

# SOUTHEREPPS MARDLER

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Village Website

[www.southrepps.info](http://www.southrepps.info)

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

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# Chairmans Corner

## Malcolm Hilson

I like to be positive, and on the whole the summer has been enjoyable. I do prefer being warm – hot even! We’ve had a couple of lovely holiday trips, both to France, which becomes increasingly expensive with the fall in the value of the pound.

I do recall however a couple of minor frustrations, both food related. I found it unreasonable as a regular customer, that upstairs at No 1 in Cromer would not take reservations in the summer months. It’s a place that we like to visit and to take visitors to. The food is good, the place is unpretentious and there are often lovely sunsets and views of the pier. But it is awkward to ask guests to queue.

The other frustration was that for long periods it was not possible to buy dressed crab from our favourite crab shed at Overstrand. Has it been a poor crab year, or are summer demands excessive? ( I overheard one lady saying she had an order for 24).

Whilst on crabs, I couldn’t help noticing a few days ago, some 20 old tractors and crab boats on the beach at Cromer. I gather some had come down from the Runtons. It did occur to me that one of these old relics painted up, could make a welcoming statement on the Holt Road roundabout?

### SOUTHREPPS NEWEST VILLAGERS



You all may have noticed the smell of onions a few weeks ago.....

Our cover photo and background photo on page 4 and 5 are by Richard Wood. He lives locally in Trunch and has a keen eye for photography. His portfolio ranges between local people and landscapes. If you would like to see more of his work then his Facebook page is the place to find it. Search "Richard Wood Photography"

# Southrepps Support Scheme

*Malcolm Hilson*

## Thank you Lesley!

Our thanks go out to all our helpers and providers. In particular this time, we'd like to offer a huge vote of thanks to Lesley

Sparrow, who is calling it a day after preparing and donating potatoes, twice a year, for over 20 years. By my reckoning that's about 4000 spuds!

Our monthly lunch is held in the Village Hall at 1230 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. We have capacity for a few more diners. At £4 a head it is very good value. Retired, over 60 – come and give us a try. The free Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 12 December. Please give us a call on 01263 833327, if you are not a regular, or are bringing guests. Our next fundraiser will be Carols in the Vernon at 8pm on Thursday 13 December.

We have contributed £200 towards the new traffic speed monitor, which you may have seen around the village.

We expect to arrange another defibrillator training session in the Village Hall in March 2019. Always useful to keep your hand in! We all hope never to have to use it! Watch for the date on the A board.

PS -Please remember that we have a popular lightweight wheelchair, and other medical equipment for loan (833327).



## Horticultural Show

*Carol Needham*

The 12th Horticultural Show took place on 4th August. Unfortunately entries were well down on previous years due to the somewhat extreme weather conditions of a cold wet spring and hot summer!

However there was a lovely display of vegetables and flowers for visitors to look at and lots of produce and refreshments to buy.

Thanks to the sponsorship of the prize money by the Vernon Arms, we made a profit to carry forward to next year.

Our thanks to everyone who took part.

# Southrepps Society

*Carol Needham*

For the last meeting of the spring season in April, we welcomed Tim Bennett who gave an inspiring insight into his research for his book "Overstrand and the Great War." In May 14 members enjoyed a walk at Pretty Corner. As usual in June nearly 30 members attended the annual Barbecue at the Village Hall.

We had an extra walk at the beginning of July when our April speaker Tim Bennett took us on a walk around Overstrand pointing out places mentioned in the book. At the end of July, Andrew Lincoln, our local gamekeeper, took us on a ride around the estate in the beaters' wagon explaining the rearing of the birds for the shoot and



the growing of crops to provide cover.

For our first autumn meeting, Brian Hedge gave a presentation of old postcards and photos of the coast between Walcott and Wells showing the huge changes that had taken place.

Our speaker at the next meeting will be Stuart Walters talking about Bee Conservation.

Visitors are always welcome. Posters are displayed in the Post Office, Church Porch and Warren Road notice board as well as the Village website.

For any information on meetings or village history, please phone 01263 8342242.

*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**



### **Reminder about fly tipping - and grass cuttings**

Fly tipping is illegal, including grass cuttings. Please ensure that you dispose of your waste in the appropriate manner. As you may be aware there are varying charges at the Recycling Centres for DIY waste. If you see any fly tipping please report this directly to NNDC Cleansing Department. A photo is always helpful and this can be done easily on line.

### **SOU02 - Victory Housing - Long Lane**

We would like to thank everyone in the community who placed their objections onto the NNDC planning portal. The community of Southrepps were rewarded for their immense efforts with a refusal on this occasion. It is anticipated that this application in a different format will most probably be re-applied for.

