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Chairmans Corner

Malcolm Hilson In early summer, we fulfilled a long held wish to visit St Petersburg. We were not disappointed. Palaces galore, fine buildings and surprisingly friendly people. No obvious sign of the KGB! A first (for me) and enjoyable visit to the ballet; whilst friends at home were watching the European Cup Final!

Whilst on a re-union long week-end near Worcester recently, we made a surprising discovery at the old RAF Difford base, adjacent to the National Trust property Croome Court. There was a refurbished Gloster Meteor, which had been found rusting away at Muckleburgh, and traced through its serial number, to have been the last aircraft to leave this secret airbase, where WW11 night radar was developed in 1944.

Back at home, the wet weather we have had, produced five different species of funghi around our garden. I took some pics. One specimen looked like a mushroom, smelt like a mushroom – but I couldn't bring myself to try it! In France, the pharmacists are the experts to advise. Anyone here?



Southrepps Support Scheme

Malcolm Hilson

Our monthly Lunch Club continues to be popular. Where else can you get a decent roast lunch and dessert for £4? Every second Wednesday at 12.15 ish! Retired and over 50, come and give us a try.

We are running another defibrillator training session in the Village Hall on Saturday 28 March 2020 from 10am to 12pm. Free to all. Worth knowing how to use the kit and to do CPR, even if we hope never having to use it! Just turn up on the day.

Our fund raising carol singing will again be at the Vernon Arms, courtesy of Paul & Debbie, and, we hope, the folk music players. This year it will be at 8 pm on



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Thursday 12 December. You may feel like a pint and a sing after casting your vote!!

Many thanks to those who supported us with green tokens at Waitrose during October, when we were one of the three charities on offer. Thanks to Waitrose for the opportunity to share in their scheme. We may not hear how much we will benefit in time for this Mardler edition.

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

Elderly and Lonely Neighbours

According to AgeUK there are over 900,000 elderly people on their own.

The winter time is a hard time for the elderly and they can struggle to get out and keep warm. It's also a very lonely time for many.

Why not introduce yourself and see if there is something that you could do to help them or simply have a chat. It might be worth putting a hand written note through the door so they can contact you if they are afraid of answering the door. It can make all the difference.

If you are lonely at home remember the Support Scheme monthly lunch is a great way to get out. Come for a cuppa is a monthly get together at St James Church.



The Age UK Advice Line is a free, confidential, national phone service for older people, their families, friends, carers and professionals, which is open 365 days a year (8am-7pm). If you're feeling lonely or need some practical help and support, please call us on

0800 678 1602.



Horticultural Show

Carol Needham

This year the Show was held on 27th July as part of the Southrepps Bash. We had almost twice the number of entries in the Show and sold record amounts of produce and refreshments.

We would like to thank Debbie and Paul from the Vernon Arms for their sponsorship of the Show prize money and to everyone who helped on the day to make the Show a success. The provisional date for next year is 25th July 2020.



Our Christmas menu is now available to review, just pop in and grab a copy, and book as early as you can. The annual carol services and raffles will be taking place, and live music on some Sunday's.

We will be open on Christmas day from 12pm till 2pm to celebrate with you. We wish all our customers a wonderful Christmas and new year.

Paul, Debbie and the Team

01263 833355

Southrepps Society

Carol Needham

Since our last Mardler report, members have enjoyed three interesting talks, a walk, a barbecue and an outing.



Our talk in April was by Megan Dennis from Gressenhall Museum. She outlined many of the changes at the museum. Some galleries were now revamped to show the lives of the residents of the Workhouse and others to display interesting historic items previously in store. In May a dozen members had an enjoyable walk in Sheringham Park followed by refreshments at the Vernon Arms. 32 members attended the annual Barbecue at the Village Hall in June. On 25th July, on one of the hottest days of the summer, 24 members had a private tour of the gardens at How Hill near Ludham followed by afternoon tea,

For the first autumn meeting in September, Nigel Lloyd from the North Walsham and Dilham Trust told us some of the history of the short lived canal and how far the Trust had come in restoring parts of it.

In October, we had a most excellent talk by Andrew Munden, Manager of the North Norfolk Railway. He gave us a comprehensive history of this much loved railway.

The next meeting on 28th November will be a look at the history of Farming in Southrepps including two guest speakers.

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 834242.

5th December

Christmas Supper
Village Hall 7:30pm

27th February 2020

Annual General Meeting 7.30pm



NOVEMBER

This is always a daunting meeting for the Council as it has to review its spending plans for a 3 year period. This is not easy and everyone hates their costs going up and bad news. However, the central Government grant has now been totally eroded and is nil and the residents now have to pick up that shortfall. In the financial year 19-20 this amounted to £622. The Parish Council therefore has to account for this loss of income as well as look to the future.

20MPH ZONE

We have been working closely with Tim Adams our County Councillor to reduce speed in the village and have campaigned and requested for a 20mph zone in the centre for over 10 years. The Council has received guide figures to achieve this aim.

