

Southrepps mardler

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New proposal for housing for the village

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“ST. JAMES CHURCH”

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NEW NAVE ALTER

The new and beautiful Nave at St. James Church

Useful Information



www.southrepps.info

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

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

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

front cover



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

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Support Scheme

Chairmans Corner

STOP / GO *The controversial old oak tree in Long Lane is still standing, but its days are numbered.*

Victory Housing Trust commissioned a specialist tree surveying company to carry out an aerial survey and tests to determine the extent of any decay. The results showed that the large branch extending over the road (which carries 60% of the

canopy) has suffered vehicle damage over time, leading to a loss of at least 50% of its structural integrity. The tests showed internal decay in this branch and in the main trunk.

The recommendation was to remove the tree in the interests of public safety, and to plant a replacement. The NNDC



tree expert concurred.

We shall all be sad to see the last of these of these big old oak trees go, But, there can be some satisfaction in knowing that the protests and representations resulted in a thorough examination.

Another cause of much angst amongst regular users was the dreadful state of the Village Hall car park and the adjoining loke. The Parish Council has finally found a contractor to take this on, and the work has all but been completed. Thanks to the PC for getting this done.

There continues to be justified concern at vehicles speeding through the village, especially in the High Street. There is a move to acquire a traffic speed monitor. The cost is some £3.5k. This is likely to come up for consideration at the Parish Council annual meeting on 31 May, where a good turnout of supporters for this initiative would help achieve a positive decision. Lookout for petitions to sign.

Malcolm Hilson

Southrepps Support Scheme

The Support Scheme is in good shape, thanks to successful fundraising. Carols in the Vernon raised £175, thanks to singers, guests and for a generous donation from the landlord; £100 came from a share of the Santa bucket collection. We also had 2 lucky wins in the 200 Club draw. Donations from the PC and Townlands, with some adverts, helped to defray Mardler costs.

The monthly lunch club flourishes, regularly catering for up to 40 guests. Thanks to our helpers, to those who contribute spuds and puds, and to support from Tasty Tavern, we can maintain our value for money roasts at £4 a head.

On 4 March, with the help of Jim Begley and Steve Briggs, we ran another defib training session in the Village Hall. 18 people attended and practiced on the equipment. SSS made a donation to the 1st responders, who are volunteers and provide their own kit. The defib at the Vernon needed a new battery after five years, and we were indebted to

the Vernon who generously dealt with the £240 bill.

We have had numerous favourable comments on the new Mardler format. We remain grateful to Shelley Dickinson for applying her skills in pulling it together. This is perhaps a good time also to thank Sue Arnold for all the work she did to keep it going in the cut and paste years! We move with the times!

We have loaned out the wheelchair a few times recently, and have other useful bits of medical aid available. (call 01263 833327).

A St George's Day lunch is planned for 23 April. We have yet to hear whether there will be a Chestnuts Garden Tea Party. We do know that the AGM will be held after the 10 May monthly lunch.

Malcolm Hilson



Southrepps Village Hall Committee

Since the last Mardler report Des, Malcolm and Colin have set to and painted the ladies toilets and the lobby at the Village Hall and they plan to carry on through into the main hall. Massive thanks to them for their efforts on behalf of the Village Hall Committee.

The outside of the Village Hall is looking drab and sad and needs a facelift to make it look more inviting. If anyone has any ideas please contact me on 01263 833434 , 07760168386 .

The maintenance of the car park is the responsibility of the Parish Council who have been awaiting the completion of work on the football pitch before starting work. However, the contractor has now been requested to go ahead and work will commence sometime in April [watch this space!]

Please don't forget your Village Hall when you next have a gathering etc.

As most of you know that since '12th night' I have been incapacitated and I would like to take this opportunity to thank my wonderful friends and neighbours for their amazing support given to myself and my wife Jan.

Mick Waudby - Chairman

Southrepps Bells

We are really short of ringers these days and find it hard to muster six to ring at St James' on Sunday mornings. Practices are now held at Gimingham on Mondays. We have expert ringers to help with training, and anyone willing to try their hand will be most welcome. Mob: 07787 995097

Andrew Lubbock

Horticultural Show

This year our Show will take place on Saturday 29th July at Southrepps Village Hall. Free entry forms are available from Southrepps PO and the Vernon Arms.

As usual there are classes for vegetables, flowers and floral arrangements. This year there are two cookery classes for bread and soup.

As usual there will be a Grower's Market selling fresh village produce, a Plant Stall and naturally refreshments with Homemade Cakes.

Why not enter and have some fun. The Show is open to the Public from 12.00noon.

For any further information, please phone 834242.

Carol Needham - Show Secretary

Southrepps Social Club

Southrepps Social Club continues to flourish with some regular events planned and more to be finalised.

The carpet team has done very well this winter but could do with some more players, if interested please speak to Colin on 01263 833481.

Our social events include a quiz on June 10th which will be in aid of a charity, in July we will have a joint Strawberry Fayre with Craft Stalls, our popular members Barbecue is on 13th August and on 14th of October we have our Harvest Supper with entertainment by the ever popular Pat Nearney with a newly devised act.

There will be another Craft Fair in November which proved very popular last year, both for the Craft items and the bacon butties! There are other things planned , Ten Pin Bowling at Rossi's, We are hoping to get The Marsham Belles on a return visit for a fun and entertaining evening, talks with slides are also being planned as well as various other entertainments. The monthly bingo is still very popular , it is on the first Saturday of each month (except January) All our events are advertised in the North Norfolk News and The Crab Line as they are coming up. For details ring Ruby on 833481 or Val on 01263 720090.

