

Our new new magazine with new features

Read our new vicar's first article in News from St James

Read the story of how a local man found the family of a US Airman 70 years later.



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Full of village information and details of all the clubs and societies. Do go and have a look. You will also find a copy of the latest Mardler on there too.

The Mardler is produced by the Southrepps Support Scheme. We are grateful for all the contributions and those who deliver to all the residents.

We're on the lookout for other contributions, so if you have a story to tell or know of someone with a compelling story, compile a puzzle, or perhaps you write poetry, then please contact us.

#### front cover



Are you a keen photographer and have lots of photos of Southrepps? We are seeking the next front cover of the Mardler - if you have something you want to share then please email micheledickinson@btinternet.com

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### **social** calendar

| Month     | Date       | Event                             | Time                                 | Location            |
|-----------|------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| May       | Tue 31st   | Monarchy Association              | 7:30pm-9:00pm                        | Village Hall        |
|           | Wed 15th   | Monarchy Association              | 7:30pm-9:00pm                        | Village Hall        |
| June      | Sun 26th   | Strawberry Fayre                  | 2pm - 4pm                            | Social Club         |
|           | Thu 30th   | Southrepps Society Barbecue       | 7:30pm                               | Village Hall        |
|           | Fri 1st    | Summer Fayre                      | 2:30pm                               | Primary School      |
|           | Fri 8th    | Southrepps Chorale Concert        | 6pm                                  | Binham Priory       |
| July      | Sat 23rd   | Quiz Night for MS                 | 7:30pm                               | Social Club         |
|           | Sat 30th   | Horticultural Show                | 8:30 - stall holders 12pm - visitors | Village Hall        |
|           | Sun 31st   | Chestnuts Tea Party               | 3pm                                  | Chesnuts, Long Lane |
| August    | 9th - 14th | Classical Music Festival          | Various times                        | St James Church     |
| September | Thu 29th   | Fun with Follies Sylvia Barrett   | 7:30pm                               | Village Hall        |
| October   | Sun 16th   | Harvest Supper with Keith Skipper | 7:30pm                               | Social Club         |
| November  | Sat 19th   | Craft Fayre                       | 10am-2pm                             | Social Club         |
| December  | Thu 15th   | Carole Singing                    | 7pm                                  | Social Club         |

## support scheme

### chairmans corner - Support Scheme

The past couple of weeks have seen some notable anniversaries. At our St George's lunch we gave a hearty rendering of the National Anthem and toasted HM. We also lit the beacon at Stump Cross. Last week-end we were in Stratford-on-Avon for the first time in 40 years. Perhaps the Bard's 400th anniversary had attracted so many tourists, but it did seem to have become much more of a 'not to be missed' venue. The 'Poetry Ambulance' stretched the imagination!

But it had us thinking about Shakespearean phrases which have, perhaps unwittingly, become part of our everyday lingo:

Ever been 'in a pickle", or had 'too much of a good thing'?

Have friends 'eaten you out of house and home', or 'had you in stitches' over a joke? These are also just a few of the well known sayings courtesy of the Bard:

'For goodness sake' - Henry viii

'Mum's the word' - Henry iv part ii

'A wild goose chase' - Romeo & Juliet

'A heart of gold' - Henry v

'Lie low' - Much ado...

'Vanish into thin air' - Othello

'Truth will out' - Merchant of Venice

'Wear your heart on your sleeve' – Othello

It has also been a season of farewells, notably Terry Wogan, David Bowie, Alan Rickman, Victoria Wood and of course not forgetting Reg Green who did so much for the Southrepps Support Scheme, and Maurice Fox a skilled and enthusiastic bowler

Malcolm Hilson

### Southrepps Support

### Scheme

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fund raising activities. A generous donation (and mincepies) from the landlord helped us to raise £150 singing carols in the Vernon. The St George's Lunch raised much the same. Donations from the Parish Council and the Townlands Charity were also very welcome. These go towards the cost of producing "The Mardler".