The Members considered this matter at length and thought that the speeding through the village is such a major issue that it needed to be addressed and Tim's offer of help was just too good to walk away from. The figures from the SAM2 clearly evidence that there is a speeding problem throughout the parish and shows that 80% of vehicles speed in our village.

There needs to be a full consultation undertaken and with legal fees this cost is circa £6,000. Tim Adams has agreed to fund this element out of his allocated budget over a two year financial period – being 2020 to 2022. To run alongside this there will be £3,000 for the design and layout of the scheme and then approximately £10,000 for the traffic calming measures to implement the 20mph.

It is anticipated that the collective £13,000 for the design/layout and the highways works will meet the criteria of the Norfolk County Council 50/50 Scheme which would mean that the community of Southrepps would need to find £6,500 from the Precept it raises from our residents.

In order to implement this project and account for the loss of the Government grant the members agreed to increase the Precept for the financial year from £14,500 to £16,500 an increase of £2,000. This equates to approximately £6 per household per annum and will show on your Council Tax bill of around a 14% increase.

The balance of the funding for this initiative will be derived from reserves over a 2-3 year period.

We are also hoping to have the Loke which leads to the village hall surface dressed via the NCC Parish Partnership Scheme.

We hope that you consider this major traffic calming scheme which will benefit everyone in the long term, warrants this small financial increase per household.

DOG FOULINGS

NOTE – if you have dog “deposits” these can be placed into your own personal grey refuse bin. It has been noted that resident(s) of the Parish are taking their dogs fouling’s from home to the red dog bins. This is not necessary and costs the Parish Council additional money to have these bins emptied more frequently. These additional charges are passed onto the residents via the Precept.

There have been reports along the High street where dog deposits have been left on a householder’s windowsill and in their entrance.

NNDC has been notified of this deliberate act and are monitoring and patrolling Southrepps to deter this behaviour.

YOU MUST DISPOSE OF YOUR FOULINGS CORRECTLY OR YOU WILL BE FINED.

CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

The Council were extremely pleased to welcome Chris Shaw who was co-opted to the Parish Council. Chris is an active member of the community and will continue in his role as our SAM co-ordinator. We are hopeful that he will be able to assist with other tasks.

SOUTHREPPS COMMONS TRUST

The completion of the transfer of Land to Norfolk Wildlife Trust has now been completed. We are all aware that this was going to be a lengthy and difficult task to undertake. However, the outcome for the community and NWT will be worthwhile. This does not affect villagers' rights to use the commons – please continue to do so.

WELLSPRING ROAD

NCC Highways are currently investigating how to keep this road open and it is being regularly monitored.

SOU02 - VICTORY HOUSING - LONG LANE

We are still waiting to learn of any progress. As yet we have not been advised of any further amendments.

RECREATION GROUND

We have recently carried out minor repairs to the play area and equipment. If you find any issues with any of the units please let us know.

SPEEDWATCH

We are STILL seeking more members to join the team otherwise this community initiative may 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

The SAM Team undertake an amazing job moving the unit and we are going to supply

regular updates from the data unit on the Parish Council website for all to view.

ALLOTMENTS

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

WHITE VILLAGE ENTRANCE GATES

We are currently waiting for these to be installed by the Highways Department and hope that they will help drivers focus on their speed in the centre of the village.

Glass Bottle Banks -PUT YOUR EMPTY GLASS JARS/BOTTLES IN HERE!!

It may take a bit more effort but every bottle counts towards income to your community please contribute

Please keep collecting them and making the effort to put them in the bottle bank bins – it does make a difference to your community.

Future meeting dates - 2020

The Council has now moved back to six weekly meetings on a Wednesday.

January 15th, February 26th – Southrepps Village Hall.

April 8th, May 20th (Annual and Parish Meetings), July 1st, August 12th, September 23rd, November 4th and December 16th at Lower Southrepps Social Club. Please be aware that the location may change – check the Agenda prior to attending.

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.

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The Gamekeeper

Malcolm Hilson

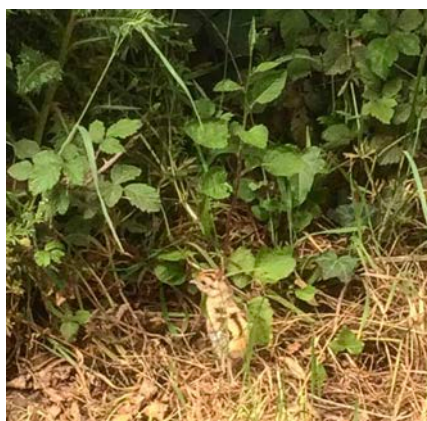
After 16 years as a young gamekeeper on the Sladden estate, Andrew Lincoln now has a family to nurture, as well as his pheasants! He and his wife Helen, have a lovely daughter, Mary, now just 4 months.



The village will be familiar with Andrew as he buzzes around on his John Deere Gator, tending his charges. Trained in Countryside Management and Gamekeeping at Easton College, Andrew joined the estate at just 19, and loves the work he does.

