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## Housing sites submitted for new development plan

RESIDENTS of the Reepham district could see further consultation with the publication of the latest submitted sites for development as part of the Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP), which will consider housing and employment needs to 2036.

Following a call for sites earlier in this year, six sites have been submitted on the outskirts of Reepham, most of which have been considered – and rejected – in previous development plans.

They include an 11.5-hectare site north and south of the B1145 Dereham Road for a residential development of 100-200 houses to include affordable housing, self-build plots, open space, and potential for expansion of the doctor's surgery and car park.

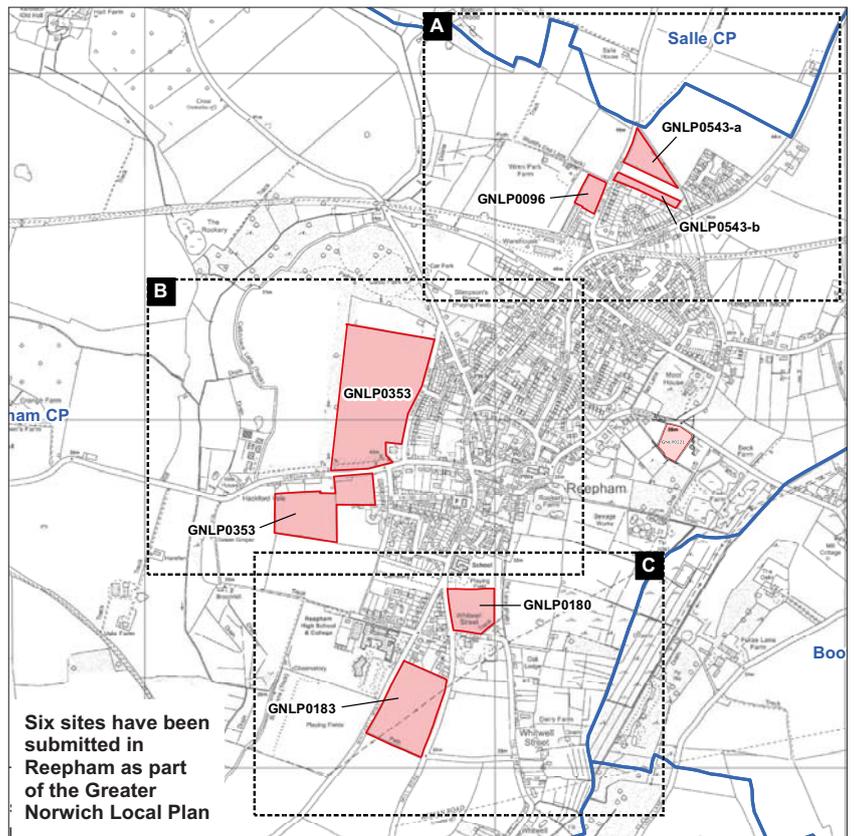
The other sites in Reepham are land off Wood Dalling Road (adjacent to Collers Way); north of Whitwell Street; east of Whitwell Road; adjacent Wood Dalling Road; and off Norwich Road.

Other nearby submitted sites in the Broadland district include land in Attlebridge, Cawston, Foulsham, Great Witchingham and Weston Longville.

The GNLP builds on the current Joint Core Strategy to 2026 developed by the Greater Norwich Development Partnership (GNDP), which includes Broadland District Council, Norwich City Council and South Norfolk Council, working with Norfolk County Council, and is designed to ensure the area's housing and jobs needs continue to be met to 2036.

Based on the findings of the Central Norfolk Strategic Housing Market Assessment published in January 2016, it is likely that around 12,000 additional houses will be required in the Greater Norwich area from 2012 to 2036.

This number of houses is over and above those which currently benefit from planning permission or which are set out in existing (or soon-to-be adopted) local plan documents (see "Current allocations" for Reepham, page 13).



The GNDP says this does not mean that all or most submitted sites will be allocated for development: "Experience shows that far more greenfield sites are likely to be submitted than will be needed. Many sites will be inappropriate due to constraints and/or remoteness from services, and other sites simply will not be needed, even if not inappropriate in principle."

Speaking at November's Reepham Town Council meeting, District Councillor Graham Everett agreed that it was unlikely

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# news

## Looking forward to seeing you at the Festival of Light

AT the time of writing, plans are well in hand for Reepham's Christmas event, the Festival of Light, which is being held on Thursday 8 December, starting at 4.30 pm.

It was very satisfying to welcome new faces to the FOL team as a result of the appeal we put in *Reepham Life* back in September.

We have more than 30 stalls booked to attend, a craft fair in St Michael's and Santa's Grotto in Bank House, as well as a full entertainment programme that will include carol singing, music, dancing and lots of family fun.

The festivities will once again start with a magical children's lantern parade from St Mary's at 5 pm.

We are very grateful to Caitlin Howells, Broadland District Council and Reepham Primary School for organising a lantern-

making workshop in readiness for the parade.

However, any child who wishes to join the parade may do so and can bring a torch or home-made lantern – but no candles or lanterns with naked flames please.

Children (and parents) should gather in St Mary's at 4.45 pm in readiness for the parade.

Setting up for the event takes some considerable time on the day, so we have obtained permission to close the Market Place to traffic from 1 pm onwards. Please ensure you do your shopping before then or park elsewhere.

We would be particularly grateful if residents and other market place users could move cars from the roadside between the Market Place and the church and between the Market Place and Townsend Corner by 1 pm as these spaces will be needed for stalls on the day.

The Festival of Light could not happen without the considerable support of a number of Reepham organisations and businesses.

Special thanks go to The Original Cottage Company who will once again be hosting Santa's Grotto, Reepham Town Council who have given us fi-

### Music festival donations

The organisers of the annual Reepham Music Festival have announced that they will be donating £3,000 to local charities. Full information will be published in the February issue of *Reepham Life*.

■ The next music festival is planned for August 2017.

## Reepham Life 2017 Calendar now available

THE Reepham Life 2017 Calendar has been published by Reepham Community Press in association with the Reepham Archive and is now available at selected retail outlets – and selling fast.

Featuring 13 photographs capturing the town's history over the past century, the calendar also includes modern-day images, mostly by local photographer John Tym.

The limited-edition calendar costs just £8 and can be purchased from Johnson's

Newsagents, Reepham Library, Bircham Centre charity shop, Robertson's Family Butchers, Kerri's Farmhouse Pine, St Mary's Reepham and Hampton's @ the Barn.

■ To order by post, please send a cheque for £9.50 (UK only, includes postage and packaging) made out to "Reepham Community Press", Homerton House, 74 Cawston Road, Reepham, Norfolk NR10 4LT. Please contact us for

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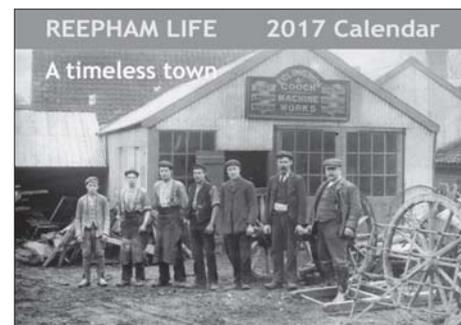
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No animals were harmed in the making of this publication

nancial support to cover the cost of St John's Ambulance attendance, *Reepham Life* who have kindly donated the presents for Santa to give to the children, Geoff Deal of Meloncaulie Rose who has organised a blues band to play during the event and Graham Andrew of Funforce who has put together the rest of the entertainment programme.

Finally, when you come along to the Festival of Light, can I suggest you bring a light? Then we will indeed see you there.

*Brenda Gostling, Chairman, FOL Team*



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# REEPHAM ROVER - MONTHLY TRIPS

## JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2017

The Reepham Rover offers a door to door service for the following trips. Passengers will be charged a fare to help cover the vehicle's operating costs

	2017	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TIMES
<b>Aylsham</b> Shopping (Tesco)	Thursday	12th	9th	9th	13th	11th	8th	6th	10th	7th	12th	9th	7th	10 - 12
<b>Sheringham</b>	Saturday	14th	11th	11th	8th	13th	10th	8th	12th	9th	7th	11th	9th	10 - 2pm
<b>Wells</b> (Fish & Chips) & <b>Kelling</b> Tea Rooms	Tuesday	24th	21st	21st	11th	16th	13th	11th	15th	12th	17th	14th	12th	11 - 3pm
<b>Kings Lynn</b> (Shopping)	Tuesday	11th	14th	14th	18th	23rd	20th	18th	22nd	19th	24th	21st	19th	9 - 3pm
<b>Dereham</b> (Tesco & Morrisons)	Thursday	26th	23rd	30th	27th	25th	29th	27th	31st	31st	26th	30th	21st	1 - 4pm
<b>Wroxham</b> Shopping (Foy's)	Saturday	28th	25th	25th	29th	27th	24th	29th	26th	26th	28th	25th	16th	10 - 2pm
<b>Reepham</b> (Shopping)	Every Wednesday													9 - 10.30

To book your seat on any of these trips (or for further details) please call Reepham Rover on

# 07765 321 458

Reepham Patient Care Trust - Loan of Equipment. Enquiries about the provision, loan or return of mobility equipment and enquiries for other social welfare support should be made to John McKean at the Whitwell Hall Country Centre Tel 01603 870875 or email [info@whitwellhall.org](mailto:info@whitwellhall.org)

..... Tear out page and keep for reference throughout 2017 .....

# letters, emails, comments

## Long-established takeaway

THE front page article in the November edition of *Reepham Life* about the new takeaway at Sun House claims that the nearest fast food outlet is 7-8 miles away.

This is incorrect. The Reepham Fish Bar in Back Street is a long-established local family-run takeaway serving traditional fish and chips, pies, burgers and a fine range of Chinese food and is of course less than 200 metres away from the new venue.

*Paul Hodge, Back Street, Reepham*

■ The statement in the article was made by Mehmet Bener of Reepham Pizza House, not by *Reepham Life*. He clearly says that there is nothing in Reepham that offers this sort of food [i.e. pizzas and kebabs] with the nearest fast-food outlet [i.e. offering this sort of food] being 7-8 miles away. – *Ed.*

## Cash still king

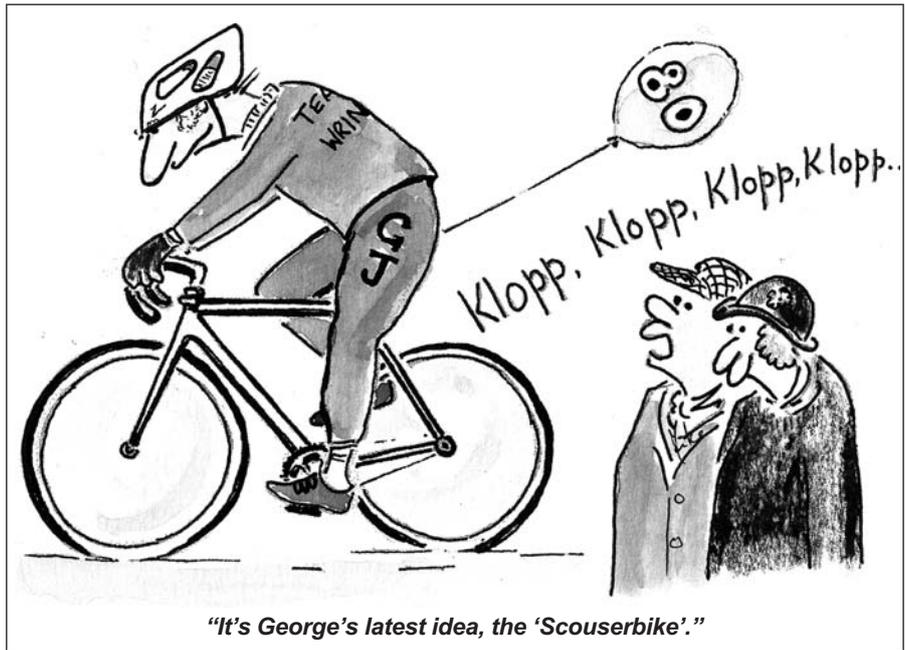
WHILE I welcome the new “takeaway” in Reepham, I cannot believe that any business in this day and age has set up to take cash only and not offer a card payment facility.