The monthly lunch club continues to be much appreciated by the regulars. We could actually manage a few more participants. Where else can you get a tasty roast, with dessert and coffee for £4 a head? It's a pleasant social occasion for anyone retired; and the new kitchen works a treat! Huge thanks to our helpers and providers.

Incidentally, there will be no lunch in August as we would clash with the Music Festival use of the Hall. we would welcome new helpers, please call 833327.

We held a successful defibrillator training session in early March in the Village Hall. 15 of us enjoyed practicing CPL on Jim Begley's dolls, all desperately hoping that we never have to perform it in real time! There will be another session next year. Thanks to Jim Begley the Overstrand First Responder, and Steve Briggs for helping to organise.

Do remember that we have some medical equipment for loan, including a lightweight wheelchair (01263 833327).

The Chestnuts Tea Party this year will be held on Sunday 31 July at 3pm



### Southrepps Bells

We are really short of ringers these days and find it hard to muster six to ring at St James' on Sunday mornings. Practices are now held at Gimingham on Mondays. We have expert ringers to help with training, and anyone willing to try their hand will be most welcome. (Contact Andrew Lubbock on 07787995097).

### The Monarchy Association

Are holding a gathering at the Village Hall

on **Tuesday the 31st May** and also on **Wednesday 15th June** and have invited advocates of the Brexit and Remain groups to come and explain, why and what, we are voting for at the referendum on the 23rd June.

Please join us and air your views!

Doors open at 7.30pm and Close at 9 pm

### **200** Club

The Village Hall 200 Club runs from April to April every year - with an annual subscription fee of only £10! The monthly draw consists of £40, £20, £10, and £5 with an additional draw of £100 at Christmas.

If you would like to join the 200 Club, it's very easy - please contact Helen Hewitt on 834178 / 07713 063302 Email: aitch045@icloud.com.

You can also find the joining form on southrepps.info website.

### Southrepps Tree Society

Formed in 1985 after the first tree was planted in Rhodesia Avenue. Since then more than 30,000 trees have been planted.

Apply to name a tree contact Colin Brown on 833260

### Horticultural Show

This years show will be held on

#### Saturday 30th July.

and will take place at Southrepps Village Hall. As usual there are classes for Fruit and Vegetables, Preserves, Flowers and Floral Arrangements. There are cash prizes.

Entries must be brought to the hall between 8.30 and 10.30am on the day. The show will be open to visitors from 12noon.

In addition to the show, there will be a Growers' Market selling fresh produce, a Plant Stall, an Art Exhibition and Sale, a Tombola and space permitting, we hope to have some Craft/Bric a Brac stalls.

There will be refreshments with homemade cakes. Schedules are available at the Southrepps Post Office, Vernon Arms and online at Southrepps.info.com

For any further information or queries, please phone 01263 834242

### **Southrepps Village** Hall Committee

I am pleased to say we now have several long term bookings so it takes the pressure off a bit financially but if we want to carry on improving we must get more funds so **please** remember us when planning your next event ring us on 01263-833355 and speak to Debbie.

- · we now have a very smart refitted kitchen
- · a small independent committee room and
- our large hall has recently had the lighting renewed

This is a community asset looked after by volunteers so please try to attend our next

Meeting /AGM and find out how it all works. This will be held in the Village Hall at 7pm Monday 6th June, it would be great to have a full house.

Mick Waudby - Chairman

### Southrepps Society

The Society is still flourishing in it's 39th year with a membership of almost 60. Our meeting night has moved back to the last Thursday of the month instead of Wednesday.

Since the last edition of the Mardler, we have enjoyed some interesting speakers. In November local wildlife photographer Ernie Janes showed us more of his stunning photos taken on recent trips abroad. As usual we had a Pot Luck supper in December attended by 38 members followed by a general knowledge quiz.

