

SOUTHREPPS

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Spring & Summer edition

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Information on the annual show.

Judith Bartram Memorial Trust

Read about how this trust is benefitting our village

Poetry Corner

Read some poetry from one of our new villagers

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Laurie Scott

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and those who deliver the Mardler
to all the residents.

If you have a story to tell or want to
feature in the next edition, compile
a puzzle, or perhaps you write
poetry, then please contact us and
we can discuss further.

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Village Website

www.southrepps.info

Full of village information
and details of all the clubs
and societies.

Provided by Southrepps
Parish Council the
website has lots of
useful
information.

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Chairmans Corner

Malcolm Hilson

I quite like a bit of snow during the winter. It somehow completes the season. I'm not sure though that we needed quite as much as we had recently, especially coupled with the wind and freezing temperatures coming in from Siberia! The last time I had frozen nostrils was some 20 years ago, just before Christmas, in Ottawa.

How much we missed the shop after its unfortunate flood from frozen pipes! It was really good to see it open again, much earlier than anticipated. Thanks Jackie et al, - good effort.

Now, we need a bit of help for our planned WW1 centenary exhibition. We have details to use of those who perished. We would like to discover some good men/women from Southrepps who served and survived. Does anyone have any information regarding family members who served in the First World War? A name and if available, a photograph of them in uniform or civvies, would be a great addition to our commemorative display.



Our beautiful village shown in two very different ways.

These pictures were taken by BlueSky UAV. A local company who have significant experience in flying multi-rotor and fixed wing Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV's)

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Southrepps Support Scheme

Malcolm Hilson

The Lunch Club continues to appeal to a steady number of regulars, at £4 a head for a roast. We were pleased to be given a 5 star hygiene rating after a demanding inspection in January. We have been asked to raise awareness of allergens.

Some people have asked if there is an age restriction. Our answer is to suggest that retired or over 60, just about covers it for seniors, although we have never seen it formally defined!

Why not come and give us a try? Village Hall, 12.30 pm, every second Wednesday of the month.

We ran another Defibrillator/CPR training course in the Village Hall on Saturday 24 March, when Jim Begley once more brought along his

'dolls' for us to practice on. Just 14 people attended. Thanks again to those who turned up, and to Steve Briggs for maintaining the Lower St unit.

We have also offered a contribution towards the cost of a traffic speed controller for the village.

The Christmas Lunch was well attended, and thanks to the Vernon landlord and the folk musicians, we raised £150 at the carol singing there on 14 December.

There will be a St George's Day Lunch in the Village Hall on Sunday 29 April at 12.30 pm. The SSS AGM will be held after the May lunch.

Finally, warm thanks to our helpers and providers without whom we could not function. Also to Tavern Tasty at Swafield, who continue to look after us.

PS. Don't forget that we have a lightweight wheelchair and a range of medical equipment for loan (01263 833327).

Royal British Legion

Malcolm Hilson

The local branch fulfilled its obligations in support of the Armistice Day and Remembrance Day services at the War Memorial and in St James' Church on 11 and 12 November 2017 respectively. Turnout at both was good. In addition to laying wreaths at the War Memorial on Armistice Day members also laid wreaths down Long Lane at Peter Sladden's cross and at the tree dedicated to US Airman Sgt Myer.

Thanks to all who contributed and collected for the annual Poppy Appeal. The total this year was almost £2000. A great effort!

The local branch has continued to support Halsey House with another £200 donation towards

resident's recreation activity. Members have been invited to visit and meet residents.

The annual dinner was held at the Vernon Arms on Saturday 4 February when 17 of us enjoyed a convivial evening, enhanced by some of the best of Vernon tucker.

We hope to mount a small exhibition in the church to mark the centenary of the end of WW1, which finally came to an end on 11 November 1918.

Our Standard Bearer soldiers on, but we would like to find a successor. You don't need to be ex services and training etc will be provided. Call 01263 833327 for further details, and for membership info. We do need more members

Southrepps Society

Carol Needham

Since the last Mardler report, we have welcomed in October, Andrew Lincoln, our local Gamekeeper who talked about modern gamekeeping in the area. In November, Ernie Janes, a member and professional photographer treated us to a superb show of wildlife photos.

We had our Christmas meeting in December, this time a Bring and Share supper. We were also celebrating the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Society so instead of a quiz, we had a display of old photos for members to browse.

In January Simon Partridge from How Hill Trust gave us an entertaining talk on the work of the How Hill Trust set up to introduce children to the Norfolk Broads.

34 members attended the AGM in February followed by a delicious Soup and Pudding supper.

On Saturday 24th February, we held our Memories Day in the Village Hall. Due to excellent publicity in the local press, we had about 300 visitors who enjoyed looking at the old photos and other material. Many visitors brought us new photos and information to add to the archive.

Our speaker for March is our member Diana Quay who will be talking about 'Wildlife of the Caribbean'

New members and visitors are always welcome. Posters are always displayed in the PO, the Church Porch and the Warren Road notice board as well as the village website.

Southrepps Social Club

Val Rouche

Southrepps Social Club is a small social club with members coming from Southrepps and areas surrounding eg North Walsham, Mundesley and even West Runton. We have social events during the year where both members and non members are welcome. Although plans have not been finalised for the whole year yet due to illness and of course the weather!