The younger generation especially are abandoning cash in favour of contactless and mobile payments. They prefer not to carry cash and will take their custom elsewhere if they're unable to use their preferred payment method.

Business can also be lost if customers are forced to leave a shop to find a cash machine. Reepham should move into the 21st century.

Having said that, I am pleased that the Pizza House has finally opened – despite a certain snobbish section of the community (probably quinoa-eating *Guardian* readers) who are opposed to anything “of this sort”, fearing that it might “lower the tone”.

Mr Bener is in fact providing products that customers seem to want, bringing in trade from across the dis-



trict, while utilising what was an empty shop and employing people, thereby contributing to the economy of the town.

At least he is open on the weekend and doesn't close for an hour – unlike some businesses. I'm sure he will be a community asset.

*Name and address supplied*

## Branch closure sadness

IT was with great sadness that we had to take the decision to close the Reepham Branch of the Royal British Legion Women's Section in our 70th year. This was due to headquarters in London wanting the women's sections, country-wide, to be amalgamated into the men's sections, which meant we would have to send all funds to London and have no say in their final distribution.

Also our accounting system would have to change to the Legion's system and we had no member who wanted to take on this responsibility. Annual fees would also increase considerably.

Unfortunately, we will lose our Women's Section standard, which has to be laid up, hopefully, in one of

our churches. The Norfolk County Committee has also been abandoned and the county standard is laid up in Dereham church.

The Reepham Women's Section had the youngest county standard bearer in Beth Cook, who has won the standard competition for the past four years. As my husband is no longer able to carry the Reepham men's standard, Beth will be carrying it.

We held our final meeting in October with an afternoon tea, inviting old members, the Men's Section and some of the Town Councillors. It was a lovely afternoon, but also a very sad time.

We have invited members to continue meeting friends by having coffee/tea on the first Tuesday of every month at our craft morning at Ewing's Close Community Centre, from 10 am, which was started by the Women's Section and it is still going strong.

I was also disappointed to have to give up organising the Poppy Appeal, which came about after I had a bad accident with a wheelie bin and my husband needing attention 24 hours

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# letters, emails, comments

a day. I do miss doing them – and miss the poppies taking over my living room and cupboards.

I would like to thank the president for her support, the committee members over the years, the secretaries (and for taking on the worst job), our treasurers who kept our accounts in order and all the members without whom we would not have existed. And thank you to Revd Margaret Dean for all her help and the support she gave us.

Finally, a big thank you to the people of Reepham for supporting us in our fund raising, including all the poppy collectors, who gave us their time with the door-to-door collecting.

*Moira Dye, Chairman,  
Reepham Branch, Royal British Legion  
Women's Section and County  
Committee member*

## Christmas delight

ONCE more I am delighted to have my local Christmas cards delivered by Reepham Scouts, with six convenient collection points [see the advertisement on page 28, this issue]. Please support the young people of this town.

*Margaret Smith, Ollands Road,  
Reepham*

## Successful coffee morning

PAULINE Cooper's 11th Macmillan Coffee Morning on 1 October proved to be a great success. After a slow start, the stalls and refreshments were kept busy with many people arriving and enjoying the teas, coffees, cakes, scones, biscuits and preserves, all made by Pauline and her loyal team of helpers.

Advantage was taken of the opportunity to sit in comfort and have a chat and buy some wonderful bargains from the stalls. Many donations of aprons, shop-

ping bags, bric-a-brac, books and other items were available at reasonable prices.

There was a grand raffle with excellent prizes and the hand-stitched quilt, made by local craft group Busy Fingers, raised £328 to be added to Pauline's takings for the morning. The total raised was £1,016 – another superb achievement for Macmillan Cancer Support.

*Brenda R Palmer, Chapel Close,  
Reepham*

## Auction spirit

A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported the Auction of Promises, which was held in St Michael's in October in aid of the Three Churches Project.

The evening was an amazing success: we raised £4,350. Thanks to all of you, whether from the shops and businesses or individuals, who gave such generous items for the auction – and to everyone who came and got into the spirit of the evening so well.

Ken Ewing, our auctioneer, was magnificent, keeping the bidding going up and up, despite all our constant, lively chatter.

The fundraising team, led by Judith Jackson, have worked incredibly hard over these past 18 months, proving yet again that Reepham can be very grateful to its volunteers in the community and the church who have given such support, along with the Heritage Lottery Fund, to help us achieve this project.

We are not quite finished, but the end is not too far off.

*Margaret Dean, Rector*

## Local charity shop profits

WITH 2016 almost over, it has been an amazing year for the Bircham Centre Charity Shop and we're sure we will improve on last year's total.

We'll let you know in the New Year how we did, but we could not let this opportunity pass by without sending a heartfelt thank you to each and every person who contributes to our special shop.

The donations never cease to amaze us; we have such fun sorting and displaying the shop for your benefit.

And don't miss our 50% sale off all goods at the Festival of Light on the evening of Thursday 8 December.

*Janice Lyles and the Bircham Centre  
trustees*

## Kitchen refurbishment

THE Sparham Old School Room now has a great, new kitchen. Thanks to the following for making it all possible: Breckland Council for providing half the cost through its match-funding grant; Tony Balderstone for his work in getting the grant application completed; Cllr Gordon Bambridge for his support of the application; and Graham Thompson for the wall tiling.

And special thanks to Fred Parkin for his time and effort in getting the kitchen quotes and finding us the right kitchen at the right price.

*Sparham Old School Room  
Management Committee*

## Sympathy and support

MY family and I would like to thank everyone who sent cards of sympathy and gave us support after the loss of our mum. Thanks also to Revd Margaret Dean and Hendry & Sons of Foulsham.

Donations in Mum's memory amounted to £370. Thanks to all who donated.

*Valerie Rose, Park Lane, Reepham*

**When you write or email...** please give your name, address and daytime telephone number – otherwise we will ignore it

## Reepham Society to be 'wound up'

AT an extraordinary general meeting on 8 November, members voted to begin the process of "winding up" the Reepham Society and passing over its assets to another amenity charity in the region.

The Society was founded as a registered charity in 1976 to stimulate public interest in Reepham, Hackford, Kerdiston, Salle and Whitwell.

Although membership had remained consistent and its monthly talks were

popular, the Reepham Society, like many other small voluntary groups, had found it increasingly difficult to recruit people to its offices and committee.

At the annual general meeting in April, it was agreed that, rather than struggling on and infringing the requirements of the Charity Commission, the Society would call an EGM to consider closure.

Acting chair Nichola Johnson said it was a sad but inevitable decision, adding:

"We all did try very hard to keep it going."

She praised the work and efforts of the Reepham Society over its four decades, in particular the past three chairmen – Jolyon Booth, Kate Nightingale and Mike Cowdrey.

She also thanked everyone who had supported the Society over the past 40 years, adding that its photographs, documents and other objects have been fully integrated into the Reepham Archive, which is housed in the Bircham Centre.

# YOUR COUNCIL MATTERS

## Repairs to pavilion roof under discussion

TRADITIONALLY, November is a quiet month as far as Council business is concerned so the Town Council and Stimpson's Piece Trustee meetings on 9 November were a great deal shorter than normal.

Apart from reports of routine Council business we welcomed Mike Pinchin as the new member of the Personnel Committee, where he joins Anne Woollett and Les Paterson in overseeing staff matters.

### Stimpson's Piece

At the Stimpson's Piece Trustee meeting repairs to play equipment were authorised.

Apart from routine business the Trustees discussed problems concerning the roof of the pavilion at Stimpson's Piece.

Users have recently reported that rain has been coming through the roof into the kitchen area. Repairs were made to the guttering some time ago, but it now appears that the roof itself is in need of attention.

After some discussion it was provisionally agreed by the Trustees that repairs to the roof should be made, subject to satisfactory quotes being received.

Because the Trustees do not have the financial resources to carry out the repairs it was also agreed that they should approach the Town Council requesting their support in funding the repairs.

No doubt this will be an agenda item for discussion at the next Town Council meeting on 14 December.

### Dog fouling

The Trustees recently reimposed restrictions on exercising dogs on Stimpson's Piece following complaints of dog fouling. Owners are welcome to exercise their dogs freely on the area of parkland beyond the football pitches and play areas. Signs have been erected

indicating where free-running dogs are welcome and areas where they should be kept under control.

Many owners are enjoying the facility being offered and are using the free-running area responsibly, but we are still getting complaints of dog fouling, particularly on areas adjacent to the children's play areas and the pavilion.

We would like to remind all dog owners to kindly clean up after their animals and dispose of their waste in the bins provided.

### Council vacancies

In response to a letter published in the November issue of *Reepham Life*, residents may find the following information helpful.

In the event of a councillor resigning, the Town Council is required to publicly post Notices of Casual Vacancy for a specified period, inviting requests for an election from electors. Notices are posted on the Town Council noticeboard, in the Bircham Centre and on other noticeboards around the town.

If no such requests are forthcoming, permission is granted by Broadland District Council to advertise for and co-opt councillors to fill the vacancies. No requests for election having been received, Broadland District Council has given the Town Council permission to co-opt all five of our current vacancies.

### Call for sites

Work on the Greater Norwich Local Plan is under way, ensuring housing needs are met to 2036. Sites have been submitted for consideration and these include various sites in Reepham, many which were identified previously as potential sites for development.

It should be noted that planning officers have not yet analysed the merits of any of the sites and therefore no assumptions should be drawn as to the acceptability (or otherwise) of any sites that have been published.

### Your Town Council

Chairman: Les Paterson  
Cathy Miller  
Janet Pender-Cudlip  
Michael Pender-Cudlip  
Michael Pinchin  
John Rawlinson  
Anne Woollett  
(five vacancies)

Town Clerk: Jo Boxall  
Finance Officer: Sally Gill

The assessment of the sites has commenced. However, it will not be until October 2017 that the full analysis of all sites, accompanied by a sustainability appraisal, will be made available for public consultation, with preferred options and reasonable alternatives identified.

### Remembrance Day

As members of the Town Council many of us had the privilege and pleasure of representing the town by laying a wreath at the annual Remembrance Day service in St Mary's.

It was particularly poignant this year, not only because 2016 is the centenary of the Battle of the Somme, when so many thousands of young men of all nationalities were killed and injured, but because our memories of the two world wars are beginning to fade.

Many may not be aware, but there have been seismic changes in the Royal British Legion recently and the Legion no longer has a Reepham branch. The Reepham and Cawston branch has amalgamated with the Aylsham branch and the women's section in Reepham has disbanded.

As a consequence the scouting movement took a more prominent role in the parade and the service, and students from the high school ably supported the Legion in reading out the rolls of honour.

It was heartening to see our young people taking an active role in community life and we look forward to seeing them continuing to serve their community in the future.

**Contact us – we can only do what you want if we know what you want**

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8.30pm

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# business

## One in four pharmacies at risk of closing

OPPOSITION is mounting against planned cuts that could close thousands of local pharmacies across the country – including Motts Pharmacy in Reepham.

A report in the *Mail Online* suggests that one in four high street pharmacies could close as a result of government plans to cut subsidies. (The average pharmacy receives a subsidy of £220,000 a year from the NHS.)