For our first meeting of 2016, Simon Case from NNDC gave us an enthusiastic talk about trees and landscape in N. Norfolk. In February we held our AGM. This year we have had a change of officers. Diana Quay has stepped down as Chairman. Her place has been taken by Marion Hilson. Sadly our treasurer Isobel Primrose has moved from the village but we are lucky to have recruited new member Chris Shaw to fill the vacancy.

We carried out our annual Litterpick on 10th March and we hope the village looks better for our efforts. Our speaker for May



was Sue Lee from the local charity "About With Friends."

Many members were unaware of their vital work with disadvantaged young people in the local area. They run a café in Cromer, undertake gardening work and have just opened a charity shop in Garden Street in Cromer.

On 23rd April 30 members and friends assisted in the lighting of the Beacon at Stump Cross to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. It was a pleasant occasion with drinks and nibbles despite the bitter east wind.

For our April meeting we welcomed another local photographer and writer John Worrall who explained and showed us how the Fens as the rich agricultural land of today had come about through diverting of rivers and drainage.

Our next meeting on 26th May will be a walk in Sheringham Park meeting there in the car park at 6.30pm. Notices of meetings are displayed in

Southrepps PO, the Village Hall, the Church porch and Warren Road notice board. Visitors are always welcome.

Sales of our publication of old village photos - "Southrepps remembered" are still available at the Post office and the Showcase Gallery in North Walsham.

### Royal British Legion

We sadly lost one of our regulars, Reg Green. We shall miss his dry humour. We are now 26 members.

The annual Poppy Appeal was again generously supported and raised in excess of £1500. Our thanks to all supporters and collectors, and in particular to Graham McCabe the co-ordinator and Tony Wilkinson, the counter.

The Remembrance Day service was, as ever, a moving occasion, particularly with the details of those recorded on the War Memorial being read out. Thanks to the Chorale for their support, and to our bugler Stewart Lowe, for taking on the accompanying role. 20 people also attended the short Armistice Day service at the War Memorial on 11 November.

We sent an inscribed cross in the names of "The Southrepps Boys" to the annual Field of Remembrance outside Westminster Abbey.

Several members appreciated the invitation to attend the SSS Lunch Club Christmas Lunch.

The annual dinner at the Vernon in February was well attended and a raffle raised £60 for Branch funds.

### Lower Southrepps Social

Club

The social club has a good member base and provide many functions for it's members ranging from Bingo, quizzes and bowls. Our Strawberry Fayre will be held in June again, our Harvest Supper will be with Keith Skipper in October. We will be holding a special Quiz Night in aid of Multiple Sceloris and all proceeds will be going to the local branch in Southrepps. To find out a full "what's on" look on southrepps.info website.

If you have any questions please contact Val Roche 720090 or Ruby Risebrow 833481.

### parish council

## **Speeding** through the village

Speed watch is now in action although we are still seeking volunteers - please come forward - if you have an issue with speeding through your village you need to help us to help you......without members this initiative will fail. It is only a few hours a month and well worth it. The hard work of starting the project has been done.....come and join the team you will be more than welcomed.

#### Recreation Ground and

Car Park

Due to the bad weather the improvements to the recreation ground have been put on hold and we are eagerly waiting for the contractor to commence soon.

Regular mole patrol has been taking place and this is all part of the initiative to improve the recreation for everyone. We are also working towards the upgrade of the car park which will follow the work on the recreation area.

### **Glass recycling** bottle banks

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE keep using them they are vital to support your community and raised last year 2015-2016 via the Indigo collection system £901.82 less costs £169.50 totalling £732.32 Although slightly down over the previous year we are extremely anxious to keep this initiative going. It is vital for your community to help keep your Precept down.

### Planters at the Green

and Lower Southrepps

We are seeking a couple of volunteers to assist in the maintenance of the Planters at the junction of Long Lane and the High Street. We were sad to see Isobel and Neil Primrose leave the village and wish them success. However, we are also keen to hear from anyone who can look after the planters. Please let the Clerk know if you can help. All offers are appreciated.