So far we have planned for our annual Strawberry and Craft Fair for July . There is always a members B. B. Q. in August, (members free. others pay small fee) We have Mr Brian Hedges who comes to us during the year with his slides and commentary about different areas of Norfolk. Our quizzes are very popular and will be continued. Harvest Supper is always in October with entertainment and food.

Other outings to be arranged are Ten Pin Bowling, a Boat Trip in the Summer and other entertainments to be suggested as we go through the year. All events are advertised in the North Norfolk News and posters around the village.

We still have a successful carpet bowls team that play in the Broadland League as well as various county tournaments. Tuesday afternoons from 2-4 and Thursday evening 7.30 pm to 9.30pm are for practice and for anyone who wants to play or learn to play. We also have members tournaments during the year.

Our monthly Bingo is still popular, it is the 1st Saturday of every month (except January) We start at 7.30pm , it is a prize bingo so come and try your luck!

There is a snooker table in the clubhouse which is used regularly , if interested in snooker ring Colin on 01263 833481.

The membership fee is £5 per year which entitles you to discounts for events.

The clubhouse can be hired for parties etc ring Ruby on 01263 833481 for details.

We are small and friendly club so come and join us!

Southrepps Bells

Andrew Lubbock

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. Mob: 07787 995097

Horticultural Show

SAT 4 AUGUST - 12PM
Southrepps Village Hall

This year our Show will take place on Saturday 4th August at Southrepps Village Hall. Free entry forms are available from Southrepps PO and the Vernon Arms.

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

1. Plate of 4 Tomatoes. Any size. One variety.
2. 1 Cucumber. Any variety.
3. Plate of 4 Potatoes. One variety.
4. 3 Onions as grown. Clean off soil but do not trim
5. 3 Courgettes. Same variety.
6. Longest Runner Bean.
7. 6 Runner Beans. One variety.
8. 3 Beetroot washed with roots. Trim leaves to 3"/8cm.
9. Any other Vegetable.
10. A Vase of 4 Culinary Herbs. (1 stem of each)
11. 3 stalks of Rhubarb. (leaves trimmed to 3"/8cm.)
12. A selection of 6 different Fruits and/or Vegetables in a Basket not larger than 15" x 15"/38 x 38cm
13. All items in classes 1 – 12 must be grown by the entrant

Cookery

13. A small flask of hot homemade Soup (ingredients do not have to be home grown)
14. A small loaf of white or brown Bread (hand or machine made)

Flowers

15. A specimen Rose
16. Sweet Peas. 5 stems. Same variety
17. 5 sprigs of Lavender
18. Any flower. 3 stems. 1 variety.
19. Mixed Foliage. 1 vase. 3 varieties.
20. 3 white flowers. 3 varieties. (not shrub)
21. Vase of perennials. 3 varieties. 1 stem of each.
22. Flowering Shrub. 1 stem/branch

Floral Arrangements

23. A Country Basket 18" x 18"/46 x 46 cm max. No height restriction. Accessories allowed.
 24. An Arrangement in a Jug 12" x 12"/31 x 31 cm max No height restriction. No accessories.
 25. Small tied Posy of garden flowers (must be displayed in water) 9" x 9"/23 x 23cm max)
- All Arrangements including any accessories used must be contained within the stated measurements.





Victory Housing - Long Lane

The original planning was received and the Parish Council objected in the strongest terms to another 24 houses within the village. The first application was withdrawn and the second application followed through just prior to Christmas with only minor amendments. The Council objected again.

We would like to thank everyone in the community who placed their objections onto the NNDC planning portal. It is vital that you all continue to voice your opinions on these planning matters. All information is available for everyone to view on the NNDC website.

Members are all gravely concerned at the vast expansion of our village especially when the roadway and general infrastructure cannot cope with the volume of cars and people already utilising the limited facilities. We have also written to the Planning Department to state why Southrepps should no longer be designated as a "service village" within the new Local Development Plan.

Recreation ground and car park

The car park and footpath have been re-gravelled, the pot holes filled in and levelled. As the gravel beds in it will be easier to walk on!! We finally managed to cut back the verge which encloses the car park and thank everyone for their co-operation in moving their vehicles on the designated day.

The upgrade of the recreation ground is well underway but unfortunately there have been issues with the contractor involved which the Council is STILL endeavouring to resolve by summer 2018. It may be that the sides of the recreation ground will be out of bounds for a few months whilst work is completed.

External gym equipment

We have received only a few positive responses to this project and would need substantially more to ensure that funding could be found. Please write in with your comments directly or via the website.

Speedwatch

We are STILL seeking more members to join the team otherwise this community initiative will fold. This is a deterrent against speeding within your village – please come forward and help. Pick up that phone or email us.

SAM2 - FLASHING SPEED SIGN

We are waiting for the outcome of the NCC Parish Partnership Scheme to progress the purchase of this item and hope to hear soon.

Remember we will be needing volunteers for this.

Southrepps Commons Trust

We were extremely pleased that at last the registration of the commons has been completed with the Land Registry and are now preparing to hand over this asset to Norfolk Wildlife Trust.

It is intended that a meeting will be held in the summer with Norfolk Wildlife Trust to outline their vision for the future. Southrepps Commons Trust and the Parish Council will also be present to answer any questions.

If anyone has any issues with this please let us know in advance.

Future meeting dates - 2018

Wednesday's – May 30th – Village Hall (Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council)

25th July – Lower Southrepps

26th September – Village Hall and 28th November – Village Hall

Allotments

These are currently all rented but if you would like to be placed onto the waiting list please let us know.