### **Recreation ground and car park**

The upgrade of the recreation ground has been a very tiresome and drawn out process for all concerned. The contractor appointed walked away mid-way in the process and refused to put right any defects. The Council spent many hours chasing and trying to encourage the supplier to complete the works. In the end an independent company was sourced and thankfully the job completed. The FA has now passed the area fit for Football.

The Council agreed that a temporary portacabin can be placed onto the recreation ground to assist with changing facilities. The Football Club in return will pay £300 per

annum towards the grass cutting and mole patrol at the recreation field.

We are hoping to install a wider footpath leading to a better concrete pad for the benefit of our less abled users. At the present time quotations are being sought.

2019-2020 Precept – November is the time of year when the Council has to review its expenditure and income. Although we endeavour to try to keep expenses to the minimum, Members are acutely aware of the immediate benefits of keeping both Lower and Upper Southrepps neat and tidy and everything as it should be. Obviously this comes with a price tag and any initiatives/ ideas have to be funded through our residents. The Council needs to be proactive in its approach to managing its assets and balance those with the needs of the community. It is envisaged that a small increase will be applied for 2019-2020 to cover rising costs.

### **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 were successful in our application to the NCC 50/50 Parish Partnership Scheme. This allowed the Council to purchase the SAM2 with financial assistance from the Southrepps Society and Southrepps Support Scheme to whom we thank. This community asset is now being managed by a team of volunteers who are now responsible for moving the unit every 4 weeks. It is hoped that this will assist with slowing speeding vehicles in the village and remind people of their speed.

The Council is seeking further funding for an additional scheme for the 2019/2020 fund.

## Southrepps Commons Trust

We were extremely pleased that at last the registration of the commons has now been completed with the Land Registry. We are preparing to hand over this asset to Norfolk Wildlife Trust, as yet we have not managed to complete the legal paperwork. However, it is hoped that we are in the final stages of the project and this will be completed very soon.

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

## 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 - MAY 2019

May 2019 is another election year !!! Seriously, please think about standing for election. All current Councillors stand down and any member of the Parish who meets the criteria can stand for election. The key role of a Parish Councillor is to work within the village for the benefit of the whole community, not just for one cause. 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!

## Future meeting dates - 2018-2019

November 28th 2018. 2019 will be published on the notice boards and the website.

## Southrepps Social Club

*Val Rouche*

Southrepps Social club still have several events lined up for the rest of the year and those that have taken place were well attended and enjoyed. Brian Hedges slides and commentary on Farming in a Bygone Age brought back memories even to those not from Norfolk. We hope to see him again soon.

Our Strawberry and Craft Fayre went well, the weather being very kind! In July several members and friends took a trip on the Broads followed by lunch in Wroxham.

The Annual BBQ was held in August and the Harvest Supper on 13th October where entertainment was provided by Pat Nearney and Danny Patten.

Our Christmas Craft Fayre is on November 11th (with bacon baps) and we have The Marsham Bells coming on 13th December.

We are very proud that we have won the carpet bowls Summer League again this year and we have had in club tournaments during the year that we all enjoy. Of course we still have our monthly bingo sessions on the first Saturday of every month except January, this is still popular with our loyal regulars.

We have an afternoon bowling session every Tuesday afternoon from 2- 4pm and our evening bowling session on Thursdays from 7.30 - approx. 9.30pm.

Anyone wishing to join the club or come to events that are advertised in the North Norfolk News can always ring Ruby on 833481 or Val on 720090, you will be most welcome.

# Notes from a Common Man

*John Houlgate*

## Chairman's Tribute to Paul Bailey

Sadly, I have to preface Cornel's gorgeously pithy wit and wisdom with news of the one, shocking event that knocks everything else for six, notably the tragic death of our much-loved Secretary Paul Bailey. His passing on 9th September was the awful end to a battle with cancer that Paul fought bravely, with a remarkable self-belief and optimism that will remain with anyone who witnessed it for a very long time.

Paul was a friend as much as he was SCT Secretary. He was a top-flight club cyclist who rode pretty much twice as fast as me, and he could do it for a hundred miles! But it was as Secretary for Southrepps Commons Trust that he gave so much to our community, in the quiet, understated way that good secretaries do. He underpinned our administration for seven years, and his good practice will carry on. As if that wasn't enough, Paul got his hands dirty too. As a familiar member of Sunday morning working parties Paul could wield a pitchfork with the finest and he was a reliable winchman. Latterly, even when he was desperately ill, Paul would make his way as best he could to join us at coffee break. He really didn't want to let anybody down.

All in all Paul was just a lovely man who dealt with a cruel hand in a quite inspirational way. One of Southrepps finest.

### Cornell's piece

We all know that life in this technological age is becoming ever more hectic. You get a sense of what we have lost in those precious moments of quiet reflection whilst leaning on a pitchfork on the Common. I was nevertheless shocked by the revelation in a BBC science blog that the average attention span of a human is less than that of a goldfish. About seven seconds if I recall correctly.