Andrew works to create good habitat by planting cover crops of maize and small bird mixes like millet. This also helps overwintering wild birds. There are up to 6 feeding and watering stations on every cover crop and Andrew goes around servicing these, including distributing some 7 tons of song bird feed annually. Game birds get wheat. He also establishes flower and nectar mixes for the benefit of bees and other insects.

Shooting season is from September to February. There are on average shoots on 12 days a month. These are private shoots for friends, family and guests.



There are no paying customers. Numbers to be shot are restricted by moving around various estate sites. Any birds not wanted by participants, are taken for processing and onward sale by a game dealer.

Asked how he felt about seeing his birds shot, he said that his reward was seeing the birds fly well and providing a good level of satisfaction. If he felt any emotion he was in the wrong job!

Andrew continues to feed any pheasants and partridge left, to keep them in good breeding condition. He traps vermin and corvids, which are a constant threat. There are some economic benefits to beaters and local hostellers, and definite environmental advantage from conservation work in woods, hedge laying and planting. Several miles of replacement hedging have been planted around the estate, which are good for shelter and nesting. He arranges walks for various interest groups like young farmers, members of the Game & Wildlife Trust and the Southrepps Society.

Andrew is justifiably proud to have received a special award for his conservation work from renowned gunmakers, Purdy's, which was presented to him at a ceremony in London.





Fly Tipping

I wondered if you could assist in drawing attention to the recent issues of fly tipping in Southrepps. We are encountering fly tipping on the rural roads around the village regularly now during highways and other public realm inspections.

Unfortunately, this is occurring regularly on the Roadside Nature Reserves protected due to rare plant species and biodiversity.

Most recently, tyres and scrap metal was found and removed on Wellspring Road and Wedgwood Road (unmarked link Road between Gimtingham Road and Pit Street).

I would like to urge residents to be vigilant, and also careful that they only use licensed waste disposal businesses.

If residents find fly tipping, they are welcome to get in touch with me on the above email or phone 07789625033 - Monday - Sunday

Tim Adams



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SOUTHREPPS VILLAGE HALL

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 278536

David Pemberton - Chairman

As we enter the colder months, we can reflect on another successful year for the Village Hall. The committee has been working hard to ensure the hall remains operational and available for everyone to use and we would like to say a special thank you to Colin Needham who, despite leaving the management committee in April, has continued to assist with maintenance of the hall's heating and water system.

Our events throughout the year have been popular and we recently held our annual Halloween Quiz Night which was a hugely fun evening. Further quizzes have been organised and the next one will be held on the 31st January 2019 – we hope to see you there!

The biggest event of the year by far was the Village Bash, it was fantastic to be included in an event that involved the whole village and was great to see the Village Hall at the heart of it. We would like to say a huge well done and thank you to Shelley and Dee Jones who put so much effort into organising the Village Bash and ensured it was a huge success.

A final thanks to all the groups that regularly use the hall and all those that have made use of the hall this year, we hope you will keep us in mind for your next event or celebration. Please visit our website or Facebook page for information about booking the hall or for our future events.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at the Village Hall.



Enquiries

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

Shelley

Tel: 07920 583773

Email: southreppsvillagehall@gmail.com

Go to

www.southrepps.info/village-hall

To get detailed information and booking information



QUIZ NIGHTS

Fri 31 Jan 2020

Fri 27 Mar 2020

Fri 29 May 2020



Southrepps Village Hall committee runs a 200 Club as part of ongoing fundraising efforts for the upkeep and improvements to the hall. The 200 Club plays an important part in the hall funding requirements.

What is the 200 Club?

A 200 Club is a regular lottery which is usually run for some charitable purpose. Lotteries are a form of gambling and so there is a need for safeguards and other regulations. This lottery is regulated by the Gambling Act 2005 and is the responsibility of the Gambling Commission

What does it cost to join?

Each number in the monthly draw costs £10 per annum and there's no limit to how many numbers you can buy.

What are the Prizes and when it is drawn?

The monthly prize structure consists of a monthly draw of £40, £20, £10 and £5; with an additional draw of £100 at Christmas.

For more information or a form please contact:-

www.southrepps.info/200-club

southreppsvillagehall@gmail.com

Tel: 07920 583773

Lower Southrepps Social Club

Val Rouche

2019 has been quite a difficult year for Southrepps Social club. Many of our committee and members have had serious health problems which has somewhat hampered our programme. Hopefully next year will be better.

The monthly bingo still remains popular with our greatly appreciated loyal bingo followers. The bingo is always on the first Saturday of every month except January.

We have arranged several events during the year, some were well attended, some not so well.

Unfortunately due to age and infirmity we are not able to do the large catering events that we have enjoyed doing in the past. We did have a very successful Harvest Supper in October. A buffet supper was provided and we were entertained by an excellent singer who did a fantastic Elvis Presley impression, and also music and songs from the 60's.

The remaining events for the year are, the regular visit from The Marsham Belles, who encourage us to ring the bells ourselves which can be very amusing and good fun, and our annual Christmas dinner is also planned.