Wanted Parish Councillors

We are seeking additional Parish Councillors please contact the Clerk if you would like to join us. The work is interesting and you will get to know about your local area and have an input into decisions which may affect your community. Training is offered and you will get the full support of the Council. The majority of all the work is done by the Clerk !!!!

Don't forget to use the Southrepps Village Website - www.southrepps.info - and ask to add your events.

Notes from a Common Man

John Houlgate

Having relentlessly hectored you through this magazine since the dawn of the Millennium (literally), it gives me great pleasure to introduce Cornel, who is a loyal volunteer on Southrepps Common and a most knowledgeable botanist. Cornel likes to write about nature, and has kindly agreed to share his pithy wit and wisdom with you. So, here is Cornel's unique and personal take on looking after our valuable Commons and the pleasure derived from it. For up-to-the-minute news and pictures don't forget the blog on "sctrust.org.uk".

My ears prick up whenever I learn that "scientists have discovered an exciting new fact". So it was when the BBC website explained that the reason it is so difficult to swot a fly is that they process visual information in slow motion, thereby having more time to see you coming. Fascinating! I assume that a corollary of that is that a snail processes such information very quickly in order to avoid being trodden underfoot.

Stepping back a bit, do you enjoy arrowing down from space to a single spot on Google Earth? Key in our Commons and see a black dot explode into a blaze of colour and a hive of activity as volunteers hurry about their business. The combination of blue devil's-bit scabious and creamy white grass of parnassus was sensational last summer. Even the illustrious Natural England, our wildlife advisor, found time to praise it on their blog. We must be getting a very difficult balancing act about right, protecting the more delicate and rarer plants from the bullies like Himalayan balsam and the common reed. It has to be admitted though that the bullies also have a certain "wow", "look at me" quality, tug at the heartstrings when dispatching



"Tea Break"

Photo by Duncan Westlake

For the statistically minded, we completed the annual reed cut in record time this winter and had the highest ever turnout of 27 volunteers in one Sunday session. I am not sure if Google Earth was passing at the time. I can also report that our volunteer surveyors found another 19 new plant species on the Commons last year bringing the total that have been recorded here to 393.

I am sure many readers will have noticed that the pond at Pit Common was in a sorry state last summer, having nearly dried up. We believe this may have been due to silt deposited from road water run off during violent thunderstorms last June. Whilst winter rain has led to some recovery in water levels, the situation is far from satisfactory. We will be reviewing options with organisations with expertise in watery matters and are hopeful, as they say, of "finding a way through".

That my fellow volunteers, who turn out on a Sunday, find the time for so many other pastimes is a source of wonder to me. (Although I must confess to reading a rain gauge almost daily since a schoolboy.) One volunteer informs me that he is training to be a signalman on the Poppy Line.

Apparently pulling the right lever is a complicated business. So if you have more time than usual to admire the line's scenic delights, you know who to thank.

Speaking of trains, there is a charming cameo account on our website of a visit to our Commons by the Reverend Linton in 1886 when he alighted at Gunton Station. Nearly all botanists were clergymen then, as indeed were weather recorders. The reverend compared our Common to Beeston Bog, but I think we should take that as a compliment as he lists several interesting plants that he found and many of which are still present today. Another tick in the plus box.

There will be no resting on our laurels, however, though thankfully we haven't got any of them on the Commons. Conservation is like running up a down escalator. No sooner have we plucked the balsam seed heads, felled clumps of invasive michaelmas daisy, waded in mud to complete the annual reed cut and pruned overhanging tree scrub back from the boardwalk, than the whole cycle starts again. But hey ho its all good fun "and we like it"!

Post Script

Thank you very much Cornel for describing our group with such warmth and feeling; we all look forward to more of the same. Now I must briefly mention the elephant in the room, by which I mean the strong possibility of transferring The Commons to Norfolk Wildlife Trust. The Parish Council is the strong leader in this and our Parish Clerk has previously mentioned the proposal in these pages. I am not going to preempt the Council, but I can say that Southrepps Commons Trust strongly supports the idea, as the only sustainable way forward if our village is to keep such a lovely place for all to treasure and enjoy. More about that next time, now please go and see for yourself what a great job the SCT Volunteers did through last winter ready for spring.

Apology from the Editor

In the last edition I had left the previous article in, some would use the excuse that it was such a good read you should read it twice. But this was an error on my part. My apologies to John who takes a great deal of time to write these fantastic articles.

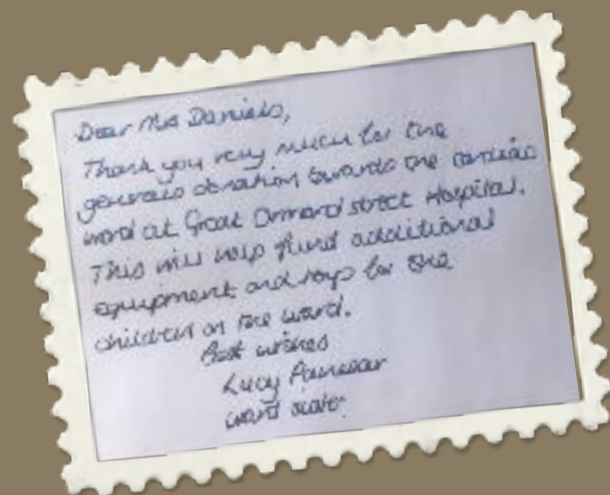
Shelley

To receive such a thoughtful thank you card from Lucy Parnisar, the Ward sister of the Cardiac Unit at Great Ormand Street Hospital was rather overwhelming. As the President of the Norfolk County Ladies Bowls, I held a bowl's drive charity afternoon at The Mill Farm bowls club at Sheringham making and selling marmalade in the church, Presidents day and flower demonstrations at the Southrepps Village Hall to raise some money for such a charitable cause.