Many business leaders, health workers, patients, charities and every council in England and Wales are objecting to the plans, which critics warn will have “unintended and irreversible consequences”.

The Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee said it faces cuts of £113 million in the final three months of the current financial year, with further cuts of £200 million in 2017/18.

Cllr Izzi Seccombe, chairman of the Local Government Association’s Community Wellbeing Board, said: “Older and frail people rely on their chemist not just as a place to get medicines, but as somewhere they can go to for informal health advice.

“If this lifeline was removed, it would

mean more people having to potentially travel longer distances to GP surgeries and adding to existing pressures.

“We would like to see pharmacies playing a bigger role in providing public health services. Additional investment in community pharmacies could improve the prevention of disease and help take the strain off the National Health Service and social care.”



Guppy Kular

Guppy Kular of Motts Pharmacy said the government is trying to justify the cuts by stating that it is targeting clusters of pharmacies in certain areas.

“They have gone as far as saying that 40% of pharmacies are in clusters, but have not stated where these are and the respective populations of these areas,” he told *Reepham Life*.

“Despite this, these pharmacies are still serving the population around them, giving patients choice and reducing pressure on GPs and A&E. It’s also worth noting that Norfolk does not have such clusters; however, every pharmacy in this area will be affected.

“Small pharmacies like mine will be

badly affected and I am already looking at my books to see where I can fill this up-and-coming hole in my finances.”

While Mr Kular agrees that the NHS has a funding crisis and that “we all have a role in using its money wisely”, he said this approach “will not do much to change this industry in the way the government wants. It is more likely to cause more pressure to build up on services that are already at breaking point.

“I will continue to try and serve my very worried patients as best as I can while trying to absorb another painful punch from my paymaster.”

[www.mottspharmacy.co.uk](http://www.mottspharmacy.co.uk)

Reepham is classed as a “key service centre”, but the fear is that the town will lose yet another key service. You can help by writing to local MP, Keith Simpson, explaining how vital this service is to Reepham and the surrounding district.

■ Contact: The Rt Hon Keith Simpson MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4053. Email: [keith.simpson.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:keith.simpson.mp@parliament.uk)

## Late-availability service for holiday cottage owners

A NEW service from a Reepham-based company offers holiday cottage owners with late availability a new way to fill in the gaps.

BimbleBox provides an online gateway to selling any unsold availability within 12 weeks of occupancy, especially during the “shoulder seasons” when bookings are traditionally low.

Consumers have the opportunity to make a reasonable “offer” for any cottage. If the offer meets or exceeds the hidden reserve price, which is known and



controlled only by the owner, the website completes the booking automatically.

Since the service was launched, BimbleBox has undertaken extensive market research and testing with a handful of founder owners.

The company also works closely with Visit Norfolk, as well as other local organisations, such as Broadland District Council and Visit North Norfolk.

There are no upfront charges for owners – just a 10% commission (plus VAT) when a booking is taken.

All BimbleBox asks is that owners provide a discount of at least 10% off



Diane Pearce

the full standard price.

Co-founder Diane Pearce said: “Every holidaymaker wants the best price, without compromising on quality. And a lot of cottage owners have to fill last-minute dates, without taking a pittance. So, BimbleBox is the middle ground, where everyone gets a fair deal.”

■ For more information, contact: Diane Pearce 01603 568273/07988 516286 or email: [owners@bimblebox.com](mailto:owners@bimblebox.com)

[www.bimblebox.com](http://www.bimblebox.com)

Art classes

## New term 2017 – drawing and painting

Classes start 16 January at Cawston, Marsham and Hempton

More information at [tinasnorfolkartcourse.blogspot.co.uk](http://tinasnorfolkartcourse.blogspot.co.uk)  
or talk to me Tina Sutton 01603 872441

Art classes



*Christmas and New Year nearly here, why not come to see us over the Christmas period or see in the New Year 2017 at Lenwade House Hotel and enjoy the lovely relaxed family atmosphere*

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Open 11am till late

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## VINES RESTAURANT

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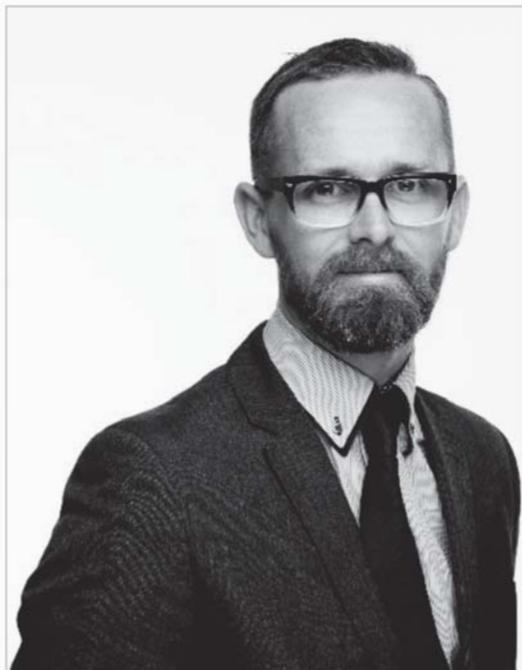
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# business

## 'Grand changement' at Country Modern

A NEW online e-commerce business selling "French-inspired vintage style" has been launched by the owners of Country Modern, which is closing.

The home and garden website called At The French Barn offers genuine vintage and antique pieces alongside new items and includes furniture, mirrors, lighting, seating, garden items, brocante and more, much of which is sourced personally by Fran and Clive Osborne on their regular visits to France.

Their range of Grand Illusions vintage chalk paints and other products are still available to buy online through the new website.

Mr Osborne explained: "Over the past few years, our life-long interest in genuine French furniture and style has grown and developed.

"With the purchase and renovation of a house and barns in France, our love of France and 'all things French' has continued to grow.

"We regularly visit France for both business and pleasure so it seemed only

right that we source and sell the fabulous furniture and other items that we find in French properties, local French antique fairs, brocantes and vide-greniers and 'voila', At The French Barn was born.

"This has now become the main focus of our business and takes up much of our time. It is for this reason that we have, reluctantly, decided to close Country Modern."

The development of At The French Barn means that their shop in Nowhere Lane, Great Witchingham, and their commission painting service will close on 17 December to allow the Osbornes to concentrate on this new venture.

They will, however, continue to run their painting workshops from their premises in Nowhere Lane under their new name, where together with the owners of the old wildlife park they hope to expand and develop the range of courses and workshops on offer, making the location a real activity hub.

The Osbornes added: "The setting and location of the shop make it an

ideal place for relaxed, fun and informative courses and workshops to take place in beautiful natural surroundings. It is hoped that, together with the park owners, we can eventually offer a whole variety of arts, crafts, lifestyle and hobby activities and hands-on workshops."

To mark the shop closure, Country Modern is holding a closing down sale on hand-painted furniture and unpainted furniture pieces, mirrors, home and garden items, Christmas decorations and more. The sale will run from Saturday 3 December until Saturday 17 December.

The Osbornes thanked all their customers over the past four years. "We look forward to seeing you at our sale and to serving you via our new website," said Mrs Osborne. "We also look forward to continue to welcome customers, new and old, to our painting workshops."

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## Fox at Lyng wins Norfolk's best pub award

THE Fox at Lyng won the Norfolk's Best Pub award at the 2016 EDP Norfolk Food and Drink Awards.

Gavin and Victoria Hunt picked up the accolade in September having taken over the running of the village pub just two years ago.

The couple also run The Lodge Restaurant & Bar at North Tuddenham, which has been under their management for nine years.

The award was the result of a public vote of EDP and EDP Norfolk Magazine readers, with The Fox at Lyng beating The Swan in Loddon and the Banningham Crown in the best pub category.

"Our staff work fantastically hard to ensure our customers have a great time and feel welcomed at The Fox and we

are immensely proud to have such a great team and a great pub," said Mrs Hunt. "It seems we have a lot of people sharing that view who took the time to vote for us."

The awards were presented at Open in Norwich in front of an audience of more than 250 people at the celebration of the county's food heroes, held in association with East of England Co-op.

Eleven winners were chosen from the finalists after an intensive summer of tasting, visiting and interviewing the numerous entries.

Crush Foods of Salle was runner-up



The Fox at Lyng managers Gavin and Victoria Hunt in the centre with daughters Erin (left) and Meg

in the Made in Norfolk award.

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# planning

## Housing sites submitted for latest development plan

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that any of the sites in Reepham would be brought forward at this point in time as the rural policy areas already have a sufficient land supply going forward.

"There is currently no requirement for any further development in rural areas such as Reepham as Broadland overall has more than a five-year land supply," he told *Reepham Life*.

"However, if residents want to support any of these new sites, or if a need arises, I will be happy to take this forward," said Mr Everett, who has been appointed to Broadland's Planning Committee.

### Growth constraints

It has also been announced that although a "key service centre" Reepham, with a population of 2,709 in 2001, is not considered suitable for further "strategic-scale growth".

According to a paper presented to a

GNDP meeting on 14 November, the town is described as having a good range of services and facilities, including a high school, a doctors' surgery and a range of shops and employment.

However, Reepham is around 14 miles (22 km) from Norwich and 11 km (7 miles) and 17 km (11 miles) from Aylsham and Dereham respectively, with limited bus services and variable-quality roads.

"Additional development would need to focus on the self-containment of the settlement, although further development in the centre is likely to be limited by Conservation Area/Listed Building restrictions and limited access to strategic employment," the GNDP was informed.

Further, "there are areas of grade 2 agricultural land to the north-west and south-east of the town and flood risk between Reepham and Booton in the vicinity of the Booton Common Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Current information indicates that sewerage capacity is significantly limited, constraining any significant scale of growth."

The GNDP said further work will be needed to establish whether lower levels of non-strategic growth can be accommodated in small towns such as Reepham.

### Future needs

Much of the new housing and employment development in Broadland is expected to take place in areas such as Hellesdon, Taverham and Drayton, particularly along the route of the £178.5 million Norwich Northern Distributor Road (NDR), which is planned to open towards the end of 2017.

Meanwhile, a key element of the GNLP is to ensure the need for employment land is met, alongside the need for new homes.

The GNDP says development on brownfield sites throughout the three districts will be maximised. However, they admit that in a largely rural area such as Greater Norwich it is inevitable that some new development will have to be on greenfield sites.

The first consultation on the GNLP is

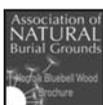


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scheduled for October-December 2017, with a public examination in June 2020 and possible adoption in December 2020.

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## Current allocations

BROADLAND District Council's current Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) anticipates around 120 houses to be built on land off Broomhill Lane, Reepham, as well as a further 20 houses in a mixed residential/employment brownfield site on land at the former station yard on Station Road, Reepham.

However, at the time of going to press, neither of these two sites has sought planning permission by devel-



One of the six submitted sites in Reepham is an 11.5-hectare site north and south of the B1145 Dereham Road for a residential development of 100-200 houses

opers, who have three years to submit a detailed planning application from the date of adoption of the DPD (May 2016).

built in Reepham through outstanding planning permissions and current allocations.

At present, there are around 180 dwellings due to be

## More than a million homes possible on suitable brownfield land: CPRE

NEW research published by the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) claims that suitable brownfield sites across England can provide at least 1.1 million new homes.

The research, which used the government's own pilot brownfield register scheme, calculated that suitable brownfield sites can provide between 1.1 and 1.4 million new homes.

CPRE studied the findings of 53 councils that have published their data on suitable sites and found that these areas alone could provide 273,000 homes.

Comparing this new data with the last available data from 2010-2012, CPRE noted an 11% increase in the number of homes that could be provided on suitable sites, with planning permissions for such sites increasing by 21% and the number of suitable sites being identified by 50%.