It was the ability of the goldfish that really surprised me as I had never noticed them paying particular attention to anything. I remarked on this to a fellow volunteer who it turned out was remarkably well informed on the subject. He assured me that it was all true and that furthermore the fish recognised the hand of their feeder and possessed acute abilities of colour discrimination. Maybe it is less surprising when one realises that the goldfish is thinking only of one thing as it circumnavigates its bowl; its next feed.

Moving on ( if anyone is still with me! ) I was driving along a local lane when I saw a sign advertising a forthcoming clairvoyant event. The thought of chalking on it "cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances" made me chuckle. A fellow volunteer assured me this was an old joke. A bit deflated I didn't bother to tell him that the sign had been real!

Whilst on the subject of volunteering, we recently received the rota of working party dates for the reed cutting season. Running my eye across the fortnightly schedule from July to next April, I was relieved to see in brackets against the last of these dates the word "optional". You drive us hard John.



I have spent some time in the company of two Southrepps school “old boys” who were reminiscing about school life during and just after the second world war. It seems that they were ‘turned out’ onto the commons for the hour and half “dinner time’ completely unsupervised. They, not surprisingly, got up to the things boys did in those days such as becoming stuck up very tall trees or falling into the beck. Interestingly they recall a sandpit on Pit Common with sand martins nesting there. The talk then turned to their heroic efforts to get to school in the great winter of 1947, including walking over snow covered hedgerows.

Knowing my longstanding interest in historic weather events, a volunteer with access to the school log kindly copied to me the entries for that winter which lasted without remission from late January to mid March. By comparison the recent “beast from the east” was very tame indeed. The school closed for one week only during the whole winter and that was when the village was cut off by snow.

An idea of the privations of that winter can be gleaned from this extract from the log dated 17th February: “26 children present. All classes together in the one classroom with one fire only being replenished. Water pipes to kitchen frozen but kitchen staff carrying on under difficulties” Or on 20th February “hot water pipe in infant room burst- no drip as all frozen solid”.

Finally, in warmer times, the late display of flowers on the Common this Autumn was exceptional even by its high standards. Grass of Parnassus, Devil’s-bit Scabious, Eyebright, Marsh Lousewort and Yellow Rattle combined in a late riot of colours. This was no accident. The volunteers tweaked English Nature’s reed cutting regime by hand weeding the most floristic parts of the Common. More tiring on the back but more pleasing to the eye.

## Royal British Legion

*Malcolm Hilson*

The local Branch welcomes new members. Subs are modest and together with our Poppy Appeal funds go towards helping the Legion support the Armed Forces community in need( 01263 833327).

This year marks the centenary of the end of WW1. The Remembrance and Armistice service at 10:45 on Sunday 11 November at St James’ Church will reflect the importance of this milestone. The Southrepps Choral will be singing. There will be an exhibition in the church with details, not only of those who perished, but also in a slightly more positive vein, of those who served and came home.

So far, we have identified 32 of these, and are trying to find any continuing local connections. We hope that these details may, in slower time, form the basis of a community resource available to all.

Once again a cross in memory of the ‘Southrepps Boys’ will be placed in the Westminster Abbey Field of Remembrance, which will be opened on Thursday 9 November.

Thanks again to Graham McCabe, we shall soon be gearing up to do our round of collections for the annual Poppy Appeal. Please give as generously as you can. It is a good cause. Thank you.





# SOUTHREPPS VILLAGE HALL

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 278536

*David Pemberton -  
Chairman*

2018 has been a great year for the Village Hall so far. We have had some fantastic new events held at the Hall including a Quiz Night, a 1940s Tea Party and an inter-village Rounders Match. It was great to see so many people supporting and enjoying the Village Hall and I'm sure these popular events will return next year. We have also seen some excellent improvements to the Hall including fully operational solar panels, a redecoration and just recently we were lucky enough to receive a grant from NNDC and support from the Parish Council for new heating and hot water systems - so

those joining us for any Winter events can be sure the Hall will be lovely and warm.

As we go into Winter we already have some events planned; keep an eye on our Facebook page for details of a Halloween Quiz and Christmas Bingo, we hope to see you there!

In the meantime please remember us for your next party, celebration or gathering and visit our website or call 833355 for details on booking the Village Hall.



## 40's Tea Party

Our 40's Tea Party was a great success and the effort that everyone made surprised us all. We shall be doing it again next year.

## Rounders Match



The village rounders match was good fun and a few people came and watched too.

### 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](mailto:southreppsvillagehall@gmail.com)

Go to

[www.southrepps.info/village-hall](http://www.southrepps.info/village-hall)

To get detailed information and booking information

## INDOOR BOWLS

We are starting with immediate effect Indoor Bowls in the village hall at 7:30pm every Wednesday evening throughout the

winter. There will be no charge for the first month so why not come along and give it a go!



