

# SOUTHREPPS

## *Mini* M A R D L E R



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Spring & Summer Issue

**Front Cover** - Ernie James

# USEFUL INFORMATION

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## **CLAPPING OUR CARERS**

Our villagers have been clapping loud and proudly every Thursday at 8pm for all our hardworking frontline staff. Cheering, clapping, and wooden spoons and pots and pans have been used. Well done all.

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## **LUNCH CLUB**

For a few of you, the monthly lunch club is something that is looked forward to. Derek Grey tells us that he and others on the 'noisy table' are so missing the monthly Lunch Club

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## **GOLDFINCHES**

Our stunning front cover and picture to the right were taken by Ernie James. We have seen so many more of these wonderful Goldfinches than usual...is this a good year for Goldfinches?

# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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## LIFE IN SOUTHREPPS

These are unprecedented times. We've been in lockdown when overseas with cyclones and terrorist incidents, but only for a few days at a time. Now, time seems irrelevant, and, being 'vulnerable', we measure our weeks by Friday's F & C delivery from the jolly Vernon! But how lucky we are as a village to have a good working shop, a cheerful PO and a cracking take away service, all on our doorstep?

The Southrepps Support Scheme is pleased to back Shelley's public spirited initiative to reach out with this information edition. There is help out there; don't be concerned about asking if you are on hard times. We'd all hate anyone in this village to go hungry - just ask....and stay safe!

**MALCOLM HILSON**  
**CHAIRMAN SOUTHREPPS SUPPORT SCHEME**



## HOW ARE YOU?

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About this time we would have been putting the finishing touches to another edition of the village magazine, The Mardler, filled with information from all of our clubs and societies in the village, and capturing our amazing resident's lives.

I'm always so proud when we put it together and feel grateful that I live somewhere with a strong sense of community spirit. But with clubs and societies closed and with us now bound to our homes and secluded from our friends and families, it seemed important, in fact crucial, that we try

to reach out to you all, but especially to those who might not have access to the internet and social media.

We know that some of you in that determined British spirit, will be "suffering in silence". We want to help - no-one get's left behind! We have included all the local delivery services we have come across, (leaving out the supermarkets), and some stories from front line workers in our area. We hope this will be helpful and re-assuring.

**SHELLEY**  
**EDITOR OF THE MARDLER**



# MESSAGE FROM OUR RECTOR

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If you've been able to get out for a daily walk and enjoyed the wonderful Spring weather we have had until recently then you may well have noticed that sadly

St James Church is locked due to COVID-19, as soon as we are able

to reopen believe me we will be! But what does this mean in the meantime, has the Church just shut up shop? Far from it. Although there is clearly a lot that can't currently happen at the moment, no services in Church, weddings and Christenings postponed, funerals held at the graveside or in the crematorium with very few mourners, much still is.

To keep people in touch with each other and up to date with news there are now two weekly bulletins. The first known as the "chatty one" is sent out on Mondays and as suggested contains news and views, plus a service that can be used at home each day with appropriate readings, the second sent on Fridays includes a Sunday service and a homily which is written by a different member of our Ministry Team each week, and is designed to be used at home. If you would like to receive these please use the contact information below.

Prayer is always a very important part of our life as a Church and in order to further facilitate this, we now have a "Prayer Chain" comprising members of the Ministry Team who are committed to praying daily for particular people or situations. If you would like a name added confidentially to this list please ring me on the number below.

Although weddings and christenings are currently on hold and we don't as yet know when they will restart, we are very happy to take enquiries for next year and beyond if you would like to get in touch.

Sadly, as a result of the restrictions on the number of mourners at funerals (immediate family only) it may be that you are unable to attend the funeral of someone close to you. In

some cases, arrangements will have been made to stream the service, which many crematoriums are now doing. If that isn't an option or if you are unable to access the service but would still like to do something I do have a brief service and prayers that are designed to be used at home on the day of the funeral which I would be happy to pass onto you, and of course, if when this is all over you would like to arrange a memorial service or private prayers in Church we would be happy to help.