The Carpet Bowls continues to flourish. We won the Broadland Summer League again this year and we attend various tournaments during the year. Two of our bowling team play carpet bowls for the county. We would still like to encourage people to come and try playing the bowls, it really is addictive. Club times are Tuesday afternoon 2.30pm until 4pm and Thursday at 7.30pm.

We are a small and friendly club and would welcome new members. The annual membership fee is £5 which is returned in various ways during the year.

Poetry Corner

Some more poetry from our local Poet, John Meeham.

Remembrance

A poem by John Meehan

Poppies bloom in those long quiet meadows
from Flanders to the Somme
the sounds of artillery and gun fire gone.
Four long years the wrath of war dragged on.
A living hell so many did not live to tell.
Across those fields once ravaged by war.
They rest in peace.
Row after row of headstones
with the names of those who fell.
While others their names unknown,
Left to rest alone.
Never to be forgotten but remembered.
Each year on that day when those guns fell
silent,
When many stand at monuments across the
land
Poppies worn with pride and wreaths are laid.
A final salute.
In memory of those, to which we owe so
much.

Royal British Legion

Malcolm Hilson

This year the Legion highlighted the contribution of the Commonwealth and Allied nations to British Forces in WW2, especially in critical theatres such as Monte Casino, D-Day, and Kohima and Imphal. This was movingly illustrated in the annual BBCTV Remembrance Service broadcast from the Albert Hall on Saturday 9 November.

Our Remembrance Sunday service at St James' was well attended. We much appreciated the reflective address given by Rev Canon Malcolm France, who took the service. Stuart Lowe moved us all with his cornet playing, as did our readers, and the Chorale anthems. A generous collection was shared with the church.

A good number staunchly turned out in the rain, for the short Armistice Day service at the War Memorial.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Poppy Appeal, especially to Graham McCabe for organising again. We had a number of comments about the continued use of plastics in poppies, wreaths etc., and we have passed these comments on to RBL HQ.

Our AGM was held courtesy of the Vernon Arms, on Monday 18 November. We still need a new Standard Bearer if anyone can help? Training can be arranged. New members are always welcome – call 833327 for details.

Malcolm Hilson - 01263 833327

SOUTHREPPS CHORALE

Musical Director: Stephen Richards



Accompanist: Cathy Al-Bay

Stephen Richards

The Chorale takes different musical directions each year depending on the repertoire we are singing and, come August, we took a well-earned break after a summer of jazz. We gave concerts in Aylsham and Southrepps with accompanying band of sax, piano, bass and drums and we had the most fantastic and rewarding few months.

When we returned in September we learned that Stephen will be indisposed this autumn and winter, so experienced choral conductor, Ro Curtis, is ably directing us in his absence. During the Autumn we normally prepare a programme for a winter concert, alongside learning some new Christmas music for our carol service. This year Stephen has presented us with something quite different – comic opera! We are learning the famous one act opera *Trial by Jury* - probably the most successful British one-act operetta of all time.

Trial by Jury (music by Arthur Sullivan, libretto by W. S. Gilbert) was first produced on 25 March 1875, at London's Royalty Theatre. The



story concerns a "breach of promise of marriage" lawsuit in which the judge and legal system are the

objects of light-hearted satire. Critics and audiences praised how well Sullivan's witty and good-humoured music complemented Gilbert's satire. The success of Trial by Jury launched the famous series of 13 collaborative works between Gilbert and Sullivan that came to be known as the Savoy Operas.

Come and hear this fabulous short opera along with Christmas favourites, and admire our skill and our professional soloists, at Trunch Church on Saturday 7th December at 7.30pm. Tickets from Trunch Corner Stores or phone 01692 402624.

We are writing this just after our annual Autumn Workshop which we opened up to singers from outside the choir. We welcomed renowned broadcaster, composer and

conductor Dr. Douglas Coombes to the Village Hall and had a fabulous afternoon of singing activities, laughs and cakes.

Now our attention turns to Christmas and we make an appearance at Norwich's great (RC) Cathedral of St. John in a charity concert for Break. Following that we look forward to contributing to the village Carol Service on Thursday 19th December at 7pm. This year we have two guest soloists, Henry Blyth



singing *The Snowman* and Mark Gage on soprano saxophone (just to start your imagination running). And we very much look forward to new Rector, Siân Reading, leading this traditional service.

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.



Southrepps Commons

the story continues

Duncan Westlake

As reported by the 'Common Man' in his valedictory piece in the previous edition of 'The Mardler', following lengthy negotiations (sound familiar?), ownership and responsibility for the management of the Southrepps Commons passed from Southrepps Parish Council to Norfolk Wildlife Trust (NWT) in February of this year. Our much-loved Common Man felt that was the appropriate time to draw a line under the pieces he had written for The Mardler with such distinction for so long. He still plays a major role with the volunteers working on The Commons and we still want to keep the community informed about them, so your new correspondent has taken up the reins. We have a blog (see below) which will be used as the basis for future updates here.