# Dear Friends

You will know by now that I am to retire in November; in fact my last service here in Southrepps will be on Remembrance Sunday (possibly just as you receive the Mardler!). Three years is a very short time but there are many good things we have done and I will leave with some very good memories of living in the village and working as your parish priest.

It is not always an easy life but is a privileged one. Being alongside people in their joys and their sorrows; leading and sharing in the major celebrations of the community, as well as the services quietly taken week by week; these counterbalance the sometimes onerous administration laid on us by society to enable us to function as a church in the 21st century. My predecessors who lived in the Old Rectory had a very different way of life!

Southrepps is only one of my 7 churches and each has a different character with different needs. Here we are fortunate to have the Judith Bartram trust fund which has given great support to the church over the past 25 years and continues to do so, although sadly, it has meant that there have often been poor relationships between church and village, and that has been regrettable. But we have been quietly working to reverse this, and I am delighted that there is now a group of people – many not regular churchgoers – who have been carrying out some essential maintenance work and improvements to the churchyard and the building. The whole churchyard has been mapped and an electronic database is now available to help people find graves. A Toddler group meets monthly. The 'pop-up café' offers company and friendship. And so on.

There will be the inevitable gap before my successor is appointed (the Church of England refuses to use modern principles in making appointments!) and in the meantime St James' will continue to develop under the able leadership of Churchwarden Stephen Richards. The contact details for the Rector will continue to be in use, overseen by an administrator, so you can still get in touch in the usual ways to enquire about weddings or baptisms.

So it's all change again, I'm afraid. For the village and for Chris and me as we begin to discover what might lie ahead for us as we move to our new home at Drayton, nr Norwich.

In the words of **Dag Hammarskjold**....

'For all that has been, Thank you.

For all that is to come, Yes!'



David Roper



Come for a  
Cuppa

Ruggs Hall, St James Church

for Tea & Cake

This is a monthly event held on the last Wednesday of every month from 2:30pm.

Come and chat and enjoy a cup of tea and homemade cake. Tea & Biscuits for £1 and Cake for 50p.

For more information call 01263 834242

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# Southrepps Chorale



*Musical Director: Stephen Richards*

*Accompanist: Cathy Al-Bay*

Our community choir of nearly 60 singers had a great summer – we worked so hard on Tuesday evenings to prepare a stirring musical programme for choir, brass, drums and organ. Our two concerts to near sell-out audiences in North Walsham and Southrepps had the title 'Crown Imperial' where we performed choral music from six centuries celebrating royal coronations, weddings and funerals.



If you missed us singing Zadok the Priest (Handel), I Was Glad (Parry), Song for Athene (Tavener), Let All the World in Ev'ry Corner Sing (Vaughan Williams) and other great pieces of music, you might like to buy a copy of our new CD 'Crown Imperial': 60 minutes of British choral masterpieces recorded at our summer concerts and being released in time for Christmas. Email us for more details ([info@southreppschorale.org.uk](mailto:info@southreppschorale.org.uk)).



As we look forward to the new season we present a winter concert of 'Music from the Movies' and seasonal music, served with mince pies and mulled wine on Saturday 8th December in Southrepps Church at 3pm. Admission only £5 (children go free); raffle and refreshments to raise money for the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

At Christmas we look forward to our third visit to the R.C. Cathedral of St. John in Norwich as we lead the singing in the 'Snowflake' concert for the charity Break. And of course we shall be taking a major role in the village Carol Service in church on Thursday 20th December at 7pm.

Our summer 2019 concert takes us to a new venue Aylsham Parish Church on Saturday 20th July at 7.30pm. The programme will feature the choir with a jazz trio (piano, bass and drums) singing an upbeat programme including Little Jazz

Mass by Bob Chilcott. Put the date in your new diary!

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.



# SORRY TO HEAR YOU'RE LEAVING...



Canon David Roper is retiring at the end of November, and he and his wife Christine will be leaving Southrepps after 3 years in the Poppyland Benefice.

David originates from Liverpool, and Christine from Kent. They met at RAF Brize Norton, he as a chef, and Christine as a nurse. His 23 years in the RAF were satisfying and enjoyable, and saw service in Germany, Belize, Masirah and Cyprus, latterly cooking for various VIP visitors to the Deputy Commander's residence. Christine also worked on their postings – they lived in some 21 houses during this period!

Church had always been a part of David's life. He had been a church chorister, and has been privileged to sing in Canterbury Cathedral; he was also a lay reader in Cyprus, where he felt there was more for him to do. On posting to Swanton Morley, David had more contact with the church, and eventually switched to feeding the soul!

A year for both in the Falklands was challenging, especially for Christine, as local laws mystifyingly prevented her from offering her skills. Ministering to small remote communities, sometimes only reached in very small aircraft, was rewarding for David, but also testing!