### **Southrepps Commons**

Trust "SCT"

The Council are working with SCT to find a solution to the long term management of the Commons. It is becoming increasingly difficult for SCT to continue the work it undertakes for the community and is searching for an answer to ensure that the commons are maintained to the necessary standards for the future. There is no easy answer and if there is anyone out there who feels they can offer advice and guidance - this information would be really welcomed.

The Council are also working with SCT to secure storage facilities for their equipment and may be able to apply for grant funding. The necessary planning application has been successful.

### Website

The website is now being regularly updated and gradually we are uploading more information. If there is anything you would like to place on the site please let the Clerk know or follow the link on the website.

### Meeting Dates

In future all meetings will be held on Wednesdays at Southrepps Village Hall - dates for 2016 - June 1st Parish and Annual Meetings, 20th July, 7th September, 19th October and 30th November.

I'm sitting in front of the malevolent, scheming heap of allegedly "intelligent!" technology called "Laptop" (its other names are not printable!) trying to sort the events of last winter on The Common into some sort of order that will justify their place in our bright

new spruced-up Mardler. Doubtless, as soon as the new magazine drops through people's letterboxes, the plaudits will start coming thick and fast, and I'll be one of the first with my congratulations for a job well done.

Speaking of which, a little bit of praise and/or gratitude is always nice, and yesterday I received, completely unsolicited, high praise and compliments for the job done on Southrepps Common. This is from someone who knows what he is talking about, as our visitor was a contractor, hugely experienced in maintaining environmentally sensitive sites, using very specialised and expensive machinery which we've not encountered before. He compared us to similar places that he works on throughout East Anglia and said that not only was none better cared for than ours, but also that no machine could produce such a good result. I report this so that any SCT Volunteer reading it can feel proud of their contribution, and that the rest of you can be proud of them.

In the last edition I announced our new website, "sctrust.org.uk". Events have moved on; it was good then, but do look at it now. Two of our most loyal supporters, Duncan Westlake and Margaret Dowland, have refined the site to include a vast amount of reference material presented in a format which is at once beautiful to look at, whilst being interesting and informative as well. One irresistible nugget comes from



SOUTHREPPS

COMMONS TRUST

"Transactions of the Norfolk & Norwich Naturalist's Society, 1886", with plant lists for Southrepps Common from all that time ago. You have to admire someone who can discover a reference to Southrepps in a 140 year old academic journal and then put

a full copy on our website. Indeed, everything's there: plant lists, photos, wildlife, history, blogs, Twitter, and of course all SCT's news, notices and contact information. It truly is a tour-de-force and you must have a heart of stone if, having looked at it, you are not motivated to leave digital behind and take a look at the real thing, just down the road.

My mention of a contractor will not have escaped the more perceptive of you but please don't jump to conclusions as we have no immediate plans to change the way we do things just yet. However, problems which the Parish Council is very aware of can be foreseen in the mid-term future. These boil down to money and labour; money becau our main source of funding is an agricultural grant called Higher Level Stewardship whose current agreement expires in 2018; labour because none of us is getting younge the work is jolly hard. Conseque and the Parish Council are very sensibly considering what can be done to ensure Southrepps keeps its very special, own, Local Nature Reserve for future generations to continue enjoying.

Lastly, and most importantly, please go and look at what's been achieved last winter. The way the cutting rota works means that right now you have the most spectacular views of any during the four-year cycle and, with it growing so fast, it will soon be gone.

John Houlgate



We are spreading our wings this summer, and taking our 55 voices to a unique and historic Norfolk venue, Binham Priory (8th July), before coming home to perform in the Southrepps Music Festival (9th August).

We are so excited at making our first visit to historic Binham Priory, just 20 miles from Southrepps. An evening of melody and rhythm in a wonderful setting will make this a summer's evening to relish.