As a result of all the people that supported this, in particular the people of our village, we raised a grand total of £1,400. I would like to send a heartfelt thank you to all those that helped and make this possible.

Best wishes
to you all

**Anne
Daniels**



Litter Picking



On Thursday 15 March a team of volunteers went round the village and did a litter pick. The picture shows how much was collected.

“ Thank you to everyone who turned out this morning. Although it was bitterly cold, at least we missed the rain.

A special thank you to Diana as usual for the wonderful refreshments!

Carol ”

Events Committee

The committee agreed to put together a sub committee to create more events at the village hall for the community.

There are some exciting ideas in the pipe line.

The Quiz night was organised but due to the bad snow we had to postpone. We have now re-arranged for 13th April, see poster below.



Southrepps Village Hall



Solar Panels

The village hall has recently had solar panels fitted. This means that we can now deliver cheaper electricity to the hall and meets our sustainability criteria. The Village Hall wish to record thanks to the Sheringham Shoal for the grant which enabled the purchase of the solar panels. The Village Hall not only now receives free electricity (when the panels are operating) but also hopes to receive an income from excess energy fed into the national grid.



Booking Events

You can now find out when the village hall is available for your event online. Just go to the www.Southrepps.info website and go to the village hall pages.

You can make an enquiry on line and we will get back to you.

Join the Team

We are seeking great people to join our committee. If you would like to get involved in supporting and development of the village hall we would love to have you. If you are interested please contact us using the information below.

Enquiries

If you would like to find out more about the village hall and the prices to hire please contact:

Vernon Arms

Tel: 01263 833355

Email: southreppsvillagehall@gmail.com

Go to

www.southrepps.info/village-hall

To get detailed information and booking information

News from St James

I sometimes feel a little frustrated when people comment that I 'must be so busy' as I wonder if I give off the wrong impression, but sometimes I secretly feel pleased that I appear to be busy and others have noticed! But it is often true that busyness fills the time available, and even more. One of the things I am not very good about is taking time to read. It feels that I am not really working, and yet if I don't read how can I hope to have something constructive to say? It's a problem many clergy are beset with.



But one of the things I have been reading during the weeks of Lent is a little book of published Lent Talks from previous years on BBC Radio 4, one of which reminds us that if we lose our sense of community we can easily lose our sense of who we are; if we don't know where we are from, how can we know where we are going? In recent years politics and popular culture have encouraged us all to put ourselves first which means our sense of community is greatly diminished, whereas the Christian faith is rooted in history, and our sense of place – rootedness – is strong.

St James' Church has stood in the village as a strong and stable symbol of this rootedness for over 600 years. The foundations would have been laid, and the construction undertaken, as an act of generosity by landowners and it has been part of the community ever since. It is sometimes difficult to grasp, but the church is there for the benefit of others. It is there to be spent and given away for the sake of others, for the sake of the whole community, and I hope – and expect – it to continue in this way for generations to come.

But our understanding of what it means to be 'community' is very different in

this century to that of previous times. The 'Memories Day' held in the village hall recently allowed people to reminisce about times past, when the school was filled with local children, the church had a thriving Sunday School and a robed choir and there were three pubs on the corner of Church St and the High St as well as other shops. Now there is one thriving pub and the average Sunday congregation is dwarfed by the splendour of the building and often without live music.

Many families I come across in my ministry are still rooted in Southrepps, some go back several generations, but of course there are many 'newcomers' too; families who have only been part of the village for 30 years (or even less!).

Whether or not you want to take part in church activities, attend services or use the church for a wedding Baptism or funeral, St James' is there for you. You are remembered in our prayers and the doors are always open for you to pop in, light a candle and say a prayer yourself. And I hope it will remain a significant part of the village, continuity between past, present and future, for centuries to come.

Southrepps Chorale



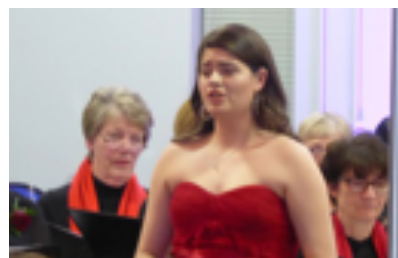
Musical Director: Stephen Richards

Accompanist: Cathy Al-Bay

A festive end to 2017 and a romantic start to 2018!

In December we sang Christmas music in the Catholic Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Norwich; in the woods with the primary school; and at the Southrepps village carol service.

In February we made our first visit to the new Lighthouse auditorium in Sheringham and found it such a lovely building in which to sing to our sell-out audience. 'Music for Valentines' was the theme, in music which ranged from Smetana's Bartered Bride to My Fair Lady; from Purcell's Dido and Aeneas to West Side Story; from Wagner's Bridal Chorus to Seasons of Love. An eclectic programme quite typical of the Southrepps Chorale.