David had worked in Norfolk before, where he ran 6 parishes around Brancaster. An ad for Southrepps appealed, and they came here from the Falklands in September 2015. Southrepps has been a lovely place to live but running 7 parishes is demanding. Small

congregations make it difficult, and much depends on a few willing bodies, who do so much. The

changing nature of society does not these days include churchgoing, although churches continue to be filled for big occasions.

The legacy managed by the Bartram Trust is hugely valuable, but consequently, some may question whether St James' needs people to give today? Of course it does. Communities can be generous, as shown in North Repps, where £30,000 has been raised to help replace the stolen roof lead.

Asked what he had most enjoyed about his stay here, David mentioned his work with schools; the 25/30 people who responded so enthusiastically to the call for a church spring clean; and the success of the Music Festival, - a great achievement.

In retirement (to Drayton), David expects to do temporary filling in for colleagues. He is also learning to weave. Christine will not be retiring, and will continue with her work as a community phlebotomist.

Asked if he had a message for the village, David thoughtfully suggested that if the church is not providing something people think they would like, they should say so, otherwise there is a danger that the church will just become a museum.

We wish them well, and thank them for their valued contribution to the village.

David

HAVE FUN!



# Poetry Corner

*Some more poetry from our local Poet, John Meehan.*

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## Lonely Shores

*A poem by John Meehan*

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Giant waves crash upon the shore  
with pure white crest.  
A sound like thunder, pounding more and more  
on this or any other distant lonely shore.  
Where another lonely soul such as I  
Sits and dreams of places far across the sea.

Ships that pass on the horizon  
journey north, south, east and west.  
Skeletons of many more lie on the ocean floor  
at their final rest.  
A battle with the mighty ocean lost.  
Today and forever there to lay  
with the souls of all those lost at sea.  
Who long ago set sail for those distant lands.  
Would they as I sit here and dream.  
Ever know that this would be, their final resting place  
The sea.

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## Last Kiss

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When with a kiss on that day we did part  
Love still filled our hearts.  
A pointless war, ripped us apart.  
Filled with dreams and wishes that last kiss.  
To last forever we both did wish.

Yet fate would deal its hand  
upon the shores of a foreign land.  
There I fell  
In that living hell.

Our wishes and dreams lost  
Forever.  
But,  
That last kiss  
For you  
A life time,  
Will last.

# Sue Arnold

So much has been happening at NN it is difficult to know where to begin.

**Victory Housing** - Firstly I'll comment on Victory's housing application in Long Lane. As local member and member of the Development Committee I did not support this application. Whilst there is a very widely acknowledged need for more housing and particularly affordable housing ( this application was for all affordable) the development of any site should be of a high quality. I did not consider that the design of the houses, layout of the site and numbers came within this criteria. The Committee agreed with me and the application was refused. However it is expected that another application will come forward very shortly.

**Bittern Line** - For those who use the Bittern Line the station carpark at North Walsham has now been taken under the administration of the Council and is sited within the new housing development off the Norwich Road.

**Extra Care Scheme in Fakenham** - The Council has recently put funding into an Extra Care Scheme in Fakenham. The first in North Norfolk but with a proven record in other parts of the country. The Scheme will provide 66 one/ two bed flats for older people, some rented, some part ownership, whereby the residents will not only have access to good communal activities, but have 24/7 care increasing as the need arises. This has to be the way forward for helping look after older people and keeping them cared for and in their homes for longer. We are very excited and anticipate that at least another five will be forthcoming for North Norfolk over the coming years.

**Public Toilets** - Over £600 has been allocated by NN for upgrading and refurbishment of public toilets. In NN there are 39 Toilets under the responsibility of the Council. This is a rolling programme and it is anticipated that similar sums will be committed for future years to ensure our public conveniences are fit for the 21st century. The public expectation nowadays include such things, where practical, as changing facilities for disabled adults.

**The Lawn Tennis Association** has recognised that the facility at Cromer is second only to Queens and is putting money into the Tennis Hub to include indoor courts, viewing areas and a gymnasium.

**The Splash at Sheringham.** 25 years on and now needing huge sums to bring up to date. We have been advised this is not a good use of public money and therefore plans are being formalised for a new swimming pool funded in part by a new hotel on the site. It is hoped that relocation at the pool will mean the existing pool will not be closed whilst the new pool is built.

**Bacton Gas terminal** is like much of our coast, threatened by the sea. Huge, and I mean huge, loads of sand, 5/6 meters deep, will be dumped in front of the site. To give further protection to the villages of Walcot and Bacton the Council are funding the purchase of additional sand. This way of coastal protection has been hugely successful in Holland, and in anticipation that the project will attract many people interested in watching the operation, a new car park has been created at Bacton for access by the general public.

**Full Marathon** - It is planned that a full marathon will be run in North Norfolk next year. There are already several half marathons but this is the first full marathon.