Applying the same 11% increase to the 2010-2012 figures for the whole country gave a new estimated minimum capacity of 1.1 million homes on suitable brownfield sites, CPRE insisted.

It also noted that the study of the 53 pilot registers produced a figure of 273,000 that was both higher than previous government estimates of country-wide brownfield housing capacity and almost enough for the participating councils to meet their five-year housing targets without releasing any countryside for development.

CPRE chief executive Shaun Spiers said: "We need to build good, affordable

homes quickly in the right places. No one is suggesting that we will be able to provide all the homes we need without ever building on a greenfield site.

"But the government needs to do much more to reconcile its commitment both to build a million homes and to protect the countryside, including the greenbelt it recently described as 'sacrosanct'."

Meanwhile, CPRE Norfolk has said that there is currently no officially designated green belt around Norwich "to help protect our green spaces and open countryside from excessive, inappropriate and unnecessary development. There

are currently hundreds of planning applications to build thousands of houses on greenfield sites around the periphery of one of England's most important historic cities.

"CPRE Norfolk believes that where there is a proven need for new houses, brownfield sites should be considered first, as they are less damaging to the countryside, create less of a carbon footprint, plug into existing infrastructure, are more convenient places to live and help keep the local economy thriving."

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## George Johnson hits the big 80

SEMI-retired, mad cyclist George Johnson has just turned 80. A surprise tea party was organised with great secrecy by his work colleagues, past and present, and with the help of family and good friends and neighbours.

Mr Johnson came to Reepham in 1969 to bring his scouse enthusiasm to a quiet little town, working hard with his wife Shelia in the post office and building up the newsagents and women's fashion shop.

We all now know George for his ever-presence on a bicycle with his great friends (affectionately known as The Wrinkles), who ride out on Tuesdays and Thursdays, weather permitting, often doing nearly 30 miles, always with a stop or two at their regular coffee shops on the way. I don't suppose turning 80 will stop him doing what he loves most.

By the time you read this we will all have had a great time together at the Town Hall and I hope he has recovered from all the celebrations.



*Christine Smith*

# environment

## Unflagging efforts to tackle town's litter problem

by **CLAIR BALE**

AFTER reading the letter entitled "Looking after our town" (*Reepham Life*, November), I am writing to make those of you who are not already aware that there are other unstinting volunteers who should also be recognised for their role within our town.

It was suggested that there have been no organised litter picks in Reepham for many years; however, this doesn't have to be an organised event for people to take cue and join in.

My parents moved to Reepham two years ago and since then my dad has picked and disposed of litter from our streets and paths at least once a week. He may not be as familiar a face as Edwin Rose, but he's always there.

He too is bewildered by the amount of rubbish that builds up around our town and estimates that in the past two years he has picked up enough rubbish to fill a large skip.

Some of the worst affected areas include the lay-by at the junction of Station



**Rubbish collected earlier this year by Robbie Banks on the stretch of Norwich Road from Moor House to the turning for Furze Lane**

Road and Cawston Road, Station Road car park and the entrances into Reepham on both the Norwich and Dereham Roads (where he is forever picking up empty beer cans, convenience food wrapping and plastic bottles), these ob-

jects are undoubtedly being discarded from vehicles.

Living near the top of Cawston Road has meant my dad has covered large areas across the length and breadth of the town; each time his route is different.

More recently he was diagnosed with cancer yet inspiringly he continued to pick litter up until the day before his operation. To aid with his recovery he has been taking short walks and is again selflessly picking up litter.

Many passers-by have commended him for his commitment towards tackling the town's litter problem, although some have been mistaken to think he is employed by the Council as a litter picker (which he is not).

So next time you see a man wearing a flat cap with a litter picker and rubbish bag in hand, please say hello and show your appreciation.

That's Robbie Banks, my dad. He's another remarkable person who makes it his responsibility to Keep Reepham Tidy.

## Advance decisions and living wills

AN advance decision is certainly not a will. Wills affect property after death. Advance decisions offer a way to make a decision now about a specific medical treatment you would want to refuse in the future.

If you prepare an advance decision according to the requirements of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and it is found to be valid and to apply to the current circumstances, medical professionals providing your care are bound to follow your wishes. This is the case regardless of whether the doctors believe it is in your best interests.

If you want to refuse life-saving treatment, it must be in writing, must be signed and witnessed, and state clearly that you wish it to apply, even if your life is at risk.

An advance decision cannot be used to refuse treatment when you still have the capacity to make the decision yourself, nor to demand specific medical treatment.

It cannot be used to refuse treatment

### legal view

**MARK FOLEY**



for a mental disorder should you be detained under the Mental Health Act 1983, nor to refuse care essential to keep you comfortable, such as washing.

It cannot be used to refuse the offer of food or drink by mouth. You can refuse being given food or fluid by tube, referred to as artificial nutrition and hydration, as this is a form of medical treatment.

It cannot be used to refuse measures such as pain relief that simply aim to keep you comfortable, nor to ask for anything that is illegal such as euthanasia or help to take your own life.

A doctor must follow an advance decision if they are aware of it and it is valid and applicable to the current situation.

Valid – this means you must have been over 18 and had mental capacity

to make the advance decision at the time you made it. It must also not have been withdrawn. They must be sure that since you made it, you have not made a lasting power of attorney (health and welfare) that gives your attorney the power to make the same treatment decisions described in your advance decision.

Applicable – it must apply to the situation in question and in the current circumstances. Are there any unanticipated new developments since the decisions? New developments in medical treatment? Changes in your personal circumstances?

**■ To discuss these issues or for help with your legal affairs, contact Mark Foley, Solicitor. Tel: 07833 332055 or 01362 688946. Email: law@25am.co.uk**



## news

# Reepham finalists in Community at Heart Awards

TWO Reepham-based businesses and a local stalwart were among the finalists in the second Broadland Community at Heart Awards organised by Broadland District Council.

The awards were presented at a ceremony at The Space in Sprowston on Wednesday 26 October, attended by more than 120 guests and featuring a performance by the Broadland Youth Choir.

Reepham businesses Panther Brewery and The Original Cottage Company were runners up in the Business Community Support category, while Reepham resident Edwin Rose was runner up in the Good Neighbour or Friend category.

The awards celebrated the achievements of Broadland residents who have made an exceptional contribution to their community. Winners were chosen for 11 categories from nominations made by members of the public.

Mr James said he was proud and delighted that Panther Brewery had been nominated for the award owing to its support for local charities, including the

Stimpson's Piece Trust through the Reepham Beer Festival and its sponsorship of the Reepham Runners Summer 10k race, both of which took place in August.

"The person who made our nomination

also mentioned our efforts to 'close the gap' on waste through our relationship with local bakeries by brewing Bread and Bitter," said Mr James. "A big thanks to our mysterious nominator."



**Above: (left to right) two representatives from White Horse Development Trust, winner of the Business Community Support of the Year; Tom Thornley of The Original Cottage Company and Martin James of Panther Brewery as runners-up, and Cllr Stuart Clancy, Broadland District Council's portfolio holder for economic development. Right: Edwin Rose (left), with the other runner-up Sid Parkin (right), and Mike Ellard (centre), winner of the Good Neighbour or Friend of the Year award**



## Legion branch amalgamates with Aylsham

READERS of the November issue of *Reepham Life* will have read of the sad demise of the Women's Section of the Reepham Branch of the Royal British Legion.

The Men's Section has also been experiencing difficulties in recent years with a dwindling membership that has rendered the branch unsustainable as a stand-alone organisation.

As a consequence, and to avoid losing the presence of the Royal British Legion in Reepham, Cawston and the surrounding district altogether, the branch decided to seek membership as a sub-branch of a neighbouring organisation, namely the Aylsham and District Branch.

This much larger branch will give us the support we need to continue operating and, hopefully, to strengthen our numbers over the next few years through recruitment, so that we will eventually

be in a position to stand alone once again.

Existing funds will be transferred to the Aylsham branch and held in a separate account to be used to support our present branch area. The existing branch officers will not be able to hold office within the larger organisation, but all members will be welcome to attend and participate in any meetings held in Aylsham.

Any person, male or female, is welcome to join the Royal British Legion and become part of the Reepham, Cawston and District Branch in its new form.

*Trevor Bevan, Branch Secretary,  
Reepham, Cawston and District  
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# news

## Bircham Centre seeks new administrator

THE Bircham Centre will be looking for a new administrator in 2017 to replace Gill Wheatley.

"I've had a fantastic 3.5 years with the Bircham Centre and loved every minute of it," she said.

"I was the first paid administrator; previously the Centre was run by a number of volunteers which worked very well, but I think it's helped having a dedicated person that the public and users of the building know they can come to.

"Hopefully, my time here has helped professionalise the Centre on more of a business level. There were a lot of manual systems when I arrived, whereas everything now is computerised and linked.

"The trustees that I have worked with have all been fantastic. It never ceases to amaze me the commitment, and in some cases the hours, they put in to running the Centre; it's such an asset

for the town.

"They make a fabulous team and it's been a privilege to work for them, but I feel it's now time for a new face to join the team as administrator and help take the Centre to its next stage of development.

"Just as the trustees change every few years I think it's healthy that the administrator does too. My husband and I will still be living in Reepham and using the Centre and I look forward to seeing it continue to grow."

Brenda Green, chair of the Bircham Centre trustees, said: "Since I became a trustee in 2014 Gill has been an invaluable source of information and knowledge for me.

"The smooth day-to-day running of the office is down to her and the many systems she has put in place. Her friendly welcoming manner is much appreciated by the Trustees and the public who visit the Centre. She will be greatly

missed by us all.

"We hope she will continue to take an interest in the Centre and call in and see us often."

The part-time administrator role has developed over the last few years since Mrs Wheatley has been in post, but basically involves being the "face" for the Bircham Centre, dealing with bookings and public enquiries, all the administration that goes with running the charity and the monthly accounts.

"We wanted to raise this now in case there is anyone in the town that is thinking about a part-time job in the New Year," said Mrs Green.

"Gill leaves us at the start of April so we are hoping to find someone that can shadow her during March to learn the role."

■ For further information, contact Gill Wheatley or Brenda Green 01603 879242 or [thebirchamcentre@gmail.com](mailto:thebirchamcentre@gmail.com)

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# food & drink

## Festival delivers special brew to local hop heads

IN 2015, the All Day Brewing Company established its own quarter-acre hop garden, the first of its kind in Norfolk.

This September saw the launch of the inaugural Norfolk Hop Festival at the brewery's Salle Moor Hall Farm site, bringing together the local community, beer lovers, brewers and anyone interested in traditional, sustainable farming to celebrate the picking and use of hops.

"Harvesting in late summer, we brew with freshly picked green hops, which offer a different flavour profile," explained Simon Barker, owner and head brewer.

"We then freeze the rest of the crop, and believe that we are in the unique position of being able to produce green-hopped beer throughout the year."

"We're proud of the quality of our beers, and having access to our own hop supply not only allows us to have greater control over quality, but also reduces environmental impact."

Throughout the festival, a variety of vegan dishes were provided for hungry hop-pickers, in keeping with the fact that most of All Day Brewing's beers are unfiltered and suitable for vegans, as well as retaining all the flavour of the



**Above and right: Many hands make light work at the first Norfolk Hop Festival**

hop oils.

Many pickers returned throughout September, citing the food, the beer, the camaraderie and even the relaxing effects of handling hops as their motivation to turn up again – and more have already said they look forward to the next hop festival in 2017.

The event's close was marked with celebratory, limited-edition bottles of Norfolk Green Hop Beer of the People offered to each of the hop-pickers.