Val Rouche

Southrepps Tree Society

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

Apply to name a tree contact on 833260

Colin Brown

Come for a Cuppa

This is a new event at Ruggs Hall at St James Church on the last Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm. Anyone is welcome. Come for a chat and enjoy a cup of tea and slice of homemade cake for £1.50.

Ladies can bring their knitting or sewing. Gentlemen can play cards or read a paper.

For any information, please phone 834242

Carol Needham

Southrepps Society

The Southrepps Society meets in the Village Hall on the last Thursday of each month from September to April.

Since our last Mardler report, we have welcomed Jim Begley from the Heartbeat Trust who explained the importance of raising money for defibrillators. Sadly in November, our President John Daniels died. He had been Chairman for many years and was a keen supporter of the Society.

For our Christmas Supper ?? members enjoyed baked potatoes with fillings and puddings followed as usual by a Quiz.

For the first meeting of 2017, Chris Young from NNDC told us about the "Conservation of Heritage Assets." In February, we held our AGM followed by a popular Soup and Pudding supper. On 16th March 14 members and 4 friends from the Commons Trust carried out a comprehensive Litterpick throughout the whole village.

In March Steve Benson and Richard Jefferson gave a most interesting talk about James Olley, a survivor of the Charge of the Light Brigade and a resident of Southrepps.

New members and visitors are always welcome. The talks and events are advertised in Southrepps PO, the Church porch, the notice board on Warren Road and on the Village website.

Carol Needham

British Legion

At the AGM in November, the committee were re-elected.

Our thanks to all who helped and contributed to the November Poppy Appeal. The collection of just over £1,500 improved slightly on our total for the previous year. In a letter of thanks from HQ the Branch learned that the annual appeal raised over £43 million (up 4.5%). This ensures that the Legion can continue to support those who need their help.

There were just a dozen at the Annual Dinner at the Vernon in February. Nonetheless it was a jolly evening.

The Branch welcomes new members. Secretary Malcolm Hilson on 01263 833327, has the details.

Malcolm Hilson

200 Club

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

March 2017

£40	No Winner (No 48)
£20	No Winner (No 12)
£10	Mrs Janes (No 190)
£5	Mr Madeley (No 88)

February 2017

£40	Mr & Mrs Pike (No 128)
£20	Mrs Arnold (No 180)
£10	Mrs Pilch (No 122)
£5	Mr Waudby (No 10)

January 2017

£40	Mr Monk (33)
£20	No Winner (No 139)
£10	Mr & Mrs Strudwick (No 76)
£5	No Winner (164)

December 2016

£100	Mr & Mrs Woods (No 181)
£40	Mr & Mrs Needham (No 56)
£20	Mr Hewitt (No 27)
£10	No Winner (No 120)
£5	Mr & Mrs Stanway (No 23)

Please email me on aitch045@icloud.com to receive a copy of the application form. It's a great way to help raise much needed funds for the maintenance of the village hall.

Helen Hewitt



Parish Council

Recreation Ground & Car Park

At last the recreation ground has been levelled out it is due to be re-seeded and hopefully the grass will grow well which will allow residents to use the facility again. Members understand that this has been a long and frustrating journey however, the wait should be worth it!

External Gym Equipment

We have received a number of requests for the provision of outside gym equipment for the recreation ground. This is currently being investigated and we will report back to the community as soon as we can. If you have any experience or knowledge of this type of equipment please let us know. It is anticipated that this would be financially supported via a funding stream and we will need to undertake a community survey in due course.

Village Hall Car Park

The car park is due to be upgraded over the next few months. The delay has been primarily due to the length of time it has taken to resolve the issues for the playing field. We are also reviewing the adjacent surface condition of the footpath.

Speed Watch

We are 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.

Southrepps Commons Trust

We are extremely pleased to let you all know that the Parish Council along with SCT (Southrepps Commons Trust) has been working with NWT (Norfolk Wildlife Trust) to agree to the management of the commons being handled by NWT.

NWT has agreed to take on this land and it will mean that the transfer of ownership will be passed to them. We are currently seeking legal advice and Members believe that this is the right decision for the long-term protection and enhancement of these unique commons located within the Parish.

It is envisaged that this transfer process may take up to 2 years and that NWT will continue to manage the commons in a similar manner to those currently undertaken.

The commons will remain freely available to everyone and the Council will still be able to utilise strategic areas for the benefit of the community.

Primarily the reason for this decision has been the reduction in younger volunteers coming forward and the arduous task of facilitating the triple SI requirements.

If the Parish Council were to maintain the commons and pay an external contractor this could possibly triple the current Precept levied to our residents.

A meeting will be held when appropriate when Norfolk Wildlife Trust, Southrepps Commons and the Parish Council will be present to answer any questions.

Future meeting dates - 2017

19th April LSSC, 31st May - Village Hall, 19th July LSSC, 6th September - Village Hall, 18th October - Village Hall and finally 29th November - Village Hall.

Allotments

The Council has allotments which are situated on the recreation ground. We currently have at least one available to rent - please contact the Clerk if you are interested in leasing one.

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 get to know about your local area and have an input into decisions which may affect your community.

AND FINALLY

We would like to thank the Southrepps Society and Community who undertook the recent litter pick in the village. It is really appreciated.

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

Notes from a Common Man

Hello and welcome. I am not going to mention "Brexit", so please settle down, be my guest, and savour life without the "B" word for a couple of serene minutes. There is another "B" word though - "Blog"; a particularly special blog, the Southrepps Commons Blog, which you can access on our website, "www.sctrust.org.uk".