We would love to see lots of villagers there! Bring the family, bring a picnic, bring rugs even bring candelabra, table and chairs if you like. Arrive early to set up your picnic space amongst the ruined monastery, and to drink in the atmosphere before the concert (6.00pm start). The music is staged in the wonderful 13<sup>th</sup> century church, with a long interval outside (weather permitting) as you enjoy your picnic.

Our summer's programme is based on Shakespeare in the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bard. Shakespeare plays and sonnets have so much to offer on a musical journey and our programme includes Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story* (Romeo and Juliet) and the famous jazz pianist George Shearing's *Songs and Sonnets*. The ladies sing *Double Trouble (from Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban)*, while the men will *Brush Up Their Shakespeare* (from Kiss Me Kate by Cole Porter).

Our light programme has something for everyone, as although we love performing, we really want our audience to enjoy our musical journey too. Conducted by Stephen Richards, and accompanied by Cathy Al-Bay (keyboard) with Anna Hopkins (flute) and Ivar Galenieks (double bass).

Tickets are £8 for adults, children 16 and under only £2, available from Olga Bryant on 01263 834030 or email to <a href="mailto:info@southreppschorale.org.uk">info@southreppschorale.org.uk</a>

If you are new to the village or not and are interested in joining the Chorale, we rehearse in the Village Hall on Tuesdays at 7.30pm. Contact our Musical Director in the first instance.



CONTACT: Stephen Richards, Musical Director Tel: 834411 Email: info@southreppschorale.org.uk

### news from St James



For centuries the tower of St James' church has stood tall across the countryside, visible for miles around like a beacon proclaiming 'Southrepps is here'. Over these centuries the building has changed and evolved as fashions have come and gone and new technologies have made it possible to do bigger and better. For example if you look at the door to the vestry at the north east of the church you can see that it has been cut into the wall to fit below the window when the new vestry was built (forcing me to duck low every time!), and outside on the north wall there is the remains of a fireplace which was probably in a vestry accessed off the north aisle before both the side aisles were demolished.

Our churches have always relied on the goodwill and generosity of local people; in fact St James' is known as a 'wool church' built from the profits of the wool trade and in thanksgiving to God for the wellbeing of the farming community.

The last major alteration was 21 years ago when the new rooms and facilities were added courtesy of the Judith Bartram Trust and these have made a great improvement. When Judith Bartram died she left her (farm) estate to Southrepps and 2 other churches, although I doubt she realised the full value of her property, and trustees continue to administer this fund for the benefit of the church, although the fund does not belong to the church. Although the church continues to rely on legacies and donations, inheriting such a large fund (currently over £300,000) can also have its problems, and it is fair to say that the village has not been invited to get involved in the life of the church for some time and that is regrettable, as the fund has been relied upon for hand outs. But this is no longer financially sustainable, not desirable.

But the church does need the interest and support of villagers. whether they choose to attend services or not. It is part of the heritage of the community and in that sense belongs to everybody. Since I began my work here as your Rector I have tried to reconnect the church to the village and hope to continue to do so in the coming months. We held a spring cleaning day in January when around 25 turned up armed with brushes, dusters and polish and we enjoyed a thoroughly good day together, and the church looks much more welcoming and cared for as a result.

A small group have offered to raise the money to replace the two 5-bar gates to the churchyard and are in the process of raising the £1200 needed to do this, as well as tackling some DIY jobs.

All this makes a difference. In addition to all this I am delighted to say that the congregation has grown in recent months and we now have about 30 regularly attending on Sundays, as well

as a small congregation for the weekly Communion service on Thursdays at 10am.

The church is open each and every day and we welcome visitors from all over. If you would like to give a little of your time or expertise to help keep the church in good condition, please do get in touch. Currently we would benefit from a few people willing to arrange flowers in the church as well as help with occasional jobs. We will be delighted to hear from you!



### Report on NNDC from Sue Arnold, District Councillor

Council tax concerns us all. For those who have studied theirs carefully they will have realised that the NNDC part of the bill has not increased unlike the other authorities who have a bite of the cherry.