Zaira Palumbo (soprano)
studying at Trinity College of
Music, London



Anthony Lofthus (baritone)
studying at Warwick
University



“Crown Imperial”

Sunday 22nd July 2018, 7.30pm | St. Nicholas Church, North Walsham

Southrepps Chorale with organ, trumpets and drums

Tickets £12 on sale soon from Olga (tel: 01263 834030) or from any Chorale member



If you have not heard us sing yet, why not come to our spectacular Royal concert in July! In this 65th anniversary year of the coronation, in an especially opulent and ambitious programme, we present the best and most spectacular musical highlights from centuries of State occasions.

There are a few vacancies in all voices, particularly tenor and bass. If you are new to the village or not and would like to sing, we rehearse in the Village Hall on Tuesdays at 7.30pm. Contact our Musical Director in the first instance.

CONTACT Stephen Richards

Tel: 834411 Email: info@southreppschorale.org.uk

Sue Arnold

NNDC Ward Member for Roughton | Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing

Firstly I hope you all safely survived the recent bad weather. I personally give grateful thanks to Heather and Ernie and a very kind man from Knapton who helped me when I ran into a snowdrift after having just escaped a falling tree. Quite an adventure!

The adverse conditions produced many heroes. Farmers, builders, etc trying to open roads, people with 4x4 ferrying folk to appointments, others looking after the elderly and vulnerable, plus of course our emergency services and those who worked for long hours gritting our roads. I am sure you would want me to acknowledge their efforts and thank them on behalf of the community.

Despite having reduced staff numbers available, the Council continued with many of its services. But, Keir were unable to collect our rubbish. Southrepps was cut off. Our Highways Engineer assures me that the Cromer road was gritted. Even so, I saw a number of crashed cars. Is this a tricky section for drivers?

It has been a difficult time at NNDC. Tom FitzPatrick did an excellent job for North Norfolk. However his leadership style was challenged and several members of the leading Conservative group defected, leaving the remainder without overall control. Tom resigned and John Lee, member for Suffield Park, Cromer and a local fisherman and businessman, was elected Leader of the Council. His new Cabinet reduces from ten to seven. Hilary Cox, recently our local County Councillor, is now a member. I still hold the Planning portfolio but now also cover Housing. A busy time lies ahead!

The Local Plan. I chair the Planning Policy and Built Heritage working party who coordinate the many policies that will inform this important document, which will give guidance to the Council on planning issues for many years to come.

Plans in progress are: the development of the Sheringham Splash site; a Tennis and Sports hub in Cromer supported by a sizeable grant from the Lawn Tennis Association. A real plus for North Norfolk.

The new Centre of Excellence for Sport at Greshams School, to give quality coaching to talented local

youngsters, has already seen two young people representing our County.

Similarly a Music Centre of Excellence established at Greshams, where the new Britten building has fantastic facilities, will also reach out to other schools in the area.

On 24 May Cromer will host The Antiques Roadshow on the prom and pier, with NNDC support. Sunshine would be good for publicity!

The national Blue Flag event will be held in May in Cromer and we expect to receive six Blue Flags. Another plus for us is the national, Walkers are Welcome event being held in Cromer in the summer.

Council Tax. The annual Government grant paid to Councils is being phased out. Within three years we expect to be self financing through Council tax, business rates, and other funding avenues, such as good use of assets. The NN share will be raised by £4.95 for a Band D property. The County Council have increased their share by £74.79 and the police by £11.97. To these are added the village precept.

Although we have good reserves, many are ring fenced, or available for use in an emergency, such as storm surges.

Close to home

Victory Housing have withdrawn their original proposal for twenty four affordable houses on the land adjacent to Long Lane. Their new proposal is for twenty. More information can be found on the NNDC web site.

Waste collection. A new, advantageous contract is being worked on.

Enforcement. We now have an excellent Enforcement team doing good work. Empty homes continue to be brought back into use; improving the environment, creating new homes, and putting money into the Council tax pot. Several successful prosecutions have been fought recently.

Poetry Corner

John Meeham recently moved to Southrepps and has kindly provided some of his poetry to share.

Winter Ending

A poem by John Meehan

The fields scared by the furrows of the plough.
Rabbits hide in their burrows.
The trees and hedgerows bare
birds nest empty there.
Winter still holds
Days and nights long and cold.
Flowering snow drops crocus and daffodil
brightens the chilled day.
Spring on its way.
But March to come
like the Lion or the Lamb.
April showers will the flowers in may bring
As dawn breaks hear the birds sing.
Goodbye to winter hello to spring.

My Beach

A poem by John Meehan

As I sit alone here on the beach with my cares
thoughts of past present and of the future.
Watching the waves with their brilliant white crest
as they crash upon the shore with a roar like that of a lion.
Gulls swoop up and down constantly screeching.
The gentle breeze sweeps across the sand wiping away
footprints
and sways the grass of the dunes.
Sun dipping on the horizon the sky as if on fire
slowly turns from red to purple soon to ink black.
Stars appear and the moon cast its silver glow.
Casting my wishes and dreams there among the
celestial world.
Hoping one day that those dreams and wishes will
come my way.

Local Heroes

Peter Charles Kerrison Sladden

1919 - 2017

PETER SLADDEN was a strong, forceful personality – both in action and ideas. He was a Royalist, a Commonwealth and a Prayer Book Man.

Tradition meant a great deal to him. He could be stubborn, conservative in his views – he always had an opinion! - but, mercifully, his humanity always got the better of him, as did his sense of humour!