Personally, I don't blog. As a curmudgeonly old grandfather of five I have been dragged kicking and screaming into the 21st Century and am not hugely impressed by the digital age; but giving credit where credit's due, the SCT website is impressive. Besides being an authoritative, beautifully presented source of reference for any nature-lover, it has, through the blog, built up a delightful chronicle of sustained, voluntary effort by local people in this community, working for the benefit of all. Furthermore, our Blogger-in-Chief is not averse to a little bit of lone musing once the work is finished and Volunteers departed. On 15th March he mused as follows,

"There is much to be said for walking round The Common very quietly, if you want to give yourself the best chance of seeing wildlife. This afternoon, in glorious weather for March, I had a wonderful stroll round the site, taking the time to pause often. The sun was warm, with very little wind, encouraging almost every bird to sing. I find it difficult to birdwatch when there are noisy distractions, but today I was spared any intrusive sounds... "

Of School Meadow,

"Even before I had sat down, two gorgeous male Brimstone butterflies flew along, far too busy to stop for a portrait. A chaffinch was singing from inside a bush, but after a while of me staying still and quiet, he gradually moved to a more visible perch, and at last I was able to get this picture of him in a slightly unusual pose. As I sat there, I could hear a bullfinch calling softly behind me, and it eventually flew over my head and away..."

He visits another solitary spot,

"I approached Scouts' Pond slowly and quietly to avoid spooking the frogs spawning there. Numbers are picking

up, and they are making a splendid noise when they are undisturbed..."

Not quite sated, he returns to the Central Area to round things off, thus,

"In the clear blue sky, two buzzards were circling each other. This being spring migration time, there are many of these birds on the move at the moment. Whilst looking at them through the binoculars, I picked up another raptor much higher, moving steadily, without the need to flap its wings. The shape of those wings made me wonder if it was a migrating osprey, but it was too high up to be sure. Sadly, osprey therefore remains absent from our list of bird sightings."

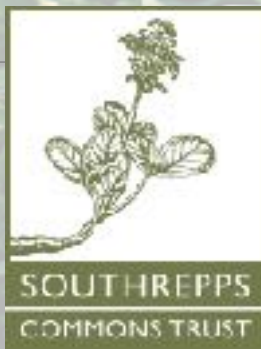
This is the most empathetic and beautiful nature writing, in the style of acknowledged masters such as Roger Deakin, Richard Mabey, etc.. Sadly, the demise of "Connect"

magazine, and a re-invented "Land & Strand", means the only direct, local outlet for such home-grown talent is the SCT Blog. So I decided to spare you my usual litany of winter woes, difficulties overcome, and heroic tales of derring-do, of which there are plenty, in order to bang the drum for the Blog, which has relied on one dedicated author for too long. Getting to the point, the SCT Blog represents the good side of social media but it lacks input from you. Whether you use the Common daily, or infrequently, you can share your thoughts by penning a few words. Better still, encourage the kids to do it, with the reward of seeing their work published; photos are welcome too.

In all conscience I cannot close without acknowledging our wonderful SCT Volunteers. Again, they overcame a winter of atrocious conditions; all behind us now but no joke at the time, testing man and machine to the limit. I hope you feel their work was worthwhile, that you enjoy the results, and that it encourages you to spare a thought for nature.

Finally, if you think this edition of "Notes" is thin on news, it's not because there isn't any. You can get all and more from "sctrust.org.uk", with the added bonus of contributing yourself. If you aren't on line, I understand, and please be assured the real Common is better than all the websites and blogs put together. Do come and enjoy.

John Houlgate



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Tree topping team at work



Getting stuck in the mud

Affordable housing

Victory Housing will be holding a consultation with the Southrepps Community to inform them of their intention to build and create 24 new dwellings at the rear of land adjacent to Long Lane. In the LDF proposals it is known as SOU02. The land had been identified for a maximum of 10 houses however, 10 does not financially work for Victory Housing Association's criteria. Please ensure that you attend and have your say. It is hoped that the developer will be influenced by your comments in order to make changes to this project and take on board your views.

The date of the consultation will be on Wednesday 10th May between 5-9pm at Southrepps Village Hall. Parish Council members will be in attendance.

On Wednesday 19th April, Faith Davies of Victory Housing explained to the Parish Council that the landowner had had no interest from developers on acquiring the site for a 10 unit scheme with 50% affordable housing, and therefore contacted Victory Housing to discuss purchasing the site for an all-affordable scheme.

Whilst Victory Housing are still undertaking some of the preliminary investigation work that they need to do (drainage, contamination, archaeology) they are satisfied that they have arrived at a layout that stacks up financially as a 100% affordable

12 homes for Affordable Rent:

2 x 1 Bed Flats
2 x 2 Bed Bungalows
2 x 1 Bed Houses
10 x 2 Bed Houses
7 x 3 Bed Houses
1 x 4 Bed House

12 homes for Shared Ownership purchase:

6 x 2 Bed Houses
6 x 3 Bed Houses

housing scheme for 24 units. The mix of housing may change as Victory Housing proceed through the consultation period, but in discussion with NNDC's Housing team using information from their Housing Register, they have designed the layout to accommodate a mix of sizes and tenures. Faith Davies presented the layout plan, showing the following:

The Parish Council wanted to know why we had to increase the number from the 10 proposed in the allocation to 24, and Faith explained that it wouldn't be viable for Victory to develop the site for just 10 dwellings. The money to fund the development of affordable housing has to come from rental income, shared ownership sales, and Victory's own resources (a mixture of borrowing* and sales of older properties - those which are uneconomical for the to bring up to current energy efficiency standards**).