The main Common (the bit with the boardwalk meandering through the rustling reeds) is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), and as such it has received the greatest attention in order to satisfy the requirements of Natural England, the body which ensures such places are kept in the condition which their designation demands. In our case, that designation includes some of the rich diversity of plants found there, typical of the very rare mire habitat still hanging on in this corner of the county. It also includes some animals, most memorably being the species of fly which makes its living eating snails. There is great scope for researching what other minibeasts frequent the place, but plants are very well covered: the latest published list of plants found here runs to an impressive 498 species. Birds, butterflies and moths are also well recorded.

As regular readers will be well aware through the Common Man's updates, all the work of maintaining The Commons was

done by a dedicated corps of local volunteers, under the aegis of Southrepps Commons Trust. Most of those old stagers (and I use the term advisedly) continue to work their socks off in mucky weather and conditions, but now with the NWT banner flying metaphorically above their heads. More are always welcome!

So, what has happened since the transfer? The first and most dramatic job was to sort out the overgrown and dried-up romantically named Pit. NWT employed contractors to dig out the sludge accumulated since the last overhaul a decade or so ago, down to the clay bottom, trying not to go beyond. As well as the bulrushes, properly called Greater Reedmace, Common Reed had multiplied too much, and that pernicious invader *Crassula helmsii* had also seen fit to join the party. Conveniently, almost as soon as the excavation was finished, the Great Wet Spell began, in stupendous proportions, and in no time at all the pond was full again. The picture shows it as it was at the end of October.

The transfer to NWT coincided with changed requirements from Natural England, meaning that we needed to start our cutting season much earlier than previously; more or less coinciding with our usual resistance to the invasion of Himalayan Balsam. During August and September alone, we clocked up 193.25 volunteer hours cutting the fen, often in exceptionally warm conditions. We were joined by some extra hands from NWT for a further 33 hours to ensure the work was completed by the deadline of 30th September. Next to benefit was School Meadow: I suspect this open space to the side of School Common is often overlooked by visitors.

Loppers and bow saws to the fore, in late October a crack team set about advising the encroaching bushes to mind their manners and stand respectfully at the edge of the meadow, thus allowing the sun's rays to have full effect on the sward below. The picture shows the splendid result.



SCT's online presence has closed, but fear not, bits live on in the NWT website. Our main page is at

www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/wildlife-in-norfolk/nature-reserves/reserves/southrepps-commons

from which are links to further information about the individual commons, and the plants and wildlife found here. Photos of species found on the Commons can be found on the Gallery. Choose 'Southrepps Commons' from the drop-down list of Locations. Filtering by 'Interests' will produce, for example, Invertebrates at Southrepps Common. All very whizzy!

And we're film stars! NWT have produced two videos as part of their Wildlife in Common project, one of which features Southrepps Common and its volunteers. There is plenty of information about the project on the NWT website, with links to both of the films - select 'Commons on Film' on the right hand side of the page: (<https://www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/wildlife-in-norfolk/commons/wildlife-in-common>). The 'Wildlife in Common: People and Wildlife' film stars Southrepps: our bit is between 2.17 and 3.12 mins.

Finally, our old blog has now been replaced by one at

southreppscommonsvolunteers.blogspot.com

Why not give it a look? If you would like to receive email notification of future blog postings to keep up to date with happenings on The Commons and are not already on our list, please drop an email to scvolunteers@gmail.com.

Poetry Corner

Some more poetry from our local poet, John Meehan.

Summer Says Goodby

A poem by John Meehan

Tourist all gone; summers gone.
 No more sandcastles on the beach
 Rain pouring down.
 Waves still crash upon the shore.
 Gulls still sweep and soar.
 Sky that's leaden and grey.
 On a stormy day.
 No boats in the bay.
 Upon the beach they lay.
 Just another day
 In a seaside town
 On a winter's day.

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What A Pair

Malcolm Hilson

I had a fun afternoon recently talking to Ruby Risebrow and Jean Hardingham, about their memories of life in the village, and the contribution they had made to the community.

Ruby, now 82, is from Southrepps. She had a brother and a sister, and went to the local school until she was 16. Thereafter she worked in canneries at North Walsham. She later worked for 15 years at Sidestrand Hall special needs school. She had a vivid memory of 1947 when the village was snowed in, and Bradfield Hall made all their milk available for use, as it couldn't be collected. She remembered Ann Green riding on a tractor/trailer as the May Queen, with Ruby as an attendant. The 2nd Sunday in June was a special day at the Chapel, when many had new clothes. She recalled the Salvation Army singing around the village, and on "The Hill" in Lower St, where the Home Guard also practiced – using pitchforks. "The Hill" had always been a centre of activity, and Ruby recalled moving 28 loads of rubbish from thereabouts to clear it. She said that her late husband had made the Lower St sign, and that there is a half-crown piece buried beneath it.

Jean, nee Covell, came originally from Gimingham and was one of 2 boys and 3 girls. She was at Gimingham School and North Walsham Secondary Modern. She began work as a cadet nurse at the Overstrand convalescent home, and was then at Meadow Cottage for handicapped children. Her best, and some other memories, were marrying Ruby's brother, Mick Hardingham!

