

Southery

Village

Voice



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W.I.

Members met at
the Village Hall



for the monthly meeting on 1st May.

We have now completed the Community Chest Challenge. The Wooden Chest made for us by Walter Cornwell has been filled with donated items demonstrating the social history of the Southery Community, all items have been listed and documentation of their uses and donors will be placed in the Chest. These were all on display for our members to see before the Chest goes on display at the WI stand at the Royal Norfolk Show in June

Replies to our letters against the decision to close Southery Post Office have been received from MP Christopher Frazer and Post Office Watch these were read by members.

The two National Resolutions for 2008 namely, 1. Ban on bottom trawling, 2. Ban on inappropriate imprisonment of the severely mentally ill were discussed and voted on. Our delegate will take the vote to the National AGM in Liverpool.

Cameron Reid an Osteopath from East Dereham was our speaker for the evening he told us many details on Osteopathy and its registration, he then went on to talk

2 on Osteoporosis telling of the

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many ways to build up and keep healthy bones which should start from childhood, many questions were asked and answered on this interesting subject.

The competition was judged and awarded, 1st Marion Lewis, 2nd Judith Legge 3rd Margaret Feltwell, Joan Smith presented Birthday Posies, Dorothy Turner arranged table flowers and June Osler and Brenda Butcher served refreshments

We will be meeting in the courtyard at Elvedon at 2pm on 5th June for our next meeting.

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This term the brownies are having a go at their Cooks Badge and the " Out and About" Badge, and hopefully will be joining the District at an adventure afternoon.

The guides will try their hand at " Action Response", flower arranging and an overnight sleep out for their " Camp out" go for it.

Three guiders attended a first aid training course on Sunday 13th of April, so all the guiders are up to date with first aid.

Guiders

School Report



Earlier this month class 4 went to the ECO Tech centre at

Swaffham. Here is an account by pupil Stevie Skeels, describing the experience :-

“We went up the Wind turbine and there were 215 steps. The climb made our legs ache but when we got to the top it was cool. You could see for miles.

We also made an ECO Tech Logo out of natural materials and took some pictures of them. On the first day we had a barbecue. We ate loads of sausages and burgers with ice cream for afters.

3 On the second day we did a science project about heating

water to see if black or silver was the best colour paper to use around the glass tube to keep the water hot. We found that black was the best because it kept the water hot longest.

We also had a great time on the playing area.”

After school, gardening and cooking clubs have also started this month. They have proved to be very popular with the children.

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VILLAGE HALL



The Committee would like to invite a member from each of the various groups in the village to join us and of course any village person who wishes to join the committee will be welcome. We need suggestions with regard to fundraising for the future in order to make our village hall fully functional and a focal point for all villagers.

We also wish to put our point of view regarding the Bar at the Hall so as to allay further problems within the village. A member of the Committee has liaised with relevant authorities regarding our current position.

Three people were asked if they would like to apply for the running of the bar and Mr Bartrum was found most favourable because of what he was prepared to give to the Hall in the way of donations for the privilege.

When the new licensing laws came into force, the committee decided to apply for a premises license, which they obtained. With this license a Premises Supervisor was required, the Committee nominated Mr S Bartrum, who held a personal license, which enabled him to take the role.

The licensing laws are still in force and we have explained the situation. We hope we can now all move forward for a happy and prosperous future for the benefit of the village hall.

Bowles

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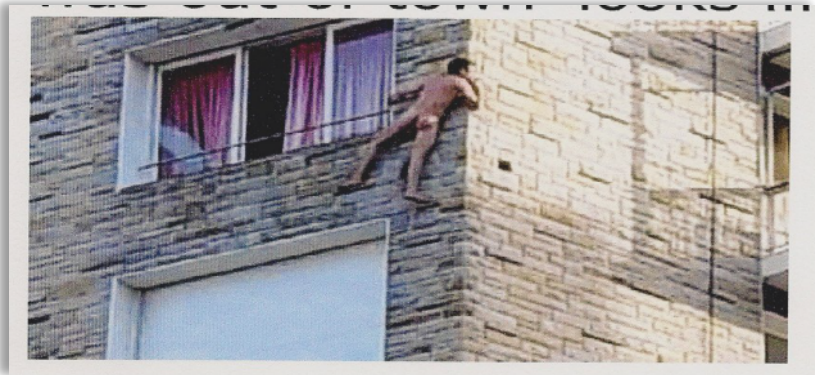
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Now we must inform all interested parties who wish to hire the hall for their entertainment and who wish to have alcohol on the premises they are advised that the bar will be run by the Hall's nominated Premises Supervisor. We also take the opportunity to remind you that ALL alcohol consumed on the premises should and must be purchased from the hall BAR.

Should anyone wish to join the Committee please apply in writing or simply telephone the Secretary I Webber,44 Recreation Drive, Southery. Telephone Number 01366 377568

Next Meeting June 9th 2008

Village Hall Commitee



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Council

Three members of the public attended the full council meeting.

Contact has been made with the West Norfolk clockmaker to examine the condition of the failing church

clock before considering the feasibility of making repairs.

Contractor's for the Lions Close development have confirmed that culvert to the north of the site was constructed by a private negotiation with the neighbouring land owners. Ground drainage at the site is still the responsibility of the developer until Borough's adoption of the estate.

Replacement linings for some public rubbish bins are being fabricated from local sources and a concrete base at the Ugate street bin will be repaired when the weather permits.

Highway's will again be requested to repair the potholes at the Lynn road layby.

Granta housing association report that their situation at Hall's Close will be cleared up to Council's satisfaction.