**The Deep History Coast Project** goes from strength to strength- there is plenty of information about this on our web site.

**Break** - We congratulate Break on their GoGo Hares and are pleased that we have supported their excellent work by the permanent purchase of two hares that will be a landmark in Holt Country Park and North Walsham for years to come.

**Filming** - Those visiting Cromer recently may have been aware of the filming taking place in Garden Street and the Pier. This was Barbour filming its Christmas

collection. Strange seeing a Christmas tree on Cromer Pier at the beginning of October!

Earlier the Antiques Road Show was filmed on the pier. The weather behaved and it is anticipated that two shows may well come out of this.

**Tourism is our biggest earner in North Norfolk.** Yes, it can be irritating if people wander about in front of you, you can't find anywhere to park and you have to book, yes book, at your favourite eating place. But it is because of tourism that we have such excellent restaurants etc in NN plus the many tourist attractions that our visitors enjoy. This year numbers and the income generated by tourists are well up. We need to welcome them to this lovely area but keep this place special. A balance.

On a personal front my Portfolio which includes Planning, Planning Policy (the Local Plan) and Housing is extremely busy. I feel very privileged to be involved with these departments and support the staff who work so hard. The new local Plan taking shape, excellent target figures, new design guide, new Head of Planning, appeals to win, affordable housing schemes with excellent quality homes, Community Housing Fund (affecting communities with large number second/holiday homes) preparing for second bidding, new rough sleepers initiatives, the list goes on.

However I am available for anyone who wants to talk through issues they may have with the District Council.

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[sue.arnold@north-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:sue.arnold@north-norfolk.gov.uk)



**LED BY IWM**

## *The Southrepps Boys*



### **Remembering the lives of those who fought in the Great War**

On November 11th 1918 hostilities ended on the Western Front, ending a worldwide war that lasted four years having caused 20 million military and civilian deaths and 21 million military and civilian wounded on all sides. Armistice Day is commemorated every year at War Memorials in every community across the country. This year will be the 100th anniversary of this momentous event. In Southrepps the names of the majority of the 31 men and boys from this village who died for their country are known and inscribed on our War Memorial. The names of those who served but survived the war are not recorded.

As part of this years commemoration, an attempt is being made, for the first time, to identify those who survived, many of whose lives were, without doubt, blighted by their injuries and the appalling circumstances under which they served.

We have been able to gather information from village residents and from digital archives such as Ancestry which include census records and military service records together with results of research carried out by others, which can often be hard to verify. The amount of information gathered for each individual varies greatly and in some cases can be unreliable. The project is a work in progress and its social and historical value increases with the amount of information added. Anyone anywhere with any knowledge of those listed who died and those who we believe survived is invited to contribute to the project. Of particular interest are military records, life stories, photographs and links to relatives living today.

It is hoped that some of the stories resulting from this research will form the basis of a display in the church at the time of the November commemoration event. However, the objective of the project is to assemble all of this data in an easily accessible form at a later date.

### **WE CONTINUE TO NEED YOUR HELP!**

If you have any information that may assist us please email [infosouthrepps@gmail.com](mailto:infosouthrepps@gmail.com).







"Southbrops Boys"



# Southrepps Football Club



Hi there football fans!

Blimey its been a good few months since the last update and a lot has happened...

We finally finished mid table with a strong 6th place finish in the North East Norfolk League Division One (<https://www.nenleague.org/>), a good all round effort from those playing, Thank

You Team. As I type we are a number of games in to the new 2018/19 season and we are sitting comfortably in 4th place. We also have the start of the cup matches coming up so hopefully, like previous years, we can go on another good cup run and into the finals! For all up and coming games please like and follow our Facebook page where all the games are listed.

League Table							
POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Gimingham	7	6	1	0	36	19
2	Cromer Youth O B	5	4	1	0	21	13
3	Hicking	6	4	0	2	11	12
4	Southrepps	6	4	0	2	5	12
5	Aysham 'A'	6	4	0	2	-4	12
6	East Huston	4	3	0	1	8	9
7	Eppingham	6	3	0	3	3	9
8	Gimingham Res	7	3	0	4	-6	9
9	Hicking Young & Old	6	2	1	3	0	7
10	North Walsham 'A'	6	1	1	4	-13	4
11	Eppingham Res	8	1	0	7	-31	3
12	Holt. Colts	7	0	0	7	-30	0

Table detail

Now on to some more good news. Thanks to the cooperation from the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee the club is on its way back to the village! We are penciling in the start of the new year

for having our first game back. Improvements to the pitch have recently been completed thanks to a volunteer works party. Largely consisting of players help was given to finish off the grounds work where Norse had left off. We are just waiting for the ground to settle and the grass to grow and then we'll be back. As well as a big thank you to those who came to help a special thanks goes to those who supplied us with the equipment required to do the grounds work, Daniels Transport, Simon Craske, Daniel Gotts and Darren Marston

Finally, as ever your support is welcomed at all home and away matches. OTB 'Repps

## Southrepps Bowls Club



The Bowls Club had a mixed summer season. They held up well in the two afternoon leagues, but struggled to avoid relegation in the two evening leagues. Dropping down to three leagues will be discussed at the forthcoming AGM.