Jean talked fondly of times in the 70's running a youth club in the old village hall, arranging kid's Xmas parties, helping with lunches, and fund raising fetes on "The Hill". They sent filled shoe boxes to



Ruby



Jean

children overseas. They raised £18,000 for the N & N chemo unit by running an indoor Bowls tournament annually for 18 years in the village hall. Jean, like many, was 'volunteered' by Hazel Glaister to work on the Townlands Charity, which she has done for many years.

Both Ruby and Jean were heavily involved with the Lower St Social Club, which had originally been the 'men's club' (with a snooker table donated by a former school headmaster). After much work it re-opened as the Social Club in 1983, with Ruby as a busy caretaker, and Jean, volunteered by Ruby, eventually as Chair. The Club has always been a popular activity centre, and there are memories of people having to stand outside to take part in Bingo!

Both reflected that there has always been a degree of friction between the two halves of the village, not least over use of the present village hall. But these two ladies have fond memories of their work for the village, and hope that a younger generation will pick up the baton in years to come.



We are very excited to announce that our name has changed to...(drum roll please)

Antingham and Southrepps Primary School and Nursery

Buttercups Nursery Class offers school-hour nursery sessions, in an inspiring indoor classroom setting with free flow to the outdoors. Here our Buttercups play alongside our Reception Daisies in a beautiful safe outdoor area, full of natural resources, which is ideal for all weathers.



Personal development and aspirations are taking over the school this term!

We started the year with an amazing visit from two local paramedics and an ambulance (Buttercups were involved too!). The children learnt about first aid and calling for help. The children had a go at using a bandage, trying out a stethoscope and watching how an ECG machine works. Afterwards all the children were able to investigate the inside of the ambulance. We hope as a school that this opportunity may inspire children to want to be either part of the emergency services or be a doctor, nurse or surgeon! At the very least, we hope that if they ever have to encounter paramedics and an ambulance, for whatever reason, they will have the resilience to know they are there to help and not to be scared.

We really hope that the local community like our new 'Slow Down' sign, designed by two of last year's Year 6 children to encourage motorists to reduce their speed, not only around our school, but also the villages!

In our top class, Sunflower Class, the children are looking at structures in topic and design technology. They will be learning all about how structures are built and what makes them stay standing through the test of time. These structures are not your average mini buildings and bridges though....the teacher's specifications are 20cm by

80cm! Looking at their designs and ideas I am sure we must have an architect or two for the future in our class of 23! Maybe will see some replicas of the beautiful building we are lucky enough to call our school (which is currently undergoing some basic remedial work on its windows and doors to try and preserve its historic beauty – as we have failed for a third year to obtain funding to replace the windows that are urgently in need of some TLC).



Poppy Class are working hard on the topic of 'Banquets', looking at healthy eating, food and farming and Daisy Class (Reception) are learning the Little Red Hen story off by heart using actions. To bring the learning to life, both classes visited Letheringsett Watermill, to learn how they produce flour from locally grown wheat. We are also really hoping to have a farmer visit us with a tractor and maybe even visit a local farm! Along with this, in school we are planning to have a go at baking bread and making soup. I am sure we must have a future farmer or a cook or two in Key Stage 1!



In our lovely Buttercups Nursery Class the children have been really engaging in our story sacks. These help to engage children in different books (which are both fiction and nonfiction) by making them 'come alive'. This includes drawing and decorating pictures linked to the books' theme, making mud playdough ('muddough'), setting up small world toys that are based on the books' characters and setting/s, making the Lighthouse Keepers lunch and creating turquoise glistening 'seadough'. We cannot wait to see the personal interests these little ones develop over time, which we will use to inspire and develop our play and learning curriculums and extend our environment and resource base.

News from St James

Liz Richards

So much has happened since the Spring edition of the Mardler. We had three wonderful weddings and the weather in part was kind. Unfortunately, the Baby and Toddler group has finished as there wasn't the demand, but we are grateful to Anna de Soissons and Ruth Bird for giving up their time to put it on. Come for a Cuppa, continues to grow in numbers, it maybe something to do with the delicious cakes! Many thanks to Carol and Barbara. If you would like to join us it is the last Wednesday of the month from 2.30pm. Please come for a mardle and a cuppa.

Events over the Christmas period for your diaries are Carol Service Thursday 19th December 7pm with Southrepps Chorale, Christingle Christmas Eve 4pm, Christmas Day Service 10am.

The church is a shared space, available to all. If you have an idea for an event that you think would go well in this magnificent medieval building, please get in touch.



The annual service for Remembrance and the subsequent gathering around the memorial in the church yard was well attended. Many thanks to Olga Bryant for her floral tribute, much admired, to Southrepps Chorale for their moving singing and to the Southrepps British Legion for their organisation.