Your local council is debt free, while retaining good reserves, and continues to provide its statutory responsibilities to a high standard. These reserves serve us well in times of crisis such as the "surge" when the Council were immediately able to put in place emergency measures which cost millions. Due to good efforts by our leader which included many hours spent at no. 10 Downing Street most of the money was recouped either from the Government or through insurance claims.

The work on Cromer promenade is completed and work will start shortly on a modernisation programme for the west part of this lovely area of Cromer.

Work continues to endeavour to protect our coast and whilst we cannot of course play King Canute there are projects being undertaken or are in the pipeline to do whatever we can.

Planning..the new Local Plan is well on the way and currently sites for future development are being sought. Most will be adjacent to towns but ways of

having small developments without spoiling our heritage are being discussed. The government sets yearly housing targets. Currently these are being met by NNDC but if we don't achieve these targets it leaves us open to challenge by developers who want to build on unallocated sites. Currently we are delighted that we have fought off an appeal by a developer in Holt.

Digitalisation is happening fast. All Councillors are issued with iPads and expected to use them rather than having paper copies. This cuts the paper and printing bills enormously.

Most larger developments have an element of affordable housing included, thus giving opportunities for people who are not large earners to have their own home either at a reasonable rent or through shared ownership. Last year we were able to bring 65 into the pot. Empty homes have been a priority of the Council and during the past few years hundreds have been brought back into occupation. Not an easy exercise and recently we have embarked on CPOs where no action or response has been forthcoming from the owner.

Within four years the Government grant given to Councils will cease and it will be necessary to find other



means to raise funds to provide the necessary services.

Currently we are sharing several of our Heads of Service, including our Chief Executive with Gt. Yarmouth, thus saving money and increasing skills and opportunities.

Devolution is very much the topic of the day with the Government wishing to see a Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridge combined devolved authority. Whilst the principle sounds good there are many issues to be thrashed out not least the issue of an elected mayor.

NNDC has won many awards for its services and there is a cabinet in the foyer of the Council offices showing off the silverware.

Please contact me if you have any issues you would like to discuss

**CONTACT Sue Arnold** 

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### local hero's

We have some incredible people living in this village all with extraordinary stories to tell.

If you have a story that should be shared please let us know.

### **US Airmans** Family Found



Derick Grey was just ten years old when he witnessed an event that would stay with him for the rest of his life. Derick was with his friends in

a field south of Thorpe Market Road when a US B-24 Liberator crash landed. The boys ran to the scene and saw two crew members were standing on top of the aircraft, a third was inside, thankfully they had survived the crash. The other seven members of the crew had bailed out. Of them, six had survived, but the parachute of one - Sgt Edward J Mire, a gunner - had failed to open. His body was found later, six miles away, at Suffield.

Mr Grey, now 81, still has memories of the crash and its dramatic events surrounding it. There is a tree in memory of Sgt Mire along our Memorial Avenue and Derick wanted to track down the family in the USA to let them know that their family member was remembered here in Norfolk.

The EDP ran an article based on Derick's story and the story was read by Tony Brooks, of Pockthorpe Lane, who is a keen Second World War researcher.

"He sent Mr Grey a picture of Sgt Mire's grave in Louisiana, and put him in touch with Darin Scorza, who is in charge of the 458th bomb group's website.

And Mr Scorza quickly sent Mr Grey contact details for Sgt Mire's niece Laurie Bullinger, and his younger brother Robert Mire, now 84, who still lives in Louisiana.

A delighted Mr Grey has just received a thank-you card and hand-written letter from Robert Mire, enclosing a photo of his lost brother. "I just cried like a child when I opened the packet," said Mr Grey. "As a boy, it all seemed exciting but I think we were



all traumatised by events. Robert's letter and the photo took me straight back to that day in 1944. It was very emotional."