■ Tasting sessions are now available in the brewery tap room on Saturdays 12–4 pm and Sundays 12 noon – 2 pm. All Day Brewing Company, Salle Moor Hall Farm, Wood Dalling Road, Salle. Tel: 01603 951173.

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## eating out

### Fish & chip shop is 'best in the area'

SOMETHING slightly different this month – I felt the Lenwade Fish & Chip shop should be reviewed as we have used this establishment for a number of years and have never been disappointed.

It is a family-run concern and only opens three days a week, but is well worth a visit.

You may have to wait a short time, but that is because there is always a queue and items are cooked to order in some cases.

It offers all the things you would expect, including a variety of pies, battered sausages, mushy peas, curry sauce and bread rolls.

My favourite is the cod, which is cooked to perfection in an excellent

batter, whereas my wife prefers the plaice and says she has yet to taste better from a takeaway.

I have travelled around Norfolk and tried other establishments, including those that have won various awards, but as of yet have not tasted better.

If you have not tried them before, give it a try; you will not be disappointed.

*Le Roux*

■ These are of course my personal opinions and you may not agree. If so, please let me know via the *Reepham Life* letters page ([letters@reephamlife.co.uk](mailto:letters@reephamlife.co.uk)).

You may also feel that a certain establishment should be reviewed. If so,

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Food: 5/5

Service: 4/5

Surroundings: n/a

Value for money: 4/5

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# sport

## New blood needed for next bowls season

AT the annual general meeting of the Reepham Town Bowls Club on 9 November, we were sorry to hear that Robin and Brenda Clitheroe and Irene Andrews had decided to leave the club.

They have all been active members for many years, and Robin held the post of treasurer for 12 years. Their contribution to the club has been immense and they will be sorely missed. The biggest question now is who will make the tea?

We can fully understand their reasons as they travelled from Norwich to play (sometimes three times a week). We wish them well and hope to see them at future social occasions.

Congratulations to Martin Clapton for winning the club person of the year. He has been the captain of the Elmham League team for as long as I can remember and stepped in to run the Roving Cot this year. It's just a pity that he forgot to turn up for the meeting, as he thought it was the following night.

Sadly, Sandy Chard has decided to step down as secretary owing to work commitments. She will be handing over to

Anne Hale in the near future, but will still be assisting in the background. Thanks for all the hard work, Sandy, and thanks to Anne for stepping in.

Other than that there are no changes to the committee, with Sam Garnham continuing as chairman and doing a sterling job.

With Robin, Brenda and Irene leaving we will be even more desperate for new players when the new season starts, so if you are interested please let me know. We do not want to leave any of the leagues we currently play in, but it may be necessary without new blood.

Thanks to Baz and Janet Haylett for the cheese and port get-together. Another excellent night, although I would suggest they get somebody else to light the fireworks if they have it next year. Their son Jamie obviously never realised you are supposed to stand them up before lighting them.

Finally, on behalf of the Bowls Club we wish Ian Lowe a speedy recovery.

*Barry Barker 01603 870337 barrydbarker@yahoo.co.uk*

## Ongoing commitment to junior chess in Broadland

AS always at the start of the season there is a lull as everyone starts to settle back in, but so far in the team tournaments Broadland Chess Club has got off to a good start.

The Williamson Cup is a knockout competition involving all the Norfolk teams, each of four players. Broadland is the current holder and ready to do battle to defend the title, and managed to see itself safely through to the second round.

The club was also successful in the first round of the Norfolk and Suffolk Cup, an exciting competition where all Norfolk teams play each other and the winner then plays the winner of the Suffolk teams for the title. Broadland has done well in this competition in the past, but last year lost in the final against longstanding rivals Bury St Edmunds.

As part of its ongoing commitment to junior chess, Broadland Chess Club has been encouraging younger players and has also introduced a Junior Club Championship, which is proving popular this year. Many juniors continue to show extraordinary promise, which means that Norfolk chess is in safe hands for the future.

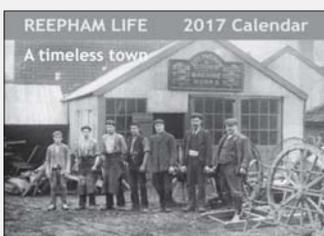
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Some of Broadland Chess Club's younger members participating in a league match (look at the concentration on their faces), playing alongside their more experienced counterparts: Darcy and Ewan Pashley on the left and Catherine and Charlie Margree (twins age 9) on the right

Broadland Chess Club website or Facebook page. It meets every Monday and Wednesday at 7.30 pm at the King's Head, Wroxham Road, Coltishall.

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# from the archive

## Minstrel shows popular in the early 1900s

A RECENT find in the Reepham Archive is a handmade notebook belonging to Edward Gibbs, the owner of Gibbs Ironmongers Shop in Market Place, Reepham, with its pages stitched together and a cover of brown paper. The notebook contains many examples of jokes and riddles that Edward Gibbs scripted for the Reepham Troupe of Black Diamonds in the early 1900s.

Minstrel groups were a popular form of entertainment and, although professional groups had faded by the beginning of the 20th century and were being replaced by vaudeville and music hall, amateur groups continued to flourish. A contemporary programme from 1911 shows a format of serious and humorous songs and instrumental items, interspersed with comedy patter.

This photograph of the Black Diamonds from 1911 shows the group in black make-up and wigs so it is difficult to identify individuals, but the chief comedy characters can be identified as they have exaggeratedly large bow-ties. The interlocutor was master of ceremonies and essentially the “straight man”, while the duo of Tambo and Bones kept the humour going with jokes and riddles.

Marjorie Gibbs, born in 1899, wrote in *I Remember* (memories of her Reepham childhood in the early 1900s): “With several people from other parts of town and surrounding district the musical gentlemen of the market place formed a highly successful minstrel troupe, calling themselves ‘The Black Diamonds’.

“Mr Le Neve, the relieving officer from Dereham Road, was Interlocutor, the two corner men were my father, Edward Gibbs as Bones and Sidney Eglington as Tambo. The assistant corner men were Messrs. Austin and Peck. They rehearsed in the club room (of the Kings Arms) and were in great demand



as entertainers.

“Every year a grand Garden Fete was held in the grounds of Doctor E. V. Perry’s house. When the Black Diamonds were formed their first performance was given at one of these fetes. A covered proscenium was erected, the string band accompanied and it was all a huge success.

“The stage was lit by electricity supplied through the gardens by land line from Mr John Dixon, who had the cycle shop on the corner of Towns End.”

*Janet Archer*

■ The Reepham Archive is open to the public on the first Wednesday and Saturday of the month from 10 am to 12 noon (or by appointment), upstairs in the Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham. Email: [reephamarchive@gmail.com](mailto:reephamarchive@gmail.com)

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## digger's diary

### Opportunity Knox for the Norfolk Dwarf

BY the time you read this we will be moving towards the season of Christmas. The ancient Romans had a season of celebration too around this time which they called Solstice. Their famous comic playwright, Plautus, best known for his *Miles Gloriosus* (The Boasting Soldier), also wrote a solstice play – *Mildilesis Gloribi* – rarely performed nowadays, but the name is often remembered by heralds harking.

In Scotland, of course, they do not usually have Christmas, preferring Hogmanay. This is due to the work of John Knox who never missed an opportunity to change ancient customs; he was not called Opportunity Knox for nothing.

Now then, how many of you have heard of Coan the Norfolk Dwarf? He was born at Tivetshall St Mary in 1728 (many books call it Twitsall, which is perhaps appropriate for their writers, but not accurate) and never grew above three feet high, yet was perfect in stature and intelligence.

He made a living by going to London and appearing on stage and at fairs with other celebrities taller than himself,

such as the Staffordshire Giant, and on one occasion with a group of visiting Arab strongmen, to show he was no great sheiks.

Eventually he retired and opened a teahouse in what were then fields, where Belgravia is now, and died in 1764. Teahouses were popular at that time around London, many owned by Danish immigrants and known as Dane Tea Houses, Dane Tea China and so on, as sometimes still heard today.

You can find more about Coan on the internet, but be careful not to enter Cuan by mistake or you will get lots about Celtic hounds – the derivative is Col from which we get Col-Eann, little hound, hence our name Colin. There is a place in London called Barking.

Digger's African friend Obideway has just interrupted to say that if readers are bothered by birds eating the seeds in their gardens over the winter they should run outside and clap their hands. The birds will bow and say, thank you, thank you, as Digger does to readers for this year.

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# gardening

## Go batty for bats

WE have got very good at ridding our gardens of unwelcome pests through the use of clever chemicals, but sadly part of the destructive impact is on bats.

I am sure that the average man on the Reepham omnibus would happily give effort and money to the care and maintenance of butterflies and pretty dragonflies, but not to the care and maintenance of earwigs, beetles (unless they happen to be pretty ladybirds) or bats.

Bats are not pretty, but do a colossal amount of good for us by catching insects and so can be a cheaper and neater answer to some of our garden problems. They are of course yet another part of the delicate ecology that crucially

ultimately supports us all.

Did you know that a common pipistrelle can eat three thousand (yes, three thousand) insects in one night?

There are things we can do to encourage bats to our gardens, and as gardeners we already do some of them.

As I look round my garden to make it more bat-friendly I already have insect-friendly flowers for bees and butterflies – the “simple” open sorts with petals like landing strips, such as sunflowers or Michaelmas daisies, which guide insects to the nectar and pollen in the centre.

I don't use pesticides and I have a compost heap, lots of insects there, as there are also round my small pond.



But I could put up bat boxes, and I could shade and reduce the intensity of outside lights that apparently disorientate bats.

And if I had a cat I could keep it in for an hour before sunset in summer, which is when bats can be vulnerable as they emerge from their roosts.

And I could plant evening primrose, night-scented stock, honeysuckle, *Verbena bonariensis*, globe artichoke, *Eryngium* and others with pale flowers to attract night flyers, and tubular flowers, vital for many moths with their long tongues, which are all perfect prey for the bats.

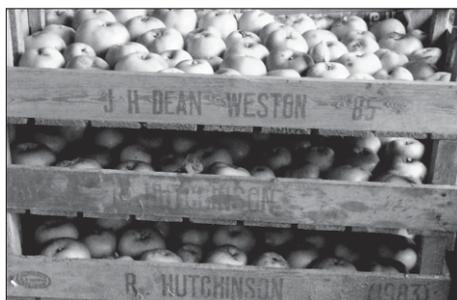
## Jobs on the allotment in winter

IN the dark days of December and January, the sodden or frozen allotment is best avoided, except to provide additional shelter for your plants and livestock if the weather turns particularly bad.

Hens have an astounding ability to switch the blood flow from their kidneys to their feet and so are indifferent to cold weather as long as their bodies are out of the wind and wet. Make sure that their shelter is wind and rain-proof, and that their water hasn't turned to ice.

There's an old saying that hens stop laying on Guy Fawkes Night and don't start again until St Valentine's Day, but I feed mine hearty food like malt porridge and mealworms in the winter and they usually reward me by producing eggs shortly after New Year.

Hardy seedlings will still appreciate



some protection, such as cloches or fleece, from the worst of the weather. And if your plot is exposed to the lazy Norfolk winds, Brussels sprouts need staking to prevent the top-heavy stalks breaking or being uprooted.

If the weather turns mild, apple and pear trees are best pruned over Christmas when the tree is dormant. It's even not too late to plant a few tulip bulbs in

December, and bare root plants, including fruit bushes and roses, can go into workable ground now.

If you've an apple rack, remember to check it regularly for rotting apples and discard any you find before they affect the good ones. And ensure stored dahlia tubers are still damp but not wet.

Meanwhile, if the weather is too dreadful to be gardening, tuck yourself up in the warm with the latest seed and bulb catalogues, maybe treat yourself to a few dahlia tubers or tender annual seeds, and plan out your allotment for the year to come.