His secret was, to the end, that he never lost an interest in life – everything that was going on in the world and happening around him. He was always interested in people, curiously seldom talked about himself and his achievements. He would ask you what you were doing. He loved to produce a list of guests at his Sunday lunches each with a brief curriculum vitae.

And of course his dear wife Eve and his family were at the centre of his life – their life together spread around the world. His Avenue of Trees which stood for people and places which meant much to him – where he and his wife now rest in peace – with Southrepps Church in the distance, his spiritual home.

These things stand for what was most precious to him. Proudly Lord of Southrepps Hall, he raised the status and life of his village and gave it focus and fun.

All who knew him will be eternally indebted to him for making life so much more interesting and worthwhile – and be proud to be counted among his friends.

Philip Bligh

January 2018



Southrepps Society

Memories Day



On Saturday February 24th the Village Hall was again the venue for another well supported and hugely successful Southrepps Society Memories Day. On this occasion, the event coincided with the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Society. At that time, a small group of village stalwarts including Mary Young, John Daniels and Peter Smith established a group to preserve and celebrate the good things about living and growing up in Southrepps. Today the Society is thriving with 50 subscribing members.

The focus of the event was a display of photographs and memorabilia curated by the Society's Secretary Carol Needham, all relating to Southrepps village and Southrepps people. This extensive archive is now a permanent record of village places and past events. Of particular interest was a collection of old Southrepps Football Club team photographs, many of which were kindly donated by Alison Oliver from the estate of the late Ted Bird a keen past player and supporter of the present team.

There were displays relating to the School and the village farms and photographs and maps of the village streets and buildings past and present.

One of the most worthwhile outcomes of this event was the presence of so many those who could put names to faces on these old photographs and the pleasure that they derived from recalling past times, past friends and school chums.

The Society is always pleased to receive donations of photographs and documents especially those relating to more recent events.

The Southrepps Society programme for 2018/19 is on the village web site.



29th March

Wildlife of the Caribbean

Diana Quay

26th April

Overstrand & The Great War

The story of the book Tim Bennett

31st May

Walk

Time and Meeting place to be arranged

28th June

Barbecue 7.30pm

Village Hall

26th July

Walk/Outing

Time and Meeting Place to be arranged

August

No Meeting

27th September

Walcott to Wells - A nostalgic trip in time

Brian Hedge

25th October

Bee Conservation

Stuart Walters

29th November

"Take a Seat" - A social history of chairs

Tony Moore

6th December (to be confirmed)

Christmas Supper

Village Hall 7.30pm

31st January 2019

To be announced

28rd February 2019

Annual General Meeting 7.30pm

Southrepps Football Club



Hi their football fans!

As I type the club stands 6th in North East Norfolk Division One. Whilst the season isn't quite over, its slowly drawing to a close with our remaining games being:

10-Apr	19:30	Southrepps	v	Hickling	Subsidiary Cup Final @ Holt
14-Apr	14:30	Holt Res.	v	Southrepps	League @ Holt
16-Apr	18:45	Southrepps	v	Cromer YOB	Lifeboat Cup @ Cromer
18-Apr	18:30	Erpingham Res.	v	Southrepps	League @ Erpingham
21-Apr	18:30	Southrepps	v	Holt Colts	League @ MADRA
30-Apr	18:45	Holt/Cromer Vets	v	Cromer YOB/ Southrepps	Lifeboat Cup Semi Final @ Cromer
01-May	18:30	Southrepps	v	Erpingham/ Stalham	Rodney Bell Semi Final @ Stalham
05-May	14:30	Gimingham	v	Southrepps	League @ Gimingham
07-May	18:30	Lifeboat Cup Final @ Cromer			

Despite not playing in the village your support would still be appreciated!

Progress on bringing football back to the recreation ground has ground to a halt. Sadly, the Parish Council has run into a few issues with the contractors Norse, whilst nothing too major it is hindering a return to the village.

Finally, a big THANK YOU to all those who brought tickets for the Xmas Raffle! This season we raised £571, with all proceeds going towards club funds.

If you are interested in joining the team please contact us. You can call myself or through our Facebook Page "Southrepps FC" and through the village website where we are listed under **Local Groups | Football Club**.

Roger Swift - Tel: 833118

Southrepps Bowls Club

Southrepps Bowls Club goes into another season competing in four leagues and numerous cup competitions.

We only have twenty six playing members and only two of them live in Southrepps.

So come along and have a free go. Have the first years membership without paying a membership fee. Pay only £3 per match.

Enjoy many social events. Use us or lose us!



David Harding - Chairman

01263 721060 or 07780861737



Outdoor learning, sporting achievements and fund raising events!

The children at the school were so proud to receive the Platinum Green Tree Award from the Woodland Trust in January. Over the months they have been completing challenges set by the Woodland Trust to earn points towards the award. After achieving Gold towards the end of 2017, the children set their sights on completing two special tasks to receive the Platinum Plate to upgrade their Gold Woodland Trust Plaque that is hanging proudly in reception. For these special challenges, which were worth extra points, the children had to investigate, map and photograph the woods across the road from the school and create their own woodland walk nature trail for others to enjoy, as well as draw, sketch and paint the woods from the perspective of a woodland creature. The work produced by the children to complete the challenges are proudly displayed in our school hall for everyone to enjoy. Looking at all the work along with all the other projects the children completed to achieve the bronze, silver and gold awards, including designing 'Tree Champions', 'dressing' the trees in the grounds of the school and planting young trees and our Legacy on the school playing fields and around the secret garden (in the hope that once they grow we will be able to extend it).