Victory are looking to hold a public consultation event on **Wednesday 10th May** at **Southrepps Village Hall, between 5pm and 9pm** so that people have an opportunity to come and look at the plans and ask Faith any questions they may have.

Policy SOU02

Land West of Long Lane

Land amounting to 0.6 hectares is allocated for residential development of approximately 10 dwellings. Development will be subject to compliance with adopted Core Strategy policies including on-site provision of the required proportion of affordable housing (currently 50%) and contributions towards infrastructure, services and other community needs as required and:

- Provision of safe vehicle access to Long Lane;
- Provision of appropriate landscaping including boundary treatment to the agricultural land to the rear;
- submission of a satisfactory scheme improvements to local surface water drainage to address localised surface water flooding concerns;
- measures to prevent the input of hazardous substances to groundwater, and;
- archaeological investigation if required

This site is within the Norfolk Coast AONB, and development proposals should be informed by, and be sympathetic to, the special landscape character of this protected area. Proposals should also be informed by Development Control Policies EN1 and EN2.



proposal for Southrepps

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- Schedule of Accommodation:**
- 1 No. 4 Bed 6 Person House (103m²)
 - 2 No. 1 Bed 2 Person Flats (47m²)
 - 3 No. 2 Bed 4 Person Bungalows (72m²)
 - 4 No. 1 Bed 2 Person Houses (68m²)
 - 5 No. 2 Bed 4 Person Houses (77m²)
 - 6 No. 3 Bed 5 Person Houses (90m²)
 - 7 No. 2 Bed 4 Person Houses (81m²)
 - 8 No. 2 Bed 4 Person Houses (77m²)
 - 9 No. 2 Bed 4 Person Houses (77m²)
 - 10 No. 2 Bed 4 Person Houses (77m²)
 - 11 No. 2 Bed 4 Person Houses (58m²)
 - 12 No. 2 Bed 4 Person Houses (58m²)
 - 13 No. 2 Bed 4 Person Bungalow (72m²)
 - 14 No. 2 Bed 4 Person Bungalow (72m²)
 - 15 No. 2 Bed 4 Person House (77m²)
 - 16 No. 2 Bed 4 Person House (77m²)
 - 17-18 No. 1 Bed 2 Person 2 Flat (47m²)
 - 19 No. 3 Bed 5 Person House (90m²)
 - 20 No. 3 Bed 5 Person House (90m²)
 - 21 No. 3 Bed 5 Person House (90m²)
 - 22 No. 2 Bed 4 Person House (77m²)
 - 23 No. 2 Bed 4 Person House (77m²)
 - 24 No. 4 Bed 6 Person House (103m²)

Site Area = 0.871HA (2.15 Acres)

Project Name	Long Lane Southrepps
Client	Victory Housing
Drawing	Development Plan
Date	August 2016
Scale	1/200 @A1
Drawn By	Checked By
Drawn No.	9750-1000
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Southrepps Chorale

*The Chorale continues its musical journey, now with 60 singers, one of the liveliest choirs in the area. Always seeking to innovate, we host our first community Come & Sing Day on 6th May when 120 singers from all over eastern England converge on Southrepps for a day's workshop on Karl Jenkins' epic *The Armed Man*. The Chorale has recently been given an EDP Community Chest Award with which we are able to offer places on this workshop event free of charge to North Norfolk students.*

The day's music-making culminates in an informal complete performance in St. James Church at 4pm (admission free).

We are delighted to be invited to perform the opening concert in the **Southrepps Music Festival**, when we shall be joined by Irish nightingale Sinéad O'Kelly as our soloist. We fondly remember our 2015 concert with her, so we look forward with great anticipation to singing with her again on Tuesday 1st August at 7.30pm.

Looking ahead to the autumn, we shall be featuring in the Cromer Pier ChoirFest, a new choir festival featuring 250 singers from eight choirs in the Pavilion Theatre on Sunday 1st October at 7.30pm. We shall be trying out some of our new 'swing' repertoire that night!



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.

Stephen Richards



Summer concert features the Southrepps Chorale with soloist Evie Anderson in ***The Armed Man*** (750 weeks in Classic fm's chart), & ***Feel the Spirit*** (John Rutter)

Sunday 9th July at 7.30pm
Gresham's School Chapel
Tickets £15 (£12 concessions)
from the Auden Theatre box office

<https://audentheatre.ticketsolve.com>
or email: boxoffice@greshams.com

Classical Music Festival



July 31 - August 6, 2017

**ST JAMES' CHURCH,
SOUTHREPPS.**

The opening Concert will be performed on Tuesday the 1st August by the Southrepps Chorale and will end the following Sunday 6th August with a spectacular Gala Concert. Tickets will be on sale soon together with the complete programme.

Some of you wonderful people who were hosts last year have already spoken to Helen Hewitt the Festivals Secretary expressing your willingness to host again this year. THANK YOU. Everyone will be receiving a begging letter from Helen regarding this year and I hope that we get lots of positive responses.

Please don't forget that this is an extraordinary opportunity to hear some wonderful music performed by world class musicians in your own Village.

Thank you.

Mick Waudby (Chairman)



Photo: Ernie Janes

Sunday 20th July

Festival Evensong - 5pm (free admission)

Monday 31st July

Masterclass with Ben Johnson @ Templewood -
(free admission)

Tuesday 1st August

Opening Concert - 7:30pm (£15)

Wednesday 2nd August

Evening Recital - 7:30pm (£15)

Thursday 3rd August

Jennifer Pike - 12:30pm (£10)

Sean Shibe & Friends - 7:30pm (£15)

Friday 4th August

Young Artist Recital - 12:30pm (£10)

Martin James Bartlett, Piano - 7:30pm (£20)

Saturday 5th August

Ben Johnson & Tom Primrose - 12:30pm (£10)

Mozart Requiem - 7:30pm (£20)

Sunday 6th August

Coffee Concert - 11:30am (£10)

Gala Concert - 7:30pm (£20)

News from St James

Do you ever get to your destination and hardly remember how you got there? Having driven past the same buildings and landmarks many times we can stop seeing them - we might only register that something is different if a building has been taken away.

