electronic version of the newsletter and the website is continuing to provide updates and the editions of the newsletter.

The advertising renewals will be 1st January 2023 and if you are interested in advertising in the Village Voice then please send an email to **contact@village-voice.org**

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