The children have also been making the school proud with all their sporting achievements.

Teams of all ages from year 6 to year 1 have been going on our Academy minibus to various events including basketball, dodgeball, netball, tri golf, rugby, hockey and athletics. We have retained our netball, hockey and athletics trophies for another year but more importantly the children have really enjoyed every event whether it has been competitive or developmental. We look forward to many more events in the coming months.

After a very successful Christmas Fair and Carols in the Woods at the end of last term, the children are really looking forward to their Easter Trail on the last day of this term (Wednesday 28th March) when they will be taking part in Easter Arts and Crafts and following an Easter Trail around the school grounds and in the woods. This event is to celebrate Easter as well as raise vital funds for the school to spend on extra special resources and the valuable learning experiences including class trips!

Judith Bartram

Miss Judith Amelia Bartram was born 29 December 1903. The daughter of John and Amelia Bartram and lived with her brother John and sisters Rachael and Dorothy.

Judith Bartram was a spinster and lived in Ruggs Hall Farm, Felmingham until her death in 1990. Judith is buried in Southrepps as St James Church and a plaque is on the wall dedicated to her and her generosity.



Above: Judith Bartram (second left) with Rachael and Dolly and two cousins taken at Beach Hut in Heacham 1961. **Left:** Plaque at St James Church



Grants Champion Needed



Our beautiful church, visible from miles around, and for so many an iconic and everlasting symbol of the village, is a 600 year-old Grade 1 Listed building of stone and timber, that is gradually deteriorating.

With the assistance of the Bartram Trust, we commissioned a specialist architect to inspect the structure in great detail and in close-up, high on a cherry picker, on a cold and sunny day last December.

As a result we have a detailed spec that tells us that by 2020 we need to spend at least £120,000 to stabilise and make repairs to the roof, walls, parapets, buttresses and tower, and to renew some of the rainwater drainage system.

We also want to make some improvements inside, to encourage further community and village use. So the whole project cost might be <£250,000, potentially funded in part or whole by grant-aid. This is where our Grants' Champion comes in.

Do you, or someone you know, have an interest in heritage and conservation projects? Do you have some professional skills e.g. in research or project-management, that are currently lying dormant? Would you like to get involved with St. James Church in terms of identifying appropriate grant-giving bodies? Would you like to help us make applications for grant funding? We need an additional team member; we need a new resource – hopefully someone like you!

Please contact Rector, David Roper (01263 834436) or Churchwarden, Stephen Richards (01263 834411), if you would like to know more about this opportunity.

The Judith Bartram Memorial Trust (Southrepps)

Beginnings

In 1990 Miss Judith Amelia Bartram of Ruggs Hall Farm left a considerable legacy of £1.8m to be shared equally between three churches – Antingham, Felmingham and Southrepps.

In 1993, in agreement with the Charity Commission, a “Scheme” was established, to administer the Southrepps funds, known as the Bartram Memorial Trust (Southrepps). The Rector and Churchwardens of St James became the first Managing Trustees. The Norwich Diocesan Board of Finance was appointed Custodian Trustee, and the ‘Scheme’ provided for the appointment of seven Trustees. The Trust is formally registered with the Charity Commission (no. 1172931). Antingham and Felmingham administer their own funds.

Aims of the Trust

The aims of the Trust were to further the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the area of Benefit, with a preference for the Ecclesiastical Parish of St James – according to the terms of Miss Bartram’s Will.

Beneficiaries of the Trust since 1993

The Trust funded the extension to St James, the purchase of a new organ, the sound system, and various repairs and renovations. It also supported the Trunch Team Council with an office and equipment, and helped other, less well endowed, churches in the Benefice with repairs. The Primary School also benefitted from the conversion of old buildings into a library, computer and music rooms, and mobile staging. Returns from investments have also been used to help pay the recurring ‘Parish Share’ to the Norwich Diocese.

Investment Performance

In the early years returns on invested funds were good. More recently returns on low risk investments in financial markets have been much lower. Trustees took financial advice last year, including from the Norwich Diocese, to modernise the old investments. The Trust currently has some £340k invested with a London firm of charity specialists. The annual accounts of the Trust are always available for public view, in the church porch.

Current Priorities

The aim is not only to help the Parochial Church Council of St James with repairs and running costs and the Parish Share (currently providing some 65% of the church’s annual income), but also to grow the portfolio of investments for the security of future Church needs.

St. James Church Major Repairs Project

In her 2016 ‘Quinquennial Report’ on the condition of the building, a Grade 1 listed building, the church architect drew our attention to serious deterioration of some areas of walls, roof and tower. The Trust paid for a detailed survey, carried out in December 2017, to establish precisely what repairs are now needed and at what cost. It is possible that grants may be available to meet some or all of the cost of this repairs project, estimated at £120k and this detailed survey is an essential part of the grants application process. The Trust could cover the cost of repairs, but this would reduce its assets to an unacceptable level to meet future demands on its funds.

*[Malcolm Hilson, Chair of the
Bartram Memorial Trust, Feb. 2018]*

More PAWS

Oh my gosh is it nearly spring? There are lovely mini daffs opposite the church but the weather peeps say there may be more snow! I don't mind, I love the snow as do my friends and I get to wear my posh pink coat too! Had a great walk on the Friday of the 'big' snow (think it was called The Beast of the East) with my mate Ella, in biting wind and snowdrifts. Ella and I had to lead the way. Not really sure that Mum and Auntie Denise enjoyed it as much when two hours later we all made it back home!