Mr Mire thanks Mr Grey and Mr Scorza for letting the family know how Edward died. It is clear from an email sent by Ms Bullinger that they did not realise Edward was the only crew member not to survive the crash."

### "It was just out of the blue"

Dan Needham only 35 years old suffered two strokes last year which was brought on by a sneeze. Dan started a Facebook page to outline his recovery and also try and bring awareness to not only his situation but others too. His Facebook page has been viewed by more than 300,000 people, with readers contacting Dan from as far away as USA and Australia.

Even though Dan was in hospital for a while his spirit was never broken and his accounts of his feelings are uplifting and touching. He has helped to raise a large sum of money towards the Stroke Association and his friends supported this on New Years Day with the Cromer Boxing Day Dip



Extracts and photo's curtesy of EDP. Full versions of both these articles can be found on the Eastern Daily Press website at <a href="EDP24.co.uk">EDP24.co.uk</a>, just search "Southrepps" and you will find them.. Words and pictures courtesy of Archant.

## village sports

#### Bowls Club

Last season two of our teams won promotion to league 1 and so we anticipate a tough year ahead, but an enjoyable one.

We are looking for new members with; lots of bowls experience, some bowls experience, or no bowls experience whatsoever!

WE ARE OFFERING FREE
MEMBERSHIP TO ANY FIRST TIME
NEW MEMBERS. NORMALLY YOU
WOULD HAVE TO PAY £25 TO JOIN,
BUT NOT THIS YEAR.

Our League 1 teams are selected from available members and so the very best players have a chance to test their skills at the highest levels.

Our other two teams are made up mostly from members who have not been selected for the Division 1 games and this is done by allocating places to these members

We have many "in-house" club competitions and join in events held at other clubs including friendlies and tournaments. So, whatever your level of experience you will get some games.

Our highly qualified coach runs many group and individual coaching sessions to help all members

improve their game and the club only charges a £1 for these sessions.

We have a wide range of optional social activities with B.B.Q.'S at the club, an in house prize giving dinner, an in house social dinner evening, XMAS dinner at a local venue, river trips, horse racing, walks, dog racing and members put forward ideas for different social events each season.

When the outdoor summer season ends we offer indoor carpet bowls at only £2 per two hour session in our warm clubhouse with free tea and biscuits. A good way to spend your time on those dreary winter afternoons.

We have already had two new experienced bowlers join us and two complete beginners, so you will not be the only newcomers. There really hasn't been a better time to join our friendly active club.

If you would like more information please ring; David on 01263 721060 or Chris' on 01263 838551 or Phil' on 01692 500447. We will be very happy to hear from you and hope you join us, but you will not be pressurised to do so.

#### **David Harding Chairman**





Contact: 01263 721060 (David) or 01263 838551 (Chris)

# village sports

#### Football Club

A previously formidable village football club that once played at Carrow Road was revived in 2012 after more than 15 years absence.

Southrepps had a football club as early as 1908 and its team once were runners-up in the East Anglia League Second Division. The club moved to Northrepps in search of better facilities in the 1990s and disbanded shortly after that.

Southrepps Football Club was then relaunched in 2012 by villagers in a bid to recapture community spirit.

During their first season there were over 30 players signed up to play for the team in the North East Norfolk League and as a result of this we then formed a reserve team for the following season. The first team now play in the first division and the reserves in the second division.

The teams have gone from strength to strength with new managers driving both the first and second team up the ranks in the league table. As we go to print, the first team have played one cup final but unfortunately lost by two goals

but they are in another two cup finals - so we are keeping our fingers crossed for them and hope their hard work pays off. But all our teams should be very proud of themselves to come so far and we look forward to the next season.

If you are interested in joining please contact us to find out more.







### Southrepps FC

Like page to find latest news and fixtures. Also you can contact us this way too.