A letter from local MP Mr. Christopher Frazer reported on his efforts to relieve some of the local traffic problems and imposing a 20mph speed limit through local villages, particularly near school premises.

Considering the bill for street lighting, the meeting agreed to withhold the monthly payment until repairs to failing lights had been completed

Southery bowls club and the landowner to the east of the bowling green intend to regularise their mutual boundary.

Insurance policy for parish assets was presented for review, some minor adjustments were made and the proposed premiums accepted.

The £20,000 precept budget 2008, has been approved by Borough.

A working evening during the month to tidy paths and general surroundings at the cemetery, will be attended by some councilors. Council will also sort out access at the footpath between Feltwell/Ringmore roads.

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Norfolk police will be contacted about juvenile motorbikers on village roads and playing field. Council hopes the promised community police presence will become apparent.

Any changes in the water level between Lynn and the Hockwold area will be monitored because of the proposed Paper Factory at Lynn.

The old rectory landowner, will be requested to attend to the collapse corrugated fence beside the pedestrian pavement.

Clerk will ascertain whether planning permission is necessary at Feltwell Road east where Park Homes are being established.

Highways will be notified about the potholes at Feltwell road near Bourne Farm.

The football club will be asked to attend to the exposed wiring at one of the football pitch floodlights.

The Playing Field support group have received a request from an organization wishing to hold a motor scooter and vintage bike rally at the playing field. Further details will have to be agreed and neighbouring property considered before any decision is made about the July event.

Next meeting, the Council AGM, Monday, 12th of May at the Village Hall

Don Macfarlane

Joke

An elderly patient went to see the doctor. "I need help doctor. Do you remember when I had those voices in my head, which I have been complaining about for years."

"Yes."

"Well they have stopped."

"Well that's good isn't it. So what's the problem?"

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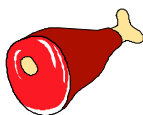
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We are still having Bible study contact Maggie 377623 for time and date's. Also we are continuing with the social meals at the local Pub, on the third Thursday of each month, contact Sue Hilton on 377661 for details and booking. Next one is June 19th.

Last month I told you about us sponsoring a third world child, through a charity called -NEW DAWN INDIA" This is now up and running, and we are sponsoring a ten year old boy called Sathya. He lives with his parents and brother in a slum in Madurai. Both parents work long hours, but the wages are so poor they can not support the family very well. Sathya goes to school and is in the 4th standard class, his ambition is to serve in the Indian Government. I have recently learned that some of the slums are being bulldozed, and the family's displaced in this way are given just £7 to build a new home, this means new slums being created farther from the City centre.

On Wednesday 30 April the Chapel held a spring meal, this was well attended. The food was excellent, Steak and kidney followed by rhubarb and custard. Yum yum! Rev Matt Finch said the grace before the meal and informed us that it would be the last meal at Southery for him, as he will be leaving soon.

After the meal we were entertained by Joyce Pryor, her drama sketches were very funny. £239 was raised. The Chapel would like to thank everyone who came, all who helped in any way. Thank you to Hazel and Dorothy and team for cooking, and all that washing up. Thank you to Margaret Feltwell for washing the table clothes, and thank you to David Young's for the rhubarb and eggs.

Walter Cornwell. Church

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1st 11am - Mr Tim Coleman
8th 11am - Mrs Janet Mason
6:30pm - Songs of Praise led by
Revd Matt Finch (This is his final
service in Southery before moving
on.)

15th 11am - Church Fellowship Service, 22nd 11am - Mr Don Gates
29th 11am - Mrs Mary Uttin

Community Walks & Tree Planting

The next community walk will be to look at the community project in Little Downham.

If anyone would like to ask the Council for an allotment, we need six residents to inquire before being considered.

We are hopeful that other areas will be offered for tree planting, with the possibility of an area in the churchyard.

Sue , Chris & Viv may be available to help in school garden, if anyone else would like to help contact Sue.

Next meeting Sat 14th June at 2pm. Meet at 52 Lynn Rd, Southery.

Sunday 29th June Community walk, meet at 2pm in chapel car park to share cars. Join us for a walk at Denver. It will take about an hour and will be followed by a cuppa back in Southery.

Prayer walking

If you would like to join me on a silent prayer walk, meet outside Church at 8:30am on Fri 13th June. It will be finished by 9:20am in time for Communion service at the Church. All welcome.

Sue 01366378828

Southery Tots

Our Parent & Toddler group meets every Thursday morning 9:15 - 11:30am In the Village Hall. The group is open to all children from birth to 5yrs. The children get the chance to play with others, make new friends and let off a bit of steam. Mums can meet and make new friends. The weekly session cost £1.50 per family, with first session free. Bring a friend.

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planned to leave the Houses of Parliament, because of the dreadful stench. Heavy rain eventually broke the terrible smell and the ancient sewerage system of London was overhauled.

1858 was also the year building began on the new church in Southery. The Rev. A. E. Julius raised the money, nearly £2000, by public subscription. This was an ambitious project and a major achievement, as Southery had recently suffered a disastrous flood in 1852 and farming was going through a depression. The Bishop of Norwich laid the foundation stone on Sept. 7th 1858 and to celebrate this special anniversary of our church, we are holding a **Flower Festival on July 12th, 13th and 14th 2008**. Please come and see our displays, depicting the major social changes and events in history over 150 years.

How did the parishioners of St. Mary's Church manage without a toilet for 150 years? Neighbours have kindly provided facilities and the tree behind the church has been well watered by children and rectors alike. Fund raising continues for the toilet in the tower, as we hope to make the church more of a building for the community, available for lots of functions and services. Please support us.

Judith Legge

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