Please know that you are all very much in my prayers and in the prayers of the Church and within all of the restrictions currently in place we are here for you,

With every Blessing and prayers for the time when we are able to meet again,

**Siân**

**Rev Siân Reading :  
Rector Poppyland Benefice**

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*For prayer requests or to speak to the Rector please ring 01263 833790 (please leave a message including your name and phone number if you get the answerphone) for all other enquiries including receiving the bulletin please email [Poppyland.rector@gmail.com](mailto:Poppyland.rector@gmail.com)*

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*In these difficult times it is hard to focus on the future. However, we must look forward to the forthcoming summer months although they may be a little different to how things have been in the past. It is great news that we are as a community pulling together with all facets of clubs and societies interacting with one another to offer help, guidance and sometimes just supporting people from a distance with a telephone call.*

We must also not lose sight of those who amongst us who have carried on working and keeping our elderly and isolated safe - the carers. Also the farmers and shopkeepers who put food on our plate - we thank you all.

It is only by working as a team that we can combat this COVID-19 pandemic.

The Parish Council would like to offer thanks to each and every member of our parish for their excellent community spirits and good hearted kindness.

Members of the Council have offered their support individually and the Clerk has been co-ordinating and undertaking shopping and medication deliveries for local residents when required. If you need help - please do ask we are more than happy to assist.

MAY 2020 - this is always a busy period for the Council with the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting. The yearly accounts and

internal/external audits are also extremely time consuming. However, currently the meetings have been suspended along with the accounts as the audit regime is delayed. We are aiming and hoping to resume in July although meetings may be modified. Day to day Council business is running behind the scenes.

Events going forward for the Council will be the investigating a Neighbourhood Plan to find out if this is a way forward for the Parish of Southrepps. The Council were devastated to learn of the approval of the 15 new homes at Long Lane and the impact that may have. We are also focussing on the implementation of a 20mph zone through the High Street.

The Council now has its separate website: <https://southreppspc.wix.com> which is linked to [www.southrepps.info](http://www.southrepps.info).

On closing we would like to thank once again all members of our Parish for their efforts during this trying period and hope that we will all have some normality soon.

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## SOUTHREPPS PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Lesley Sparrow - Chair -
  - Roger Swift - Vice Chair -
    - Louise Marriner -
    - Chris Shaw -
    - Graham McCabe -
    - Louis de Soissons -
      - Tish Peal -
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## LETTER FROM MAX MARRINER - SOUTHREPPS

*"In these very uncertain and fractured times a real sense of belonging and community has never been more important for our emotional, mental and physical wellbeing.*

Over the past weeks we have seen this demonstrated every day across our marvellous village: ladies making cakes and face masks and scrubs for the NHS, everyone shopping for friends and many of us checking in on neighbours plus any number of other good deeds that mark out the very best of the human spirit in adversity.

The importance of a really good village shop has never been more obvious and I am sure everyone agrees that Jackie and her team have really, really pulled out all the stops for us. Paul and Debbie have refocussed The Vernon Arms so that delicious hot food is delivered to anyone who needs it and, vitally, to those who are wholly isolated and living alone and unsupported. Dirck and Lorraine have kept the Post Office fully functioning at a time when the importance of regular mail and parcels has never

been more crucial. So when we come out of lockdown, and isolation is just a memory, let's just remember what they have all done for us during COVID-19 and support them in the future. They are part and parcel of the fabric of this village and, as a community, we are so much the richer for having them.

I hope that, once this crisis is over, we will all remember the can-do pragmatic spirit that, coupled with good old compassion, has actually strengthened the Southrepps Community - so let's keep it going. I think it is also very important that, as we navigate our way to a "new normal," that we remember how this crisis has highlighted what really matters. We really do live in a wonderful village in a glorious part of the country and, irony of ironies, it has taken a national crisis to really bring that into sharp focus!"