*Sarah Oates*

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■ For information on joining RALGA, email: [reephamalga@gmail.com](mailto:reephamalga@gmail.com) or write via the allotment post box.

## Buy in Broadland scheme launched

BROADLAND businesses are being invited to be involved in the new Buy in Broadland scheme, which will see a voucher booklet distributed to all households in the district in early spring next year.

The booklet will include discount vouchers to a variety of businesses across the district and any type of business is invited to get involved.

The Buy in Broadland scheme aims to raise the profile of local companies by showcasing what the district has to

offer. Residents are invited to revisit old favourites or to try something new with a special discount or offer.

With the free scheme, local companies will be able to reach new customers as their voucher will be distributed to more than 58,000 homes across the district.

The voucher booklet is free to both businesses and residents and will be distributed in March 2017.



■ If you would like your company to be included in the Buy in Broadland voucher booklet or would like to discuss the scheme further, please email [buyin@broadland.gov.uk](mailto:buyin@broadland.gov.uk) or telephone 01603 430477.



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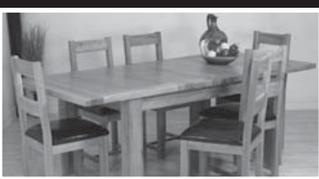



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# charities

## Grand Canyon trek in aid of Alzheimer's Society

SALLE resident Fiona Owen has signed up to do a 75-km trek through the Grand Canyon in Arizona, USA, over three days next March in aid of a charity.

The trip has been paid for, but Mrs Owen has pledged to raise a minimum of £3,500 for the Alzheimer's Society. To raise the necessary sponsorship she arranged a quiz night at the end of November at Whitwell Station.

Just over two years ago, Ms Owen, who was at the time living in Bude, Cornwall, was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis.

Severe swelling in her joints resulted in her being practically immobile and only able to get around with the aid of a wheelchair.

"Apparently, my immune system had turned 'rogue' on me and had started to attack all my joints, and I was advised that I would probably not be able to walk unaided again," she said.

However, after ceasing a course of debilitating medication, against the wishes of her rheumatology consultant at the North Devon Hospital in Barnstaple, Mrs Owen's immune system appeared to "reboot" itself, the pain and swelling disappearing after several months.

"My consultant could not believe what had happened. His exact words were



that 'it was nothing short of a miracle', and I was signed off.

"Touch wood, I have now been pain- and swelling-free for some two years now, and am back to being my very active self."

Mrs Owen explained that her reason for doing the trek for this charity is that Alzheimer's can strike anybody at any time of their life.

"Many people may have a family member who is suffering from it or know somebody who is.

"However, it is not really a disease that affects the sufferer, as they usually regress to a point in their lives when

they were the happiest; it is the families of the sufferers that the disease impacts the most.

"Also, the fact that I can do this long and arduous walk is my way of giving something back to the community and to show my thankfulness that I have somehow recovered from what could have been a life-changing disease for me."

■ For more information, contact:  
Fiona Owen 01603 395750/07598  
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### The financial cost of dementia

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The Alzheimer's Society champions the rights of people living with dementia and the millions of people who care for them.

The Alzheimer's Society works in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

It supports people to live well with dementia today and funds research to find a cure for tomorrow. It relies on voluntary donations to continue its work. Donate now by calling 0330 333 0804.

■ The Alzheimer's Society also provides a National Dementia Helpline: 0300 222 1122.

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### Young Farmers to help with Market Place Christmas trees

MEMBERS of the Reepham & District Rotary Club will be erecting the Christmas trees in the Market Place with the help of the Reepham Young Farmers Club on Saturday 3 December ready for the Festival of Light on Thursday 8 December.

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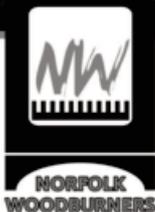
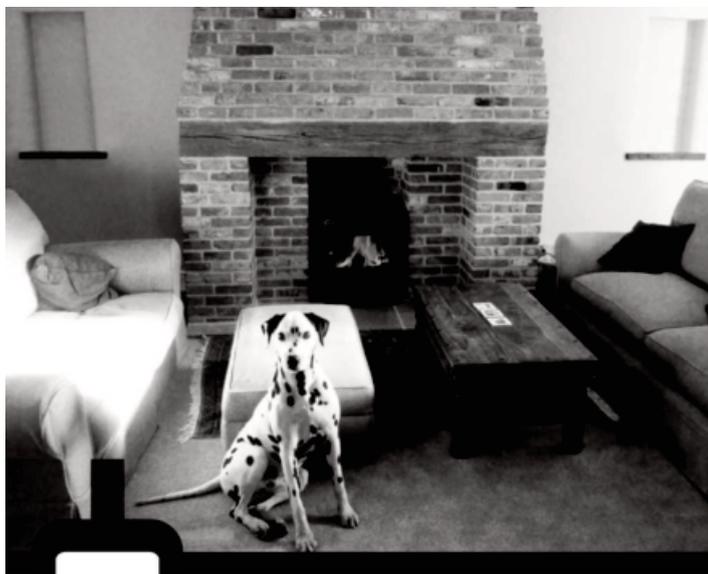
arranged the erection of the small trees that give the square its magical Christmas look.

After the success of the October meeting, the Reepham Food Festival has attracted more sponsorship and support. We are now recruiting stalls and attractions as we count down to the event on 28 May. Any volunteers welcome:

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*Richard Cooke*



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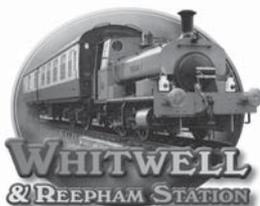
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# health & well-being

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"We do the ringing round for you, saving you time, stress and making sure you get a fair price," said Mr Clemo. "People can currently join the scheme for free. Comparing prices for oil is very difficult for the consumer because of wide fluctuations in price between days, quantities ordered, locations and delivery times," he explained.

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■ For more information or to join a local ThinkingFuel group, call 01362 698216 or email [office@communityactionnorfolk.org.uk](mailto:office@communityactionnorfolk.org.uk)

## Volunteers wanted for Community Speed Watch project

VOLUNTEERS are being sought to set up a Community Speed Watch scheme in Reepham. The project was launched in Norfolk in 2007, allowing communities to play an active part alongside the Police and the Safety Camera Partnership in tackling the problem of speeding in their neighbourhoods.

In an effort to help tackle the common complaint of speeding, teams of volunteers, (minimum of six) who have their parish or town council's verbal support, are being trained to use speed guns across the county. One of the volunteers acts as the co-ordinator and is the point of contact for the team and responsible for looking after the radar equipment.

The groups are issued with a speed radar gun, two Community Speed Watch signs and reflective jackets. Volunteers then carry out speed checks in 30 and 40 mph limits working to Norfolk Constabulary's Community Speed Watch guidelines.

Returns are completed, logging various details such as vehicle registration mark, make, model or colour. These are then sent into the Safety Camera Partnership team within 48 hours, who obtain the registered keeper details.

Registered keepers whose vehicles are observed breaking the speed limit will have their details recorded and will receive a warning letter requesting them

to keep their speed down.

Those who persistently offend, and who live in Norfolk, will be notified to the local Norfolk engagement officer for police action.

Norfolk currently has 70 teams with new teams awaiting training. Each of the seven districts has a designated police officer as a point of contact for the Watch Schemes, who will provide support and assistance to members.

■ If you would like to set up a Community Speed Watch scheme in your village or town, contact the Norfolk Safety Camera Partnership on 01603 276433 or the local district Engagement Officer by dialling 101.

## YOUR POSTS

I'll be remembering the seven men from Reepham, Norfolk, who died in the Somme offensive and all those that survived. – Reepham Remembering @ReephamRemember

- Lovely slice of raspberry cake bought from Artisan Pastry Chef at Reepham market. Light as a feather. – Nicky Bender @wotatreat
- Excellent afternoon meeting with Chris Shaw, editorial director of ITN Productions – a big thank you to Speakers for Schools. – Reepham College @ReephamCollege
- Yet another fly-tipped tyre found on

Cawston Road. It will be upcycled by Reepham High School & College's Allotment Project. – Matt Willer @matthewwiller

- Kings Arms, Reepham town centre, Norfolk. Thronging with drinkers and some regally fed eaters. Beers of Norfolk Suffolk delight! – Ron @Tweets2CV
- I remember staying at the Dial House (then called something else) many years ago. Does Reepham qualify as a town? – Pub Curmudgeon @oldmudgie
- It does though it is only village size. Dial House is still there. The Adnams, Woodfordes and Abbot were being swilled for England. – Ron @Tweets2CV
- Great walk from Reepham to Salle

church followed by superb lunch at @ReephamKinger. – Hanworth Barn Cromer @Hanworth\_barn

- Demolished rosebushes today and I hadn't seen that many pricks than when I last went to Reepham. – Owen Collier @privOwen
- Looking forward to the review by the Reepham Life restaurant critic before booking a table [at the Reepham Pizza House]. – Paul Hodge via Facebook

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# church life



## Important choices at Christmas

THE churches in and around Reepham are busy preparing for the activities involved with Christmas. Most people are buying presents and preparing food for celebrations, and to welcome visiting family and friends; the churches are echoing these arrangements and plans.

In truth, churches are celebrating what we believe to be the greatest "present" ever given – and it was given to the whole world – that of God himself coming to live as a human.

At the Christingle services (and there are two this year on the afternoons of 23 and 24 December) the collections will go to work with children whose lives are hampered by bereavement, abuse and poverty, through the Children's Society.

The gifts of toys, given by children at the Christingle services, will be taken to the Salvation Army to be distributed

among families in need. Some collections over Christmas will also be given to those who are suffering.

Like others, as a church family we also give to each other. Rather than exchanging cards, church members sign one large card that is to and from every person, and we then send the saved money to a chosen charity.

As regards eating well, we will be hosting the Reepham community and others as we all attend the Festival of Light on Thursday 8 December.

Carol services are an important part of our Christmas celebrations. Do join in and sing along to well-loved favourites.

There's quite a choice. The first is on Friday 16 December at 6 pm in Thurning. It's wonderful to crowd into that beautiful building, the smallest of our churches.

Two days later on Sunday 18 Decem-

ber there are carols at 3 pm in Salle, our much loved "cathedral in a field", and at 6.30 pm that evening we will gather in St Mary's Reepham for more carols. Following that service we will enjoy mince pies and mulled wine in St Michael's.

The final carol service will be in Wood Dalling on Wednesday 21 December at 6.30 pm. Friends and singers based in Holt swell the ranks and add gusto to the singing at these carols. We hope that many will choose to join us in these services.

As we gather with our families for the special days, we like you all hope that no one alone will be forgotten and will be included in some of the domestic celebrations. A happy and blessed Christmas to you all.

*Sue Page*

## Auction of promises raises over £4,500 for Three Churches Project

ALMOST 100 people packed St Michaels, Reepham, on Friday 21 October for an Auction of Promises, bidding for a variety of lots that had been donated by people of Reepham and neighbouring communities.

Lots included a reindeer skin, a truck

load of wood, a champagne tea, skin care products and a promise to walk a dog.

Auctioneer Ken Ewing was speedy, on the ball and amusingly efficient, while everyone was supplied with lavish homemade canapés and wine. The event

raised more than £4,500 for the Three Churches Project.

Reepham church is deeply grateful and touched by the generosity of local businesses and individuals, and the hard work of all those involved.

*Sue Page*

## All change at Reepham WI

NOW the cold weather is upon us, we are thinking of Christmas and all the festivities that go with it. The WI will be participating in the Festival of Light again this year and will be pleased to see you at our chocolate-themed stall.