The church Open Day, part of the Southrepps Village Bash and Norfolk Day was a great event, raising a cool £1,000. We had an art exhibition, pre-loved clothing and accessories, Fair Trade stall, tombola and Olga Brennd showcasing her special skin care. The highlight the Teddy Bear Parachute, due to weather conditions, came inside the church and flew down from a great height in the bell tower much to the delight of the children. Huge thank you to everyone for your support and to all the volunteers and for the delicious refreshments.



By the time you read this our new Rector for the Poppyland Benefice, Revd Siân Reading will be in post. Her installation is on Sunday 17th November at St Martin's, Overstrand and I think this is the first installation by the new Bishop of Norwich, Graham Usher, who was enthroned at Norwich Cathedral on Saturday 9th November.

Siân has been busy moving into the Rectory on Clipped Hedge Lane, Southrepps but found time to write this.

"It is so lovely to finally be in Norfolk after around 30 years connection with the county. For those of you who don't know me I am the new Rector for the Poppyland Benefice which includes Southrepps. I have lived most of my life in Northamptonshire, growing up in Rushden before working first for Nat West Bank in Wellingborough and then for the Tax Office in Bedford and Peterborough. Life took a big change of direction when having started to attend Church in my mid 20's I quickly found that I was being called to "something more". The something more turned out to be Ordained Ministry, and so after training at Westcott House in Cambridge (alongside our new Diocesan Bishop, a bit of name dropping there!) I began my Curacy, which is a training post, at St Albans Church in Northampton before serving for 7 years as a Team Vicar in Duston, also in Northampton. The last 14 years have been spent as Vicar of 4 Villages on the border of Northamptonshire and Rutland (Gretton, Cottingham, Rockingham and East Carlton).

My connection to Norfolk began when my parents bought a holiday chalet in Winterton on Sea and I enjoyed many a holiday exploring this lovely part of the country, and falling ever more in love with it. When, about 10 years ago, the opportunity arose to buy my



own home, Winterton was a natural choice. There then began the crazy years of making the 2 ½ hour drive from Gretton to Winterton, with my three very well-travelled and long-suffering pussy cats virtually every week for my day off. So, it was with the greatest delight that I was so pleased to be offered and accept the post of Rector of Poppyland and begin this next stage in my life finally able to put down roots in the county which I already consider home. I look forward to getting to know you all in the coming weeks and months and to serving as your Rector."



Come for a Cuppa
Ruggs Hall, St James Church

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

or more info call 01263 834242

Southrepps Football Club



Hi there football fans!

As ever lots going on, and all of it going on up the recreation ground. Yes, that's right we are back in the village! We returned to the village to host East Ruston for the final game of the 2018-19 season. Our homecoming couldn't have been any better with an 8-0 win against East Ruston, enabling us to finish a reasonable second place in the final league table.

Division One Section 1

League Table

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Cromer Youth O B	15	7	4	4	-1	25
2	Southrepps	15	6	3	6	7	21
3	Gimmingham	15	5	5	5	19	20
4	Hickling	15	5	5	5	2	20
5	East Ruston	15	6	2	7	-10	20
6	Aylsham 'A'	15	6	1	8	-17	19

[Table detail](#)

Division One

League Table

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Gimmingham United	9	7	0	2	31	21
2	Cromer Old Boys	8	6	2	0	15	20
3	Stalham Town A	8	6	0	2	18	18
4	Aylsham 'A'	7	5	1	1	24	16
5	Gimmingham United Reserves	8	5	0	3	7	15
6	Hickling	8	5	0	3	2	15
7	East Ruston	10	5	0	5	0	15
8	Southrepps First	8	4	0	4	7	12
9	North Walsham Town A	8	3	0	5	-4	9
10	Erpingham United	8	3	0	5	-22	9
11	Holt United Colts	9	2	0	7	-13	6
12	Bacton	10	2	0	8	-23	6
13	Erpingham United Reserves	9	0	1	8	-42	1

[Table detail](#)

After having had a little tester game at the end of the last season, we decided the only way we could officially christen the pitch was to play a match for the Teddy Bird Memorial Shield. And, what better way was there to play this than an all Southrepps affair, Southrepps FC vs Southrepps XI. After speaking to agents and negotiating fees we managed to persuade a number of Southrepps past players to limber up and put in another solid ninety(ish) minutes. A good time was had by all, but the winning spoils were taken by the Southrepps present team (luckily!), with them coming away 4-1 winners. Thank you to Ben Haughen for managing the Southrepps XI, hopefully you can round a few more up to play next year!



Thank you to all those who have taken time out to come up to the recreation ground and support us, its always nice to see the people around the side lines. We still have many more games to play - "so keep them Saturday afternoons clear."



Southrepps FC



southrepps.info/football-club

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Southrepps Bowls Club

David Harding

All the members send a very warm seasonal greeting to all of Southrepps.

If you are new to the village or simply want to get out of the house then we would very much like to meet you.