Holidays, illness, and elderly body maintenance (!), made it difficult at times to meet fixture commitments from a membership of some 26. This meant willing players turning out twice a day on occasions.

The hot, dry summer, lovely as it was, hit many club greens very hard, but, thanks to our enthusiastic greens team, ours stood up well. The flower beds and baskets tended by the ladies, added to pleasant surroundings, and a good natured atmosphere around the Club.

We do need more members, especially from the village. First year membership is free, coaching can be provided, but it is easy to pick up the rudiments. There is a hard working committee, and potential new players can be sure of a warm welcome (ring 01263 721060 for details).

During the winter there will be indoor social bowling (details from Frank Lambert on 01263 721829).

**David Harding - Chairman**

**01263 721060 or 07780861737**



Last year was a fabulous academic year for Antingham and Southrepps Primary School. The children made all the staff, governors and parents/carers very proud with their wonderful behaviour and brilliant enthusiasm. The assessment results for all ages reflected the children's hard work and dedication to their learning.



We ended the year with an extremely busy half term which consisted of several visitors coming into the school and sharing their knowledge of road safety, fire safety, 'moneysense', caring for creatures and protecting habitats and the history of the Poppy Line. All classes went on exciting school trips including riding the steam train in Holt, working on an art project at the disused Honing Railway Station, re-enacting Victorian life at Gressenhall and an action packed, sightseeing extravaganza in London!



The school community is very proud of its new sculpture at the disused railway line in Honing. Thanks to our amazing art teacher the children

have been able to proudly display wonderful personalised golden tickets, which create a train window that overlooks a beautiful view. The sculpture can be viewed while walking along the path of the disused line.



We also hosted a range of our own events at the school including our Summer Music Concert, Sports Day, the Leavers Disco and the Summer Fair. Thanks to our wonderful parents and carers and the local community, who supported the events, we were able to raise much needed funds for the school.

As this year is the centenary of the World War 1 armistice both our older



classes are learning all about the war. On 11th November 2018 the children will sow Flanders poppy seeds, donated by North Norfolk District Council, in the front gardens of the school in commemoration. They hope that generation after generation of children attending the school will see the poppies and remember those who gave their lives for us.

This new term has been very exciting for the school as we now have our very own nursery class! This means that our school has extended its age range from 4 to 11 to 3 to 11 and we are very excited to be able to share the beautiful surroundings with even younger children. As a school that has accomplished the Platinum Green Tree Award, using the amazing environment the school is situated in to learn is so very important and this is incorporated into the everyday learning of the nursery children (as it is in the rest of

the school). The nursery class, which is situated in the purpose built new build with its very own enclosed outside area, (shared with the Reception/ Year 1 class) is a beautiful setting for the younger children to thrive in.

We also have a brilliant new Breakfast and After school Provision for children to attend either side of the school day in our on-site mobile now known as 'The Hut'.

If you would like more information about our village school, the new nursery or the breakfast and afterschool provision please contact Mrs Flatman in our school office by phone on 01263833282 or by email via [office@antinghamouthrepps.co.uk](mailto:office@antinghamouthrepps.co.uk)

# More Paws



Well my pawsome friends what an amazing summer we had in our beautiful corner of North Norfolk. So many sunny days to go for walks with my friends and enjoy time on the beach too. Not forgetting, the odd trip out for lunch and happy times at the Vernon Arms!

It was great fun to welcome the dogs of all shapes and sizes who came to the village on their holidays and to show them the great walks we have within a few miles or further up the coast.

As well as the usual suspects – Willow, Ruby, Ella, Toby, Maisie, Jess, Oscar, Bear and Snoop – I have had great fun playing with Hannah, Martha and Chester and I also have new friends next door Hugo and Lola. Harry has a new Labrador Birdie and John and Ann have found their forever friend, Marlow. I wonder when Auntie Brenda will find hers! If I time it just right on a Saturday I will also meet Humphrey, Dennis and Daphne.