CONTACT: Roger Swift - Secretary / Treasurer

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# More Paws from Charley

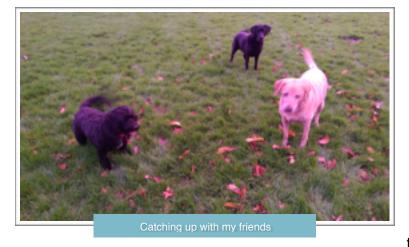
### Here we are spring again, my Mum's favourite time of year.

Every walk is full of new smells and sounds for me. Mum loves the green shoots, the hedges springing back into life, the even wider skies, the animals coming out of hibernation and everything starting over. Early birdsong, light mornings and light evenings. Although I sort of agree with her I am not sure I like the bangs from the bird scarers and have been a bit of a pain to Mum as when I hear them I stop in my tracks and head for home! Not like Jess and Maisie who are made of sterner stuff.

I have had a great time discovering new walks with friends – Felbrigg with Snoop and Bear, Blickling and Sheringham Park with Jill and the old railway tracks at Aylsham and North Walsham.

But for me the best is the beach at Trimingham. I never know where we are going when I get in the car, it could be the Vets – a regular trip (which I have got used to as Michela always gives me a treat!) but when the car turns down the rugged road I am up and my heart sings and yes I sing too! I leap out of the car and they have trouble keeping up with me. Snoop and Bear go down there as do Denis and Humphrey. Not just a great time for me but think everyone else enjoys it too!





My other favourites are the White gates crossing over from Southrepps to Northrepps and then back via the footpaths to Clipped Hedge Lane where I walked with Pheobe, and the Southrepps Common board walk where Mum plays 'pooh sticks' at the stream and I admire the amazing work the volunteers do.

As you know I live for 'tennis' on the rec and am always looking out for my mates Max, Ruby and Willow, which again drives Mum mad as I spend half the time looking at the car park to see if they are coming to play! I did meet Busby though and hope to play with him again soon.

If you are out and about early you will see Ginny, Arthur and the man on a bike with his dog – exercise for all!

Till next time





The Southrepps Classical Music Festival will be held between

## Monday 8th to Sunday 14th August

It's a brilliant line up this year with our own Chorale and many other super talented people. Tickets are available for sale either for individual days or your can buy a **Festival Pass for £55**. This gives the holder access to all Festival concerts, it would cost £117 if bought individually - but do hurry as the tickets go fast.

Order your pass or individual ticket requests by contacting the Festival Treasurer

| Date                  | Concert & Time                                  | Admission |
|-----------------------|---|-----------|
| Monday 8th August     | Masterclass   2pm - Templewood                  | Free      |
| Tuesday 9th August    | Opening Concert   7.30 - The Southrepps Chorale | £10       |
| Wednesday 10th August | Purcell's Dido and Aeneas   7.30                | £15       |
| Thursday 11th August  | Sean Shibe, Guitar   12.30                      | £8        |
|                       | Celebrating Song   7.30                         | £15       |
| Friday 12th August    | Young Artist Recital   12.30                    | £8        |
|                       | Martin James Bartlett, piano   7.30             | £15       |
| Saturday 13th August  | Celebrating Song 2   12.30 'Talking to Hardy'   | £8        |
|                       | Serenade to Music   7.30                        | £15       |
| Sunday 14th August    | Coffee Concert   11.30                          | £8        |
|                       | Gala Concert   7.30                             | £15       |

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The syndicate doesn't have any fees and works very simply. Heating oil is ordered five times a year, January, March, May, August and November. You are not obliged to order each time and you can order how ever much you need (there is usually a min of 500 Litres per house). To find out more information simply contact us and we shall guide you through the procedure and then supply the relevant forms etc.

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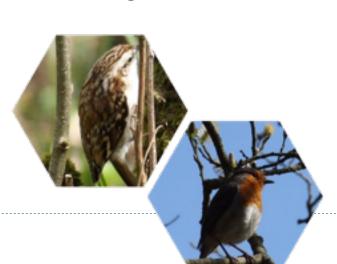
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