It has been a busy year with lots of new and interesting speakers and projects. We have learned about jewellery, how to manage arthritis and practised face yoga, salsa and tai chi. Our teams continued to excel at the Norfolk Show, ten-pin bowling and quizzing, and the WI Book Club is thriving.

The November meeting began with a wonderful floral demonstration by Crystal Dybal, followed by the AGM. Manesty Foster, Glynis Pratt and Sandra Jones joined the 2017 committee. They replace Joy Pickering, Rhonda Fielding, Beth Boothroyd and Sue Robinson, who are standing down. Vanessa Jones takes on

the role of president for her third year and thanked the committee for all their hard work in 2016.

### What's on next

- 15 December: Christmas music and food celebrating and buffet;
- 19 January: Living History at Blickling Hall;
- 16 February: Noetics and Wellbeing, Marie Reynolds;
- 16 March: Reepham Market Garden, Hannah Claxton.

We meet on the third Thursday in the month at 7.30 pm in St Michael's, Reepham. All women are welcome to join us. Join us for fun, friendship and a variety of interesting activities. A very merry Christmas from Reepham WI.

*Sue Robinson 01603 261771*

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## Annual carol service at Booton Church

The annual candlelit service of carols, readings and musical performances will be held in the Church of St Michael the Archangel, Booton, on Friday 23 December at 6.30 pm.

Mulled wine and refreshments will be served. If you are able to bring along some seasonal nibbles, it would be much appreciated.

Please bring a torch, wear warm clothing and share transport where possible, as parking is on the roadside only. Children are invited to dress in a nativity costume.

A collection will be taken to cover the cost of the wine and the balance will be divided between the Churches Conservation Trust and local charity St Martins Housing Trust, Norwich.

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### Saturday 3 December

Table Top Sale, St Michael's, Reepham, 10 am – 12 noon. Items for sale, tombola, 20p lucky dip. Proceeds to St Michael's and Reepham Day Care Centre

### Saturday 3 December

Christmas Bazaar, Wood Dalling Village Hall, Prospect Lane, Wood Dalling, 10 am – 12.30 pm. Tombola, raffle, cakes, gifts, Christmas wreaths, jigsaws and more. Also featuring Parties & Pickles and Gentle Gifts natural body products

### Sunday 4 December

Steam Sunday, Whitwell Station, Whitwell Road, Reepham, 10 am – 4 pm. An opportunity to see and ride behind our steam engine Victory. BBQ, tea, coffee, etc. available from the Station Buffet and Sidings Bar. Drivers experience for £50 available, advance booking essential. Tel: 01603 871694. Email: info@whitwellstation.com

### Thursday 8 December

Festival of Light, Market Place, Reepham, 4.30–8.30 pm

### Friday 9 – Sunday 11 December

Christmas Tree Festival, St Andrew's, Saxthorpe, Friday and Saturday 10 am – 4 pm, Sunday 12 noon – 4 pm. Seasonal refreshments and festive stalls with gifts. Adults £1, children free. Proceeds to St Andrew's church

### Saturday 10 December

Film: Love & Friendship (U), Bawdeswell Village Hall, Reepham Road, Bawdeswell. Doors and bar/café open at 6.30 pm; film starts at 7.30 pm. Contact: Bawdeswell Village Cinema 01362 688749 or bawdeswellvillagecinema@gmail.com

### Sunday 11 December

Film: The BFG (PG), Reepham Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. Doors open 2 pm, film starts 2.30 pm. Tickets £3, available from Reepham Post Office or on the door. Contact: Reepham Village Cinema cb@cblk.co.uk

### Sunday 11 December

Iceni Choir Christmas concert, Bawdeswell Village Hall, Reepham Road, Bawdeswell, 4 pm. A family celebration with lots of Christmas music. Tickets £6 (children free) available from Janet Cockburn 01362 688749, James Lilwall 01362 688499 or Ann Askew 01603 868435, price includes mulled wine and mince pies, plus a special delivery for children

### Tuesday 13 December

Reepham & District Gardening Club, Reepham Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7 pm. Christmas Party. Simon Nataris of Peter Beales Roses: Demonstration on holly wreath making. New members and visitors welcome. Contact: Judy Holland 01603 308158

### Wednesday 14 December

Reepham Town Council meeting, Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7.30 pm. Contact: Town Clerk 01603 873355 or clerk@reephamtowncouncil.org.uk

### Thursday 15 December

Reepham WI, St Michael's, Reepham, 7.30 pm. Christmas celebrations. Contact: Sue Robinson 01603 261771 or suzierobbo@hotmail.co.uk

### Friday 16 – Thursday 22 December

Santa Specials, Whitwell Station, Whitwell Road, Reepham, 5 pm and 6 pm (Saturday and Sunday also 7 pm); approx. 1 hour duration. Meet Father Christmas who will visit the station at some time during the evening. Advance booking essential; check and book online. Tel: 01603 871694. Email: info@whitwellstation.com

### Friday 23 December

Annual Candlelit Carol Service, St Michael the Archangel, Booton, 6.30 pm. Mulled wine and refreshments. Bring a torch, wear warm clothing and share transport where possible, as parking is on the roadside only. Children are invited to dress in a nativity costume

### Sunday 1 January

Steam Sunday, Whitwell Station, Whitwell Road, Reepham, 10 am – 4 pm. An opportunity to see and ride behind our steam engine Victory. BBQ, tea, coffee, etc. available from the Station Buffet and Sidings Bar. Drivers experience for £50 available, advance booking essential. Tel: 01603 871694. Email: info@whitwellstation.com

### Sunday 8 January

Reepham Runners Cross Country Run, Whitwell Station, Whitwell Road, Reepham, 10.30 am. Fast, muddy, tough 10-km course, over two laps; one lap for 11-15 year olds. Cost: £5/£7 in advance, £2 extra on the day. Raising money for Nelson's Journey. Online entries at www.reephamrunners.co.uk Contact: Nick Bowden, Race Director 07802 969759 or trainer@reephamrunners.co.uk

### Wednesday 11 January

Reepham Town Council meeting, Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7.30 pm. Contact: Town Clerk 01603 873355 or clerk@reephamtowncouncil.org.uk

### Saturday 14 January

Film: I, Daniel Blake (15), Bawdeswell Village Hall, Reepham Road, Bawdeswell. Doors and bar/café open at 6.30 pm; film starts at 7.30 pm. Contact: Bawdeswell Village Cinema 01362 688749 or bawdeswellvillagecinema@gmail.com

### Tuesday 17 January

Reepham & District Gardening Club, Reepham Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7.45 pm. John Stirland, gardening expert at BBC Radio Nottingham: Gardening with wildlife – how to encourage wildlife into your garden without having a detrimental effect on your plants. New members and visitors welcome. Contact: Judy Holland 01603 308158

### Thursday 19 January

Reepham WI, St Michael's, Reepham, 7.30 pm. Living History at Blicking Hall. Contact: Sue Robinson 01603 261771 or suzierobbo@hotmail.co.uk

### Friday 3 – Saturday 4 February

CATS Drama Group will be performing Snow White & The Seven Odd Bods, a pantomime by Beryl Thomas, at Cawston Village Hall, High Street, Cawston, on Friday at 7.30 pm and on Saturday at 2 pm and 7.30 pm. Tickets £4 adults/£3 concessions. Tel: Paula 01603 866528 or 07443 953692 or email: liz.beard@btinternet.com

### Sunday 5 February

Steam Sunday, Whitwell Station, Whitwell Road, Reepham, 10 am – 4 pm. An opportunity to see and ride behind our steam engine Victory. BBQ, tea, coffee, etc. available from the Station Buffet and Sidings Bar. Drivers experience for £50 available, advance booking essential. Tel: 01603 871694. Email: info@whitwellstation.com

### Wednesday 8 February

Reepham Town Council meeting, Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7.30 pm. Contact: Town

Clerk 01603 873355 or clerk@reephamtowncouncil.org.uk

### Saturday 11 February

Film: Bridget Jones Baby (15), Bawdeswell Village Hall, Reepham Road, Bawdeswell. Doors and bar/café open at 6.30 pm; film starts at 7.30 pm. Contact: Bawdeswell Village Cinema 01362 688749 or bawdeswellvillagecinema@gmail.com

### Thursday 16 February

Reepham WI, St Michael's, Reepham, 7.30 pm. Living Noetics and Wellbeing with Marie Reynolds. Contact: Sue Robinson 01603 261771 or suzierobbo@hotmail.co.uk

### Friday 17 February

Rotary Quiz and Chips, Reepham College, Whitwell Road, Reepham, 7.30 pm. Teams of six at £10 per person. Contact: Richard Cooke 01603 872260 or cookes@richard-cooke.co.uk

### Tuesday 21 February

Reepham & District Gardening Club, Reepham Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7.45 pm. Trevor Harrison, owner of Creake Plant Centre: Hellebores and early colour in the garden – Expert advice on what plants will brighten up our gardens at this dull time of the year. New members and visitors welcome. Contact: Judy Holland 01603 308158

### Wednesday 8 March

Reepham Town Council meeting, Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7.30 pm. Contact: Town Clerk 01603 873355 or clerk@reephamtowncouncil.org.uk

### Saturday 11 March

Film: The Girl On The Train (15), Bawdeswell Village Hall, Reepham Road, Bawdeswell. Doors and bar/café open at 6.30 pm; film starts at 7.30 pm. Contact: Bawdeswell Village Cinema 01362 688749 or bawdeswellvillagecinema@gmail.com

### Thursday 16 March

Reepham WI, St Michael's, Reepham, 7.30 pm. Reepham Market Garden with Hannah Claxton. Contact: Sue Robinson 01603 261771 or suzierobbo@hotmail.co.uk

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 Reepham Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) or email  
 sntreepham@norfolk.pnn.police.uk  
 Ambulance, emergency only: 999

### Local representatives

Member of Parliament: Keith Simpson 020 7219 4053 or 01603  
 865763 or keith.simpson.mp@parliament.uk  
 Norfolk County Councillor: James Joyce 01263 587212 or  
 james.joyce@norfolk.gov.uk  
 Broadland District Councillor: Graham Everett 01603 868332 or  
 cllr.graham.everett@broadland.gov.uk  
 Reepham Town Council Chairman: Les Paterson 01603 871983 or  
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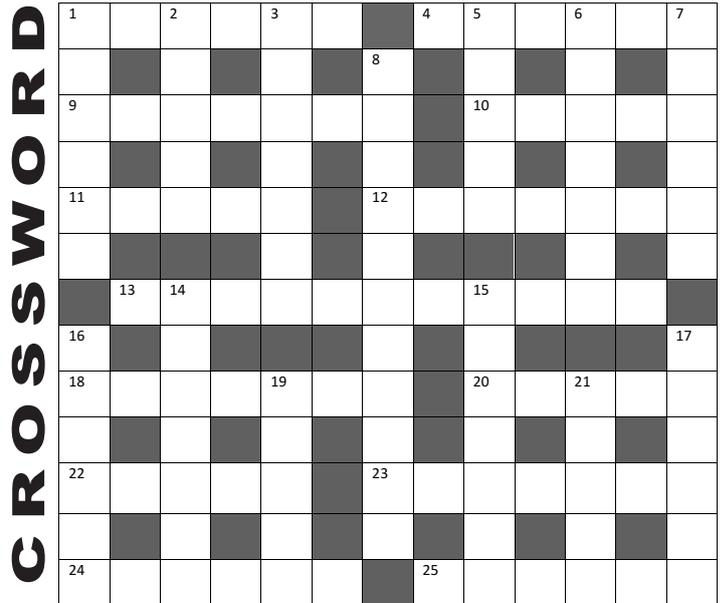
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- 1 Revolutionary about to look backward could be tasty on 10 (6)
- 4 Rider on board sounds dark (6)
- 9 Shapes on 10 for 1d, 4, 16 etc. to move about (7)
- 10 Managers sound uninterested (5)
- 11 Strode out and developed in the end (5)
- 12 Amen! One makes a bloomer (7)
- 13 Rat group lad confused for watchman (6,5)
- 18 Conservative is inside about markers (7)
- 20 Animal foot directions are little people on 10 (5)
- 22 Therefore fowl before Anglican (5)
- 23 Real hoe clears space for hearing (7)
- 24 Tier in afterthought for japes (6)
- 25 Reptilian totters up (6)

### DOWN

- 1 Fortification on 10 (6)
- 2 Yorkshire joke to kit out (5)
- 3 Walker is saint on horseman (7)
- 5 Old coin in Lords (5)
- 6 Macbeth's 1d is missing our style (7)
- 7 Religious instruction – diet is neater (6)
- 8 Beast shield is worried, then settled (11)
- 14 Extras tot up confused Scandinavian (7)
- 15 Pier stuck in mud confused and judged (7)
- 16 Cleric is hospital in dance (6)
- 17 Trees like swans (6)
- 19 Square statement to finish 10 game (5)
- 21 Complete – but sounds empty (5)

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# police



## Community engagement officer for Broadland

PC Andy Mason works as the community engagement officer for Broadland. His responsibilities include working alongside and promoting the special constabulary, police support volunteers, Neighbourhood Watch and Community Speed Watch in Broadland.