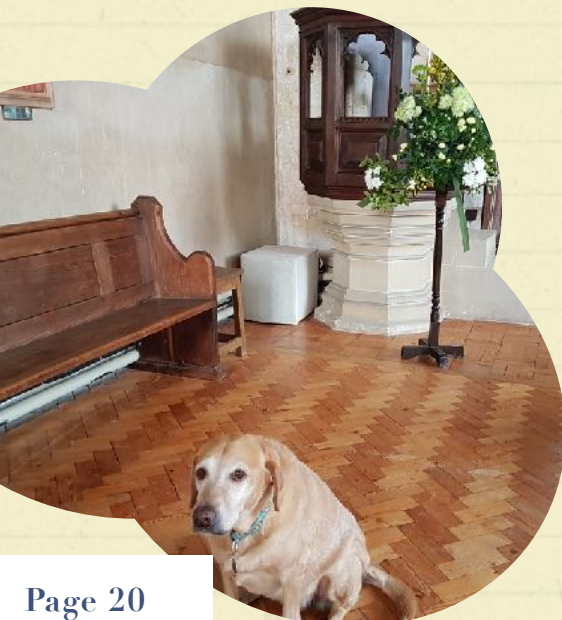
I have spent many happy days at Jill's house as Mum and Dad went away on a proper holiday to celebrate Mum's retirement and now she is retired, I get longer walks, more of them and plenty of cuddles.



So, what will the Autumn and Winter bring? Hopefully lots of crisp, cold days with blue skies and sunshine and the chance to wear my special coat given to me by Cleo's Mum.



I hope you enjoy the photos. I can assure you that Ruby and Chester were with us, but they are such bundles of energy, they never sit still for a minute!



Charley

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WE REMEMBER MOMENTS

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## BABY & TODDLER GROUP

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 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

# Useful Info

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.

[www.southrepps.info](http://www.southrepps.info)

## Contact Information

Group	Name	Telephone
Support Scheme	Malcolm Hilson - Chairman	833327
	Warwick Slater - Treasurer	721756
St James Church	Rector	834436
	Steve Richards - Church Warden	834411
Parish Council	Elaine Pugh - Clerk to the Council	01692 402998
Heating Oil Syndicate	Gloria & Steve Briggs	834831
Southrepps Chorale	Steve Richards	834411
Bowls Club	David Harding - Chairman	721060
Football Club	Roger Swift - Secretary	833118
Village Hall	Debbie Briggs	833355
Lower Southrepps Social Club	Val Roche	720090
	Ruby Risebrow	833481
Horticultural Show	Carol Needham	834242
Tree Society	Colin Browne - Chairman	833028
	Jackie Ferguson - Secretary	833260
Bells	Andrew Lubbock	07818 113221
Commons Trust	John Houlgate	833001
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Southrepps Society	Marion Hilson - President	833327
	Carol Needham - Secretary	834242
British Legion	Malcolm Hilson - Secretary	833327
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Here at the Vernon Arms we are now heading into our busy time of year. We have a wonderful Festive Menu running from the 1st to 24th of December.

All our renovations are complete with a new dog friendly dining area and updated toilets.

Christmas Day we are open from 12pm till 2pm for drinks, mince pies and mulled wine.

Please be sure to book in advance as we do get extremely busy. Folk Club happens here second Thursday of every month from 8pm which is great fun for all ages.

We would like to wish all the residence of Southrepps a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year

# NOVEMBER EVENTS

	Event	Venue	Time
<b>Sun 11th</b>	Remembrance and Armistice Service	St James Church	10:45am
	School Poppy Seeds Sown	School	
	Social Club Xmas Fayre	Social Club	
<b>Mon 19th</b>	British Legion AFM	Vernon Arms	7pm
<b>Wed 28</b>	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7:30pm
<b>Thu 29</b>	Society talk "Chairs"	Village Hall	

# DECEMBER EVENTS

	Event	Venue	Time
<b>Thu 6th</b>	Society Xmas Supper	Village Hall	tbc
<b>Wed 12th</b>	Southrepps Support Scheme Christmas Lunch	Village Hall	12:30
<b>Thu 13th</b>	Christmas Carols	Vernon Arms	8pm
	Marsham Bells	Social Club	
<b>Sat 15th</b>	Southrepps Football Club Raffle	Vernon Arms	8pm
<b>Thu 20</b>	Carol Service	St James Church	7pm
<b>Fri 21st</b>	Santa on the Sleigh Tour	Upper Southrepps	
<b>Sat 22nd</b>	Santa on the Sleigh Tour	Lower Southrepps	
<b>Sun 23rd</b>	Carol round the two trees	Lower St - 7pm	
		Vernon - 7:45pm	

## SOUTHREPPS FOOTBALL CLUB

### Xmas RAFFLE

We are holding our annual Raffle again. Last year was great fun, plenty of prizes and money raised for the club

**Please support your local football club!**

You can buy your tickets from the Vernon Arms, Roger Swift, Graham McCabe, Shelley, Studdy, Matt or any of the Southrepps FC players

**Saturday 15 December @ 8pm  
Vernon Arms**

## SLEIGH TOUR OF VILLAGE

FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DEC SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> DEC  
Upper Southrepps Lower Southrepps



## CAROLS ROUND TWO TREES

SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> DEC  
LOWER STREET tree 7.00pm  
VERNON ARMS tree 7.45pm



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