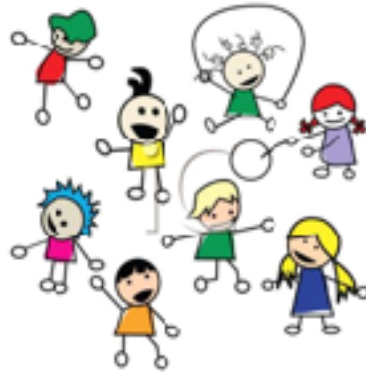
The same happens in our villages too. We get so used to our surroundings that we fail to register them properly. Only when a tree has been cut down or a bus stop moved do we notice.

The church building can be like that too. St James church has stood on the same spot for over 700 years and is just part of the landscape. Its job, of course, is to provide a safe and comfortable place for people to meet together and worship God; the tower was built so tall to symbolise the aspiration to get as close to God as possible (there also might be an element of bragging too!), but over the centuries the church building has been used in many different ways, including storage for wool and market stalls. During the Commonwealth period some churches were used as stables and by the 18th century many of our churches were in an appalling condition. In a time when most people were farm labourers in tied cottages it was simply required that the whole family went to church on Sundays if they wanted to keep their job and their home. Happily times have changed!

This does mean, though, that our huge church is now usually home to only a few regulars. This puts a great burden of responsibility on to a few villagers actively interested in the church today, and without the Judith Bartram Trust the church would have been in financial trouble years ago.

But we are trying to encourage more and more people to come in on special occasions such as Remembrance Sunday and Christmas events, and I was delighted to see it so well used during the music festival last year. It remains a gathering place for villagers to bid farewell to those who have died as well as rejoicing at, say, a wedding. In recent months

we have seen the church full for Harvest and Christingle celebrations as well as Mothering Sunday, and we hope this will continue.



The 'last Wednesday' drop in is open to anyone who would like a cup of tea or coffee and a chat and is quietly growing in number. But we are also hosting a new venture, starting on 28th April.

We have realised that there is nothing locally for mums with babies or toddlers so there will be a new Mums & Toddlers session starting. There is a free taster session on 28th April from 10-12 (after that adults will be asked to contribute £1 for drinks etc) and all are welcome. Do spread the word and encourage parents (or grandparents!) to come along.

It's your church, it's part of your heritage. Come along and use it; and if you would like to use the church for an event do speak to Stephen Richards or me - we will be very happy to help make it happen.

David Roper



New Nave at Alter

St James' Church is a magnificent building for such a small village, with a long nave divided from the choir and chancel by a medieval rood screen. The absence of side aisles increases the sense of linear distance east-west. To the west of the screen (the nave) is a large open floor space as some pews have been removed in the past. The Altar at the east end is about 23 metres away from the front pew, with two steps up from the floor.

Why another altar?

Having a Nave Altar will enable the whole congregation to participate in the Eucharist, gathered around the table, and without having to make a long walk and climb steps to the communion rail. It also means that the celebrating priest can remain with his/her congregation, rather than be distant and separated.

This new bespoke Altar was a generous gift from the Sladden family and is made in new European oak. It was made for us by Duncan Toyne of Bullen Joinery (Cromer) to a design by Derick Grey who has so much of his work in oak featured around our church. The Altar was installed and blessed with due ceremony, hymns, prayers, holy water and incense, by our Bishop Jonathan, of Lynn, on 23rd March 2017.



(left to right) Rector David Roper, Mrs Patricia Peal, Mr Christopher Sladden, Rt. Rev. Bishop Jonathan of Lynn, Mr Peter Sladden, Mr Derick Grey, Mr Duncan Toyne.

Sue Arnold District Councillor



For the seventh year in succession North Norfolk District Council has been able to peg its share of the Council Tax, though unfortunately the County Council and the Police have had to increase theirs.

Financial Management

North Norfolk has sound financial management and good reserves, and whilst many of these are earmarked for certain projects, it does mean we are in a good position to respond quickly and efficiently to emergencies as we did during both the surges that have affected our coast in recent years. Of course we still make insurance claims and seek compensatory funding from government.

Government grant funding will cease within four years and in order to continue to run the services that people of NN look for other avenues will have to be sought. Council Tax and business rates will be a source of revenue (however many of the businesses in NN are classified as small and thus attract heavy discounts). The Council is therefore looking to find other ways to fill the gap.

Local Plan

Work continues to gather evidence for the new Local Plan for NN. This involves a huge amount of work from the Policy team. It is imperative we get it right before presentation to the Inspectorate for without an up to date Local Plan we are at risk of being challenged on planning decisions.

Website

The new NN web site is now operative and much information and advice can be found.

Performance targets. Some set by the government some by the Cabinet/management team. We perform well for most of these and more information can be found on the Website.

Empty Housing

Our Enforcement team have made good inroads into bringing into occupation long term empty housing, some empty 20 years or more. Recently we have used Compulsory purchase as a means to bring about action. Sometimes the threat of c/p is enough to activate property owners into action.