**Max Marriner**  
**Southrepps Resident**

## FOOD DELIVERY SERVICES TO SOUTHREPPS

### **VERNON ARMS**

Paul and Debbie have been doing a delivery service of their excellent food. You should have had a menu through your door. For more information on the menu and delivery, please contact 833355.

### **LORRAINE'S CAKES**

Can be collected from Southrepps Post Office every Friday. Alternatively delivery can be arranged. Contact Lorraine on 07443 955749 or Dirck at the Post Office on 833397

### **DOTTY ABOUT CAKES DOTTY ON WHEELS**

Ema, makes an amazing range of cakes here in Southrepps which can be delivered. Contact her on 833377 or 07795 271 048

### **SOUTHREPPS MINI MARKET**

The team can help you with all your food and amenities needs. Simply call them on 01263 833607

### **ROCKY BOTTOM**

Seafood delivery to Southrepps on a Saturday. Phone: 01263 837359

# 66 LETTER FROM OUR LOCAL POLICE OFFICER

*I am PC Dani Holford of Norfolk Constabulary currently stationed in Norwich and I have been a police officer for 6 years. I have lived in the village for the past 5 years with my partner and dog.*

I am a response officer which means when someone calls in an emergency, I am the first to attend on blue lights. I am also qualified firearms officer (AFO- Authorised Firearms Officer), so when a serious job comes in, I will arm up and attend.

Affects/changes in working life:

Covid-19 has affected my working life in various ways. I am not attending as many jobs in person as many are self-isolating, so details of their incident or crime have

been taken over the phone. This is mainly for low level crime where there is no risk to life. I still attend incidents though where immediate violence or when a crime-in-progress is occurring.

Trying to keep a 2 metre distance during these incidents is difficult especially with gloves and mask on top of that, but it is necessary and essential to help my other emergency service colleagues in doing their job.

Most of the time I see members of the public respect and uphold the guidelines, its just the small group that ignore and disregard the guidance which makes my job harder.

I have a very supportive home life with my partner

being very understanding with what I do.

I see not as many incidents called in, and my colleagues at the hospital have seen a decrease in A&E admissions which is subsequently helping our workload. But I don't want villagers to think they can't call in an emergency or not ask for help because of Covid-19. I'm sure many would agree with me when I say that I'd rather be called for something that turns out to be nothing, then you not call and it turns out to be something.

**Dani Holford**  
**Southrepps Resident**

## COVID-19: Five steps to look after yourself and others

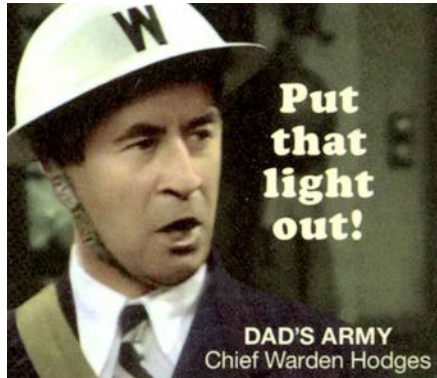




## LETTER FROM CHRIS HUDSON

*'Put that light out!' We all remember the desperately screamed orders of Warden Hodges in Dad's Army, but I bet that a few weeks ago none of you reading this ever dreamed that we would find ourselves in a similar state of personal deprivation and restriction. Someone said to me that there is no similarity because we are not at war- not so, we are very much at war but this is an enemy that cannot be seen or heard. Scary. So how do we deal with it? In the same way as the British have always done, a combination of strength of character and guts. Not forgetting tea of course - cups of tea have seen us through two world wars, so why not this one?*

The other weapon in the British armoury is humour. We can make a joke out of



anything. Within hours of lockdown the internet was awash with lockdown jokes. It has always been so, turn it into a laugh. The late legendary cricket commentator Brian Johnstone, was a master of this. Johnstone always had a joke ready. One of my favourites from his vast repertoire is the story of a man, whose wife was in hospital expecting a baby, who telephoned one afternoon to see what the news was. By mistake he got put through to the local cricket ground. When he asked what was the latest position the reply came back: 'There are seven out already - and the last two were ducks!'