I have discovered it is quite difficult to get timings just right as every afternoon I go down the rec to play ball but spend most of the time standing like a statue looking for any mates who might come to play. Mum or Dad are OK but when Ella, Ruby Bear, Snoop or Willow come round the corner I am so happy, even if it is just to run with them and not play ball.

I'm really looking forward to getting down to the beach again but feel really sad for all the fish and star fish that have washed up in the recent storms. Have to be kept on the lead in case I do something naughty and eat something I shouldn't.

Feeling really proud in my new collar and tag as I will be 10 in May. Looking forward to celebrating and some summer sunshine in our beautiful village and more new adventures.



Charley





All concerts take place in St James's Church, Southrepps (except the masterclass).
A Festival Pass can be purchased for £70 and grants access to every concert.

Sunday 5th August, 5.30pm

Festival Evensong

Monday 6th August, 2.00pm (at Templewood, Frogshall)

Masterclass with Young Artists and Ben Johnson

Tuesday 7th August, 7.30pm

"By Royal Command" - Music for Coronations, Weddings and Funerals, with The Southrepps Chorale, conducted by Stephen Richards

Wednesday 8th August, 7.30pm

William Walton - Façade, Southrepps Sinfonia conducted by Tom Primrose

Thursday 9th August, 12.30pm

Sean Shibe - Guitar

Thursday 9th August, 7.30pm

Song Recital, with Soprano Ellie Laugharne, Tenor Ben Johnson and Accompanist Tom Primrose

Friday 10th August, 12.30pm

Young Artists' Recital, accompanied by Tom Primrose

Friday 10th August, 7.30pm

Martin James Bartlett - Piano

Saturday 11th August, 12.30pm

Music for Guitar and Voice, with Tenor Ben Johnson and Guitarist Sean Shibe

Saturday 11th August 7.30pm

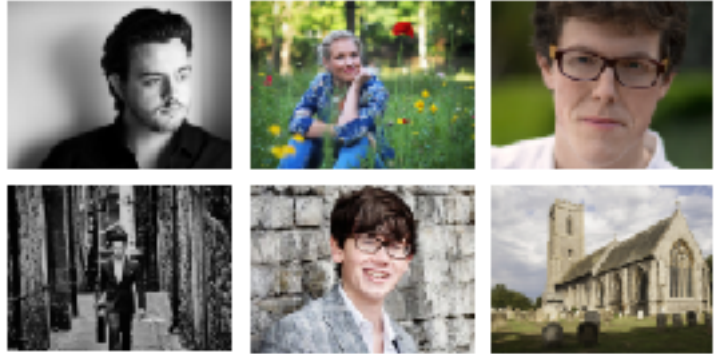
Mozart - C Minor Mass performed by Southrepps Singers, Southrepps Sinfonia, Sopranos Ellie Laugharne & Jenny Stafford, Tenor Adam Temple Smith, conducted by Ben Johnson.

Sunday 12th August, 11.30am

Chamber Music Coffee Concert

Sunday 12th August, 7.30pm

Michael J Waudby Gala Concert



Festival Pass on sale now for £70. This gives the holder access to all Festival concerts

Order your pass or individual ticket requests by contacting the Festival Treasurer on 01263 834691 or by email at maggietranter@hotmail.co.uk

Individual concerts are as priced as follows:

Tue 7th 7.30pm, Southrepps Chorale: £15

Wed 8th, 7.30pm, Walton Facade: £15

Thur 9th 12.30pm, Sean Shibe: £10

Thur 9th 7.30pm, Song Recital: £15

Fri 10th 12.30pm, Young Artists: £10

Fri 10th 7.30pm, Martin James Bartlett: £20

Sat 11th 12.30pm, Songs for Guitar and Voice: £10

Sat 11th 7.30pm, Mozart C Minor Mass: £20

Sun 12th 11.30am, Coffee Concert: £10

Sun 12th 7.30pm, Michael J Waudby Gala Concert: £20

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SOUTHREPPS HEATING OIL SYNDICATE



The syndicate has been in operation since August 2001 and now has over 130 members from the parishes of Southrepps, Antingham, Bradfield, Gimingham, Knapton, Northrepps, Roughton, Thorpe Market, Trimingham, and Trunch. The syndicate order for January 2016 took the total quantity of oil ordered since the

formation of the syndicate in August 2001 to 1,002,845 litres.

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



Baby and toddler group (plus parents / carers) in Ruggs Hall, St. James Church, Southrepps. All are welcome. Lots to play with, activities to do plus a wonderful opportunity to meet other local families with similar aged children. £1.00 per session.

3rd Wednesday of each month
10:00am till 12pm
St. James Church

For more information please contact Anna de Soissons - Tel: 01263 833718

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Southrepps Info website is full of information on our village. You can find out the latest news on what's going on in the village. We have many contributors to the website and it links you to many local group's websites.

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Group

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Contact Information



The alterations are almost complete on the pub - the new toilet facilities are open now and our extended parking at the back has helped greatly.

We host a number of events ranging from live music on some Sunday's, and the Folk Club, which happens here the second Thursday of every month from 8pm which is great fun for all ages. Also darts and pool teams play regularly.

Our restaurant is still busy with our main menu and specials menu - there is plenty to choose from. Please book in advance if possible.

Paul, Debbie and the whole Team