Holiday & Second Homes

This year the Council has been awarded nearly

£2.5m by the government to mitigate the effects holiday and second homes have on many of our communities. How well we manage this money to achieve bringing more houses that are affordable to our young people in these communities may well impact on any future funding that is available.

A Deep History Coast project

A Deep History Coast project for NN was planned. Unfortunately our bid, though getting through the first stage did not get through the final bidding process. However we will continue to look at how some at least of the plans can be progressed.

The Big Society Fund.

Tom Fitzpatrick, the Leader of NN, negotiated continuing funding from second homes Council Tax (we were afraid it would not be forthcoming this year from Norfolk County Council) and the earmarked monies continue to help our communities with many projects. This current year sees up to £225k being distributed. These monies can make a huge difference to communities trying to fund raise, possibly enabling further funds from other sources becoming available for projects requiring matched funding. Last year Southrepps benefited by £2,230 towards equipment needed by the Commons Management Trust.

Enterprise Park

Work continues with the two Enterprise parks in our district. When fully utilised these will give many employment opportunities for people wanting to live and work in North Norfolk.

Felbrigg Roundabout

I am delighted that the Felbrigg roundabout is now well under way with a projected finish date by the late Spring Bank Holiday. The Cromer Crematorium is now open, an asset for Norfolk Norfolk.

Sue Arnold

Southrepps School

Recently at Antingham and Southrepps Primary School we have been combining the children's talents with our wonderful surroundings.



The children were lucky enough to enjoy additional singing lessons with Stephen Richards last term, so that they could take part in the special Harvest Festival and Mother's Day Services at St James' Church. The children at the school are very musical and really enjoy their singing. The children have many musical talents with approximately half the children in the school playing an instrument to a good standard. The children practise very hard and we all get to enjoy their beautiful music at our termly music concerts and at our Christmas carols in the woods. Some of our keen artists have also visited St James' Church to give them inspiration for their pieces of art work.

The school held a Giant Wiggle Walk in the Woods in March when all the children put a lot of time and effort into making a whole school costume of the Hungry Caterpillar with Mrs Ollivier (Art teacher) and they looked amazing! The Giant Wiggle Walk in the Woods, as well as being a lot of fun, raised £36.19 for the charity; Action for Children.

At the end of the Giant Wiggle Walk in the Woods the children planted six trees donated to the school by Orchards for Schools. Receiving and planting the trees was not only a wonderful opportunity to add to our existing orchard on the field but also helped us with our application for the Green Tree Award. The Woodland Trust awarded the school with the Gold Award in March! This is an ongoing project and we will be trying to reach Platinum next term linked to the opening of our Secret Garden!

Associated with this we have a Green Tree Award display table in the hall which is also linked with our Achievement and Success Tree, which children have a leaf added to when they have achieved or succeeded in a particular area in their school life.

We give all the children the opportunities to take part in our special activities and events. All the children that take part put 100% into everything they do and make the school very proud.

Emma Harding



Local Heros

John Daniels

John was the youngest of 5. The family lived at Hill Farm, Edingthorpe, and then Topps Hill Farm, Thorpe Market. John left Paston Grammar School at 16 to farm, as his father was ill, living up to the school motto "From good to better everywhere". He had two children, Ruth and Julian.

John had a passion for bikes and animals. When he finally sold off of his herd of friesians he kept a favourite jersey as a pet! In early days, he enjoyed shooting with friends over his land in winter. He carefully looked after his assets. One of the old school, "If a job was worth doing, it was worth doing well" suited his approach to life. Active into later life he said that " it was better to wear out, than to rust up"!

Southrepps benefitted enormously from John's energy and willingness to work for the community. He helped design and build the current Bowls Club, and was an excellent bowler himself. He took a lead in establishing the Village Hall and was its Chairman when it won an award. He was a founding member of the Southrepps Society, and a President of the Commons Trust. He was a Townlands trustee, a PC and a PCC member, and an early supporter of the Social Club. It was his "grandson" Henry, who popped the time capsule into place beneath Stump Cross some 20 years ago.

A montage in the Village Hall admirably records John's legacy of achievement. After being ill for some time, John sadly died in December.

He was most certainly a "village hero".



Local Heros

Anne Daniels

Anne Daniels has just retired as St James' church warden after 17 years devoted service. Our picture shows her receiving an inscribed vase to mark her sterling contribution.

Anne was born at Eagle Farm, Erpingham, the eldest of 9 (6 brothers and 2 sisters). She was at Erpingham village school until she left, aged 14, to work as a cook at Wolterton Hall. Having cooked for the family, she readily took to the task for the Walpoles, and thus began a lifelong career in catering. We all know that you could always count on Anne for a traybake or two!

Anne and Cecil married in 1955, and moved to the house where Anne lives in Lower Street, 62 years ago. They had 2 boys and 3 girls and Anne now has 9 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren! In those days families had a church blessing after the birth of a child. Anne also recalls the Sunday School in the old rectory managing up to 60 children weekly! Chick's Own, a church toddler group, also pulled in 30 little ones a week. In those days, mums had no transport and few other diversions. Church was an important focus for the village.

Anne always seems to have had time and energy to contribute to the community. She was an early helper to Hazell Glaister with the Support Scheme; President of the Southrepps WI; a school governor; ran the Mother's Union;



helped with the Women's Group; a Tawny Owl at Brownies; a Guider; a volunteer on the hospital car service. She cooked to raise funds for the new village hall. She was a Social Service volunteer, helping mums at home with new babies. She remembers too having French students stay, here to improve their English from North Walsham Secondary School. Anne cooked lunches at the primary school and gave cooking lessons to children. She cooked for the National Trust at Felbrigg for 14 years. At the same time, she and Cecil ran a small holding, raising pigs and calves, ran a newspaper business from home, and even found time to offer B & B!