PC Andy Mason

Police support volunteers and the special constabulary are both advertised on the Force Website.

If anyone is interested in setting up their own speed watch, please email masonad@norfolk.pnn.police.uk to receive more details.

PC Mason will be attending Safer Neighbourhood Action  
[www.reephamlife.co.uk](http://www.reephamlife.co.uk)

Panel (SNAP) meetings when possible, as well as other community events that will all be promoted on the Broadland Police Facebook page and on Twitter. Regular information can also be received through Police Connect.

### General enquiries at police station

Police support volunteer Paul Seabrook will be at Reepham Police Station in the Market Place every Wednesday between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm to take any questions for the police and assist with general enquiries.

Reepham Safer Neighbourhood Team would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Contact Reepham Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) by calling non-emergency number 101 or e-mail [sntreepham@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:sntreepham@norfolk.pnn.police.uk)

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## REGULAR EVENTS

**Bircham Centre Shop Market** Place, Reepham. Opening hours: Monday and Friday 9 am – 4 pm; Wednesday and Saturday 9 am – 1 pm; tea shop open at these times. Tel: 01603 879242. Email: thebirchamcentre@gmail.com

**Bridge Club** Meets 7.30 pm every Monday in the Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham. Contact: Ann Middlemas 01603 870334

**Busy Fingers Craft Group** Meets 2–4 pm, every other Thursday at the Ewing Close Community Centre, Ewing Close, Reepham, £1.50 per session including refreshments. Tel: Rosina Harman 01603 871974, Brenda Palmer 01603 871641 or Jean Thomson 01603 879660

**Cawston Amateur Theatrical Society** Meets 7 pm every Monday at Cawston Village Hall during school term time, for members age 8 years and over. Contact: Liz Beard 01603 871941/07884 488642 or liz.beard@btinternet.com

**Cawston Historical Society/Heritage Centre** Open 10 am – 12 noon every fourth Tuesday in the month at Cawston Village Hall (excluding August and December) or by appointment. Contact: Des Cook 01603 872111

**Citizens Advice** Drop in for free advice 10 am – 12.30 pm every Wednesday at the Police Station, Market Place, Reepham

**Craft Club** Meets 9.30 am – 12 noon every Tuesday at the Ewing Close Community Centre, Ewing Close, Reepham. Knitting, embroidering, tapestry, card making and other crafts. Contact: Moira Dye 01603 871791 or stoneywood38@sky.com

**Family History Group** Meets 2.30–4.30 pm every Monday at Reepham Library, Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham. Start your family tree and learn to use Ancestry. Beginners and more advanced welcome. Contact: Rita Richardson 01603 873122 or rita@moog.freesevice.co.uk

**Foulsham Meditation Group** Meets every Tuesday at 7 pm in Old Frost Memorial Hall, High Street, Foulsham. Beginners welcome. Contact: Kevin Howells keviehowells@gmail.com

**Iceni Choir** Meets 7.30–9.30 pm every Wednesday at the Methodist Church, Station Road, Reepham. Contact: Ann Askew, Concert Manager 01603 868435 or askwit@icloud.com

**Kurling** Meets 2–4 pm every Tuesday in the Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. First session free, then £2 per session; tea/coffee/biscuits included. Contact: Gwenda Dove 01603 870598 or grandove@doves.eclipse.co.uk

**Rayzone Youth Club** Meets weekly (term time) every Friday at Reepham Methodist Church, Station Road, Reepham, 7.30–9 pm. Open to school years 5–13; subs £1. Contact: Paddy Bennett 07341 937685 or rayzoneyouthworker@gmail.com

**Reepham Allotment & Leisure Gardeners' Association (RALGA)** Email: reephamalga@yahoo.com

**Reepham Archive** Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham. Open 10 am – 12 noon first Wednesday and Saturday of the month. Tel: 01603 879242. Email: reephamarchive@gmail.com

**Reepham Badminton Club** Meets 8–10 pm every Thursday evening at Reepham High School Sports Hall. Sessions are friendly and informal. Experienced, new players welcome. Contact: Diana 01603 873244 or David 01263 584221

**Reepham Business Network** Meets 7.30–9 am on alternate Thursdays at V's Café, Townsend Corner, Reepham. No membership charge – just pay £6 for breakfast, but please let us know if you intend to come. Contact: David Laws 01603 871126 or 07933 149810. Email: info@reephambusinessnetwork.org.uk

**Reepham Carpet Bowls Club** Meets 7.30–10.30 pm every Monday in the Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. Yearly membership £1; £2 per session. All equipment provided and all ages welcome. Contact: Doris Frost 01603 870845

**Reepham Chamber of Commerce** Meets every month – for the date and venue of the next meeting see www.reepham.uk.com. Contact: Brenda Gostling 01603 870582 or reephamchamber@gmail.com

**Reepham Country Market** Held 8–11 am every Wednesday in the Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham. Home-made cakes, pies, biscuits, savoury dishes, vegetables, fruit in season, free range eggs, jams, jellies, chutneys, etc

**Reepham & District Day Centre** Meets 9.30 am – 2.30 pm every Wednesday at St Michael's, Reepham. Coffee on arrival, home-cooked lunch and social time. Let us know in advance if you are joining us for lunch (12.30–1.30 pm) cost £5. Contact: Beth Rossetti 01603 870393 or Pauline Cooper 01603 871230

**Reepham & District Gardening Club** Meets on the third Tuesday in the month at 7.45 pm (except for the AGM, which starts at 7.30 pm) in the Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. Visitors and new members welcome. Contact: Judy Holland 01603 308158

**Reepham & District Photographic**

**Club** Meets 7.30 pm on the first and third Thursday of each month in the Sidings Marquee, Whitwell Station, Whitwell Road, Reepham. Contact: Michael Battams 01603 870874 mickthemole9@hotmail.com or Rosie Taylor 01603 868247

**Reepham & District Rotary Club** Meets 6.45 pm for 7.15 pm every Monday at St Michael's, Reepham. Contact: John Tym 07760 272422 reservations@reephamrotary.org.uk or Robert Buxton 01603 870200

**Reepham Golf Society** Meets monthly at various courses around Norfolk and Suffolk. Contact: Mark Smith 07824 849397 or Dean Mears 07825 299634/01603 870814 (day time)

**Reepham Good Companions** Meets 2 pm every Friday in the Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. The Reepham Rover will bring you and take you home if transport is a problem. Contact: Eve Webber 01603 871943

**Reepham Good Neighbour Scheme** This free service can help with befriending, occasional dog walking, collecting prescriptions, picking up shopping, changing a light bulb, lifts to medical appointments, accessing further support or other tasks with which you might need help. To request help, tel: 07936 576684

**Reepham Knit & Natter** Meets 2–4 pm on the first Monday in the month in the Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham. Contact: Brenda Palmer 01603 871641

**Reepham Ladies Hockey Club** Meets for training 6.30–8 pm every Thursday at Taverham High School. New players of all ages welcome. Contact: Graham Richardson 07464 429586 or hansie61@hotmail.co.uk

**Reepham Library** Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham. Opening hours: Monday 2–7 pm; Wednesday 9.30 am – 1 pm, 2–5 pm; Friday 10 am – 1 pm, 2–5 pm; Saturday 9.30 am – 12.30 pm. Tel: 01603 870474. Email: reepham.lib@norfolk.gov.uk

**Reepham Methodist Church** Station Road, Reepham. Sunday Worship at 10.30 am. Coffee morning/Traidcraft 9.30 am – 12 noon every Wednesday. Contact: The Minister 01263 732102

**Reepham Over 60s Bingo** Held 2–3.30 pm every other Wednesday at the Ewing Close Community Centre, Ewing Close, Reepham. Tea, coffee and biscuits. Tel: 01603 870810

**Reepham Raiders** Dodgeball club meets for training 6–7.30 pm every Wednesday at Reepham High School. New players aged 15 and over, male and female, are welcome. Contact: Henry Skinner henry.skinner@hotmail.co.uk

**Reepham Runners** Meet Sunday mornings 8.30 am; Tuesday evening sessions 6.30 pm (structured training sessions); and Thursdays

6.30 pm. Meet at Stimpson's Piece car park, Reepham. Contact: Jenni Egmore 01603 308192 or jenni@egmore.co.uk

**Reepham Tennis Club** Members' club session Tuesdays 6–9 pm, women's team practice Mondays 6–8.30 pm, men's team practice Thursdays 6–9 pm. All members (16+) are welcome to any of these sessions. Email: info@reephamtennisclub.co.uk

**Reepham Town Council** Meets 7.30 pm on the second Wednesday of the month (excluding August), in the Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. Contact: Jo Boxall, Town Clerk 01603 873355 or clerk@reephamtowncouncil.org.uk

**Reepham WI** Meets 7.30 pm on the third Thursday in the month at St Michael's, Reepham. Women of all ages are welcome to join. Contact: Sue Robinson 01603 261771 or suzierobbo@hotmail.co.uk

**Reepham Young Farmers** Meet 7.30 pm every Tuesday at Whitwell Station, Whitwell Road, Reepham. Contact: Matthew Hipperson 07912 686642

**Royal British Legion Men's Section** Meets 2–4 pm on the first Thursday in the month in the Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham. Contact: Trevor Bevan 01603 870231 or trevorbevan@sky.com

**St Mary's Sunday Worship** at 10.30 am, followed by refreshments in St Michael's. For details of services, see the church noticeboard. Contact: Revd Margaret Dean 01603 879275

**Wednesday Weavers Line Dancers** Meet every Wednesday, 2–3 pm beginners, 3–4 pm improvers, in the Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. Country music-based/60s and pop. Refreshments included. First session free, then £2.50 per session. Contact: Sandra Williams 01603 872102 or sandradancer57@yahoo.co.uk

**Wood Dalling Village Hall Coffee Morning** Held 10.30 am – 12 noon on the first Saturday of the month, Wood Dalling Village Hall, Prospect Lane, Wood Dalling

**Whitwell Station Players** Meet 7–9 pm every Wednesday at the Sidings Bar, Whitwell Station, Whitwell Road, Reepham. Newcomers welcome. Over 18s only. Contact: Rowena Edwards 01603 870641 or rowenaed@gmail.com

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