We still need your support

Southrepps Bowls Club has been part of the village for many years but our numbers are dwindling. We have twenty six members and they come from North Walsham, Trunch, Mundesley, High Kelling, Knpton, Erpingham, West Runton and Edingtonthorpe. They do so because they think we have a beautiful little clubhouse with a good bowls green and most importantly a friendly group of people. They all have bowls clubs nearer to their homes which they could join but prefer Southrepps despite the additional travel costs.

- No joining fee.
- All age groups welcome.
- Free coaching from a qualified coach.
- A warm welcome to beginners, we will loan you bowls until you are sure you want to join. All you need initially is a pair of flat bottomed shoes.

Ring me on 01263 721060 or 07780861737 to arrange a free session at your village club.

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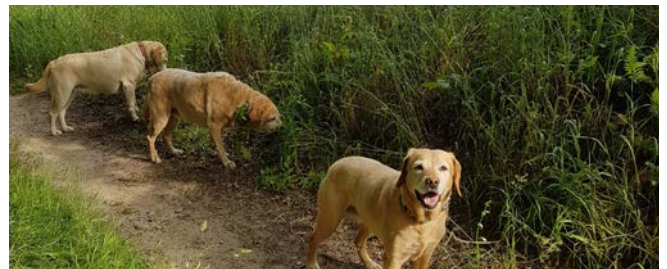
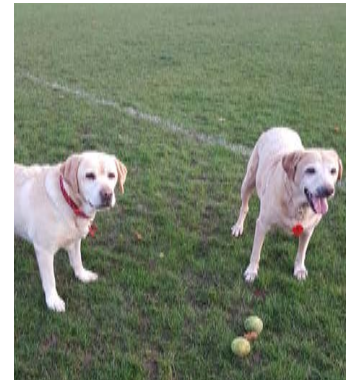
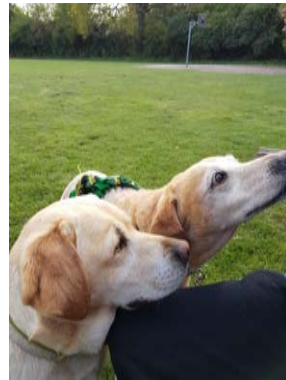
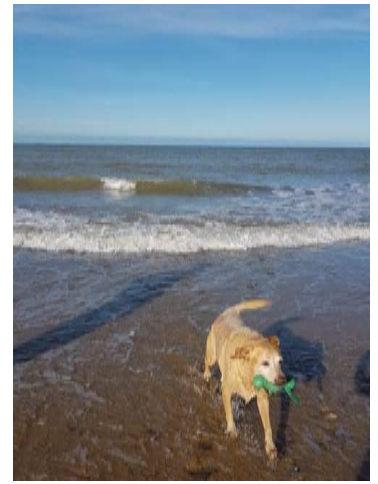
More Paws

Firstly, a big thank you to all my pals for sending photos for the Spring Mardler. I loved catching up with everyone and to put a waggy tail and a name to you all.

I have had some awesome walks on the beach this summer at Trimingham, Mundesley and Morston and can still manage white gates, which seem to have turned red! I made friends with the Dexter cows and the pigs and now the horses. I am so lucky to have such lovely walks round here and enjoy finding new walks with friends.

My mate Ella has been there for me in what has been a tough time for Dad and Mum over the past few months. She is always there to play ball on the rec and when I can do a long walk, I go with her, but Mum has to watch out and concentrate as Ella can always catch her off guard with her loving jump up!

I'd like to welcome all the new dogs to the village. I hope you enjoy your walks as much as I do and don't forget to 'bag it and bin it'.



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.



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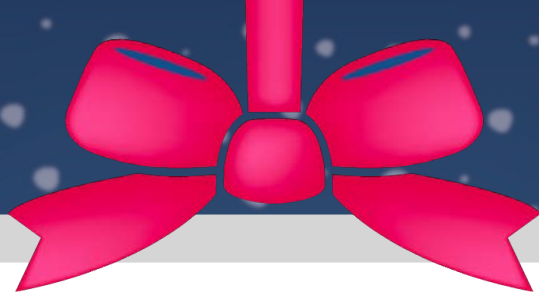


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CHRISTMAS IN SOUTHREPPS

WED 11 DEC SOUTHREPPS SUPPORT SCHEME
CHRISTMAS LUNCH - VILLAGE HALL 12:30

THU 12 DEC CHRISTMAS CAROLS
VERNON ARMS - 8PM

SAT 14 DEC SOUTHREPPS FC CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
VERNON ARMS - 8PM

THU 19 DEC CAROL SERVICE
ST JAMES CHURCH - 7PM

FRI 20 DEC SANTA'S SLEIGH TOUR
UPPER SOUTHREPPS - 6PM ONWARDS

SAT 21 DEC SANTA'S SLEIGH TOUR
LOWER SOUTHREPPS - 6PM ONWARDS

SUN 22 DEC CAROLS ROUND THE TREES
MINCED PIES, MULLED WINE AND PRESENTS FOR THE CHILDREN
LOWER SOUTHREPPS - 7PM
UPPER SOUTHREPPS - VERNON ARMS 7:45PM