Lockdown is something that we all have to put up with, no one should ever think 'Why me?' or feel alone. Not always easy when you do not see anyone, sometimes for days on end, but true nonetheless. We are all in the same position, under siege in our own homes. Lockdown cannot last for ever and then we can go back to leading normal lives, mixing with others and most importantly getting together with families and loved ones, privileges which we never thought would be taken away from us. It's a funny old world.....

Always remember that you are not on your own, there are many others in exactly the same position and there are many who are ready to help in any way that they can. Never be afraid to ask if you need help, either through official channels or neighbours and friends. Togetherness is the key - together we can fight this virus - and win.





## VE CELEBRATIONS

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*Some of the villagers quietly celebrated VE 75th anniversary during lockdown. Unfortunately no service could be arranged, but flags were placed on the War Memorial in the churchyard. We also hear the British Legion Standard put in an appearance on the day.*



## ST JAMES CHURCH - GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

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Due to the generosity of Gordon Black, a bequest in memory of the late Kathy Black is enabling us to renovate our peaceful Garden of Remembrance in the south-west corner of the churchyard.

During June, the garden will be tidied and levelled, and each stone re-seated carefully and respectfully in its present location.

**Stephen Richards**  
**Churchwarden, St. James.**  
**Tel: 01263 834411**



## SOUTHREPPS CHORALE KEEPS SINGING

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During lockdown our village choir has become a 'virtual' choir enjoying weekly sessions on Zoom. Obviously it is a different experience and not quite as satisfying, but it's a lifesaver to some. It keeps our brains working, our vocal chords vibrating, and we can see and chat to each other.



# SUPPORTING OUR KEY WORKERS - 'SOUTHREPPS BAKERS'

Ever since lockdown the bakers of Southrepps have been busy providing savoury and sweet treats for the wards and departments at the Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital.

It all started when Tanja Wright (TFW Fine Wines) discovered that with the canteen and franchises all closed, the staff couldn't have anything to eat at the end of shift. She asked me if I would bake and asked friends and somehow we managed to fill my front doorstep for collection by Tanja, twice a week.

We are extremely proud of our achievements and to be the first of eight groups around North Norfolk baking each week.

So, it is with great thanks to the following bakers:- Nicky Land, Anna de Soissons, Olga Bryant, Diana Quay, Denise Walters, Marion Hilson, Sue Jones, Pauline, Danielle, Louise Marriner, Heather Janes, Penny McLean



and Ro Curtis, Janet Terry, not forgetting the wonderful Ruth Bird and her famous drop scones. In recent weeks we have been joined by a merry band of bakers from Colby and Overstrand, so you can imagine what the doorstep has looked like.

We have wound down a bit as things are slowly opening at the hospital so our next collection will be Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

I really hope I haven't forgotten anyone, it is not intentional but there are so many of you and you are all Star Bakers.

**Liz Richards**



Liz Richards

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Today's bakes went to the paramedics, thank you to my chums, Louise Marriner Denise Walters Diana Quay Nicole Land Ro Curtis Penny McClean Janet Terry and Ruth Bird, Gin and the Colby crew and Anne Mary Jess Stubenbord the Overstrand crew. Looking forward to Tuesday's haul already with collection from our co-ordinator Tanja Wright. Thank you to everyone of you, you are making our #NHS workers lives a little more savoury and sweeter.





# Horticultural Show

SAT 25 JULY - 12PM  
Southrepps Village Hall

This year, if the lockdown situation allows, our Show will take place on Saturday 25th July at Southrepps Village Hall. Free entry forms are available from Southrepps PO.