More recently Anne has been a Bartram Trustee, sung in the Chorale, and helped with the Music Festival. She also plays bowls for Mill Farm and is currently Lady President of Norfolk County. Anne says that life has been hard, but good. She looks forward to a bit more time for herself and her family, not least to add another, to her 12 visits to her daughter in Perth, Western Australia

This all adds up to a lifetime of outstanding commitment to the village community. Something that should provide deep satisfaction, and for which we should all be thankful.

Thanks Anne, and enjoy a little less activity, if you can!



Anne Daniels, Rvd David Rope & Stephen Richards

Our Burma Star Holder

The Burma Star was awarded to British Commonwealth Forces for operational service in the Burma Theatre from 1941 to the end of hostilities in the Pacific. Gordon Thurston, of Southrepps, now aged 91, is justifiably proud of his medal. I had the privilege of talking to

Born in July 1925, in Lower Southrepps, Gordon was no 6 of 5 brothers and 2 sisters. Making ends meet was tough. His Dad, a market gardener, took his produce in his pony and cart to Cromer, where he'd then buy crabs and chickens to re-sell at a profit in North Walsham. Gordon left Southrepps school aged 14. He worked on local farms for "The Dutchman", of the East Anglian Real Property Co.. He loved working with the horses, but his worst job, as a boy, was to be told "go you down and get them ole crows up". He had just a stick and a tin can!

Gordon was called up aged 17. After training in Norwich, he joined the 88th Royal Warwicks and was sent to India. From the infamous troop station Deolali (near Bombay) he was 6 days on a train to Calcutta. As the youngest recruit, he was 'char wallah', and recalls having to trade 'fags' for a Dixie of boiling water from an engine driver on the make!

He flew by Dakota to Burma, arriving just after the famous Kohima battle, and joined the 2nd Norfolks. Their role was to push the Japanese back beyond the Irrawaddy, which looked over 3 miles wide at that point. With a shake of his head he recounted with sadness recalling a young officer urging the men on from the bonnet of a truck, only to be picked off by a sniper. Chasing the enemy, he recalled the Worcesters crossing the river first by night, but their 3 DKW's (landing craft), were shot up and all perished. The Norfolks in trepidation, went over in daylight under a

Gordon and his wife Muriel, recently.



smokescreen with spitfires screeching in at water level.

Gordon remembers having his bottom almost in the water, and loosening his bootlaces in case he had to swim for it! Their task was to land and fight their way up the bank and dig into a ridge. To their huge relief, not a shot was fired at them - the Japanese had already pulled back. Lady Luck!

Gordon was 8 months in Burma, living on bully beef and hard tack, tinned cheese, and jam - rations dropped by air. Their Xmas 1944 dinner was a tin of corned beef (like soup in the heat), 2 bottles of sour US beer. 8 months without so much as a slice of bread - but it kept them alive. Gordon was 2 years in the area. Latterly he drove an army lorry around Pune, where he occasionally encountered troublemakers pushing for independence. He recalls being granted a surprise months leave at short notice. His excitement turned to gloom when the Liberator flying home developed an engine fire, and they spent 2 days in Tunisia waiting for a replacement, only then to be diverted to Lincoln by fog. But he was home for Xmas.



Gordon left the army in 1946 to work on a Southrepps farm, He eventually worked on a small holding/blacksmiths in the Thorpe Market. This was where he met the daughter, Muriel - she made lovely tea! They married in 1954. Muriel, originally from Weston Longville, had become an experienced dairy hand, milking cows which she loved, and making butter. She did 2 years at the N & N training to be a SRN, and 20 years as a home help. They have a son and a daughter, 5 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren (sounds expensive).

Era: ww2

The Burma Star was a campaign medal awarded for service in World War II to the forces of the British Commonwealth, between 11th December, 1941 and 2nd September, 1945, both dates inclusive. This campaign medal was also awarded for certain specified service in China, Hong Kong, Malaya and Sumatra.

Thank you both for letting me tell your part in village history.

More Paws

WOW doesn't time fly. The nights are getting lighter and spring is on its way! The daffodils are out (not good to eat for us dogs, but we know that). Mrs E's camellia is blooming and soon our magnolia tree will bloom too. Happy days!

It got me thinking about all the friends I have made since a pup and what they mean to me. Sam, Max, Tosca and Hamish were my first mates all stars in the sky now. Then my best mates Jill, Willow, Jess, Maisie, Bonnie, Oscar and Ruby and all the other lovely dogs in the village and those staying on their holidays. Today I met the newest kid on the block, Toby a spaniel who is very little and feisty, so I had to retire to the sofa!


Mind you, I have had a hectic three weeks with Jill staying with us and also Eric came to stay for the night too! I must tell you about Eric's visit as Mum and Dad had a 35 year (that's 245 years in dog years!) reunion with friends from their music publishing days and Eric came too. We had such a blast, us dogs on the beach at Trimingham and over the marshes at Blakeney. They (the oldies) all chin-wagged non-stop reminiscing and catching up and the old photos came out! Were they ever that young, we all asked ourselves!

Anyway, it made me think that friendships are very special and to be treasured no matter if you don't see your friends for many years you still have that special bond.

I hope you all have the best spring and summer under the big Norfolk skies and if your oldies take any photos, could you share them to Southrepps Community Facebook page so that I can share them in my next blog. Thank you.

PS you may remember that I went to a pet service at Trimingham Church last year and managed to behave myself. There is another one this year on 17 September at Trimingham Church - all animals welcome, large or small the more the merrier and there are treats after! Check into the Southrepps Community facebook page for more info. It is a great page to find out what is going on in Southrepps.