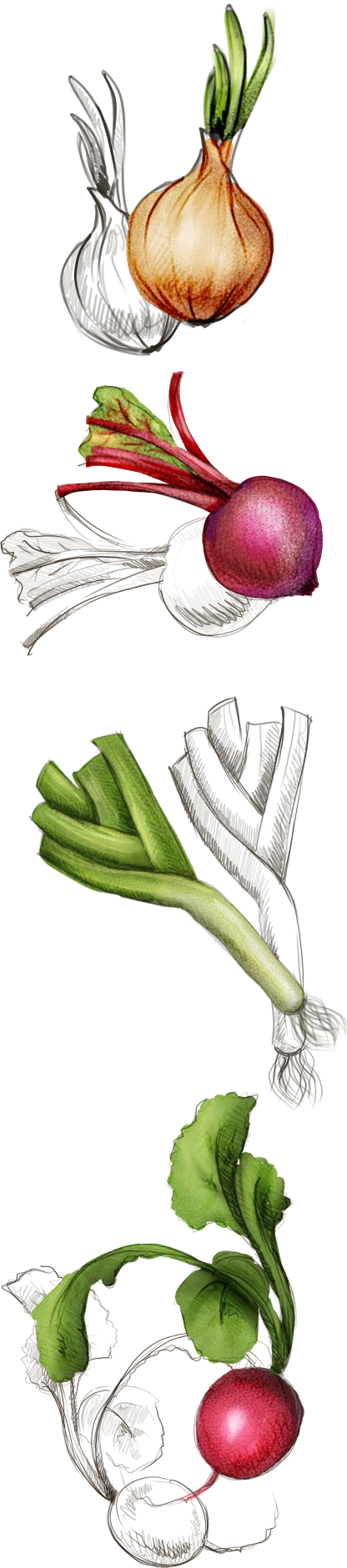
As usual there are classes for vegetables, flowers and floral arrangements. We are including again two cookery classes for bread and soup.

We shall have a Grower's Market selling fresh village produce, a Bric a Brac Stall and naturally refreshments with Homemade Cakes.

Why not enter and have some fun. There are cash prizes

The Show is open to the Public from 12.00.

For any further information, call 834242.



## Fruit and Vegetables

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| 1. Plate of 4 Tomatoes. Any size. One variety | 6. 3 Courgettes. One Variety                      |
| 2. 1 Cucumber. Any variety.                   | 7. Peas. 5 pods. One variety                      |
| 3. Plate of 3 potatoes. One variety           | 8. Any other Vegetable                            |
| 4. Longest Runner Bean                        | 9. A vase of 4 Culinary Herbs (1 stem of each)    |
| 5. 6 Dwarf/French Beans                       | 10. 3 stalks of Rhubarb. (Trim leaves to 3"/8cm.) |

## Cookery

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| 13. 1 jar of soft fruit Jam - any size      | 17. 3 Muffins. Any flavour                                      |
| 14. 1 jar of Chutney                        | 18. 3 pieces of Shortbread                                      |
| 15. 3 Fruit Scones                          | 19. 5 Biscuits/Cookies  |
| 16. Victoria sandwich with jam only filling | 20. 1 small loaf of white or brown bread (hand or machine made) |

## Flowers

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| 21. 1 Specimen Rose                | 25. Flowering Shrub. 1 stem/branch                           |
| 22. 5 sprigs of Lavender           | 26. Vase of Perennials. 3 varieties. 1 stem of each          |
| 23. Any Flower. 3 stems. 1 variety | 27. Vase of 3 White Flowers. 3 varieties (not rose or shrub) |
| 24. 1 Hydrangea stem with flower   | 28. Vase of mixed Foliage. 3 varieties                       |

## Photography

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| 29. Pet or Pets          | All photos must be unframed.             |
| 30. Around your Village. | Min. size 4" x 6"/10cm x 15cm            |
| 31. Seascape             | Max. size 8 1/4 x 11 5/8 / 21cm x 29.5cm |
| 32. Wild Flowers         |  |