Woofs

Charley  xxx



This poem was written by the Mummy of a good friend of mine that has passed

Jinny

Was our little friend with silky soft black fur
She had a heart so big and kind and
friends spread far and wide

So quickly did she cotton on to those
owners who had treats

Her nose was quick to seek them out and
smile sweetly and tail that wagged to greet

It is always nice to share good things and
run round the garden fast

But sadly now the light's gone out Jinny's
ran and walked her last

Cradled within my arms the angels came
down from above

After so much pain and suffering she is
now surrounded by love

Even though the tears still flow and Leo her
dear friend is in mourning

We look up at the sky at night there is a
bright star shining

The sun breaks through another new day is
dawning

So fly my friend where the angels tread

We know one thing for sure

When it is our time to leave earths plain
you will be waiting at the door

Speed Watch

You may remember that in a recent copy of The Mardler we introduced the Southrepps Community Speedwatch scheme - in sum - a group of local volunteers who meet once a fortnight (or so!) to monitor the speed of cars and other vehicles using the roads in our village. I should stress that it is not the aim of the volunteers to "catch" speeding cars and instigate some sort of penalty scheme through the Norfolk Constabulary. Our role is simply to monitor and report driving - yes - those who do break the speed limit may well receive a letter from our Police but the aim is to educate not to penalise.



You may well have seen several black boxes attached to posts around the village in the recent weeks. These have been put in place by the district council to monitor average speeds within Southrepps. We have now had the results back and, I am pleased to report, that in most cases the statistics show that the majority of drivers are within the 30 mph speed limit (the authorities consider that a 90% compliance with the speed limit is acceptable).

The problem area though is the Thorpe Road - both in and out of the village. Here compliance falls from the hoped for 90% to an alarming 50% and shows that this is the area we have a real issue with - in fact if you talk to people who live on this road they will tell you just how bad this can be at peak times. Therefore, the Community Speedwatch

Scheme plans to concentrate its efforts on the Gables Avenue side of Southrepps to get the speeds here down to the lawful limit.

The ever-present challenge for the Scheme though is to recruit enough volunteers to make this viable. To date we have a small band of determined locals but very much need to swell their ranks as soon as we can. This is not a big commitment - once a fortnight or even once a month would be the maximum. There is no doubt that these schemes do work and for the safety of our village and our youngsters I would really encourage our readers to give Louise Marriner a ring on 01263 833529 to discuss volunteering for this worthwhile initiative. Give it a moment and then do call, many thanks indeed.



Village Sports

Football Club

As Chair of Southrepps FC I am greatly saddened to reflect on the passing of our Ted.

Ted Bird was not satisfied with having captained Southrepps FC when they played at Carrow Road.....in later years he inspired our youngsters and oldsters to bring football back to Southrepps. What could have been better than to see our lads, lassies and others ! training and competing on our Recreation Ground.....with bacon butties and a cuppa served up by Paul and Debbie (on their precious days off from The Vernon Arms).

Unfortunately it would appear that our Southrepps Moles had been investing in their own Oyster cards and created an Underground system which resulted in our Southrepps teams having to play away from Southrepps. BUT the great news is that we will be back. Southrepps Parish Council have contracted NORSE to renovate the Recreation ground and is to be seeded this April.....watch this space!

We look forward to celebrating football coming home to Southrepps with teams invited to compete for the new Ted Bird Shield.

Graham McCabe - Chairman

CONTACT: Roger Swift - Secretary / Treasurer Tel: 833118

Bowls Club

We are about to start the 2017 season having successfully retained our first division status for two of our teams and improved our league positions for the other two teams.

We have fewer players this year, so the new season brings increased challenges to continue our recent successes and build on them.

Another challenge is simply gaining access to our club along the potholed Paston Way and we are hoping Southrepps Parish Council will offer some assistance with this as teams visiting us increasingly complain about the difficulties they face when coming to play us.

We offer free first year membership, so whether you are new to bowls or an experienced player, or somewhere in between, you will get a warm welcome at our club.

Please do ring me on 01263 721060 or 07780861737 if you would like to know more about joining.



David Harding - Chairman

Social Calendar

May

Thu 25th

Walk

Southrepps Society

Time & Place TBA

June

Sat 10th

Members Quiz Night

Southrepps Social Club

7:30pm

Fri 30th

Southrepps Society BBQ

Southrepps Village Hall

7:30pm

July

Sun 9th

The Armed Man Come & Sing event

Southrepps Chorale

7:30pm Greshams School Chapel

Sun 9th

Strawberry Farye

Southrepps Social Club

1-4pm

Thu 27th

Walk / Outing

Southrepps Society

Time & Place TBA

Sat 29th

Horticultural Show

Southrepps Village Hall

12pm onwards

More details of show on page 4.

Thu 31st

Classical Music Festival

St. James Church

See Southrepps Music Festival details on page 9.



Social Calendar

/ August /

Sun 13th

Members BBQ

Southrepps Social Club

1pm

/ September /

Sun 17th

Pet Service

Trimingham Church

Time 7pm

Thu 28th

Well's Harbour - with Robert
Smith Harbour Master

Southrepps Society

Time TBA

/ October /

Sat 14th

Harvest Supper
with Pat Nearney

Southrepps Social Club

7:30pm

Thu 26th

Game Keeping - Andrew
Lincoln

Southrepps Society

Village Hall - 7:30pm

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Thu 30th

Images of Nature with Ernie
Janes

Southrepps Society

Southrepps Village Hall

7:30pm

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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

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