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## Family butchers celebrate 30 years of trading

LAST month, Robertson Family Butchers celebrated 30 years of trading at their shop in Market Place, Reepham.

Brian Robertson started out as a young "Saturday boy", when the premises were known as D. H. Attfields Butchers, and became their apprentice after leaving school.

After five years he left Attfields and worked in several other retail butchers in Norfolk.

Mr Robertson met Sandra in 1985 and an opportunity arose for him to return to Reepham to open as Robertson Family Butchers, back where he started. So, on 13 August 1986, he was established with his own business.

Mr Robertson married Sandra in 1989 and they had two children: daughter Katie was born in 1991 and son Michael in 1994.

Over the past three decades, the Robertsons have noted many changes in the town: "some good, some bad, with supermarkets popping up everywhere; customer's needs, jobs and lives have changed, too.

"For instance, back in the day beef



Left to right: Michael, Sandra and Brian Robertson. Photo: John Tym

burgers were not on the shopping list, but the Sunday joint was. Sausages were made for breakfast or toad in the hole, not for barbecues."

Robertson Family Butchers offer free range meats, along with pork, lamb, beef and game, Sutton Hoo chickens and free range eggs, all sourced locally. Mr Robertson dry cures his own bacon and hams, and smokes them on the premises.

Robertsons also stock a selection of cooked meats, black pudding, gala pies,

pork pies, Cornish pasties, assorted pies, family pies, sausage rolls, olives and yoghurts, with a good selection of cheeses, some of which are made in Norfolk, such as Binham Blue and Norfolk White Lady, as well as local honey.

The Robertsons have an amazing array of customers and friends, adding: "We appreciate each and every one, and thank them from the bottom of our hearts that they still continue to support us."

Look out for their large sheep in the window; she has a new look every month.

### Plans for 24-hour cash machine outside Johnsons

A planning application has been submitted for the installation of an ATM outside the Post Office in Market Place, Reepham.

■ See story page 3.

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# news

## Plans for 24-hour cash machine outside Johnsons

A PLANNING application (20161260) has been submitted to Broadland District Council for the installation of an automated teller machine (ATM) outside Johnsons of Reepham, which houses the Post Office in Market Place.

The application submitted by New Wave Installations on behalf of Cardtronics UK, which trades as Cashzone, proposes that the 24-hour cash machine be installed through the shop front window to the left of the central entrance door.

The two-storey building is located within the Reepham conservation area and is a Grade II listed building. The applicant states that the ATM design will be kept as sympathetic as possible to the features of the conservation area and listed building.

The cash machine will be set at a height that makes it accessible for all users and has space to the front for a wheelchair. Free car parking is generally available around the store. The plans also call for two security bollards to be installed in the ground in front of the ATM as well as a non-illuminated sign.

Following the closure of the HSBC branch in Reepham in October 2015, ongoing discussions, led by the local



Chamber of Commerce and Reepham Town Team, have been held with Cashzone for the provision of a replacement cash machine in the Market Place.

Use of the existing, listed telephone box outside the Bircham Centre had been suggested as one possibility, and BT made an application to install a combined public payphone and cash machine at the junction of Station Road and Market Place on Townsend Corner.

However, this was refused by Broadland, which said the proposed kiosk would be harmful to the character and appearance of the conservation area, and would lead to on-street parking in the immediate vicinity.

Although there is an existing 24-hour

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cash machine outside the Spar in Ollands Road, it is hoped the installation of an ATM in Reepham town centre will help encourage people to withdraw cash to use within the surrounding area, thereby supporting local businesses, some of which are reporting a downturn in trade since the bank closure.

■ In other planning news, Whitwell Station has withdrawn plans to re-lay track on the Marriott's Way.

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## Festival of Light 2016 plans under way, more helpers needed

WITH plans for this year's Festival of Light already under way, more people need to get involved to ensure the event's future.

The festival will be held in Reepham Market Place on Thursday 8 December. The group organising the event have begun to put the arrangements in place and are confident that it will be another success.

Last year's Festival of Light was attended by hundreds of people from Reepham and further afield. A video of

the event can be found on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/fNV5BAyiP40>

However, the festival organisers are concerned that this may be the last time they are able to put on the event.

Brenda Gostling, chairman of the FOL team, said: "We are struggling to find enough helpers to do what is needed, both in the run-up to the event and on the day itself.

"We are committed to holding it again this year, but if we are unable to expand the group it will be our last."

The Festival of Light is run on a shoestring budget and relies on the support of local businesses and individuals to make it happen.

This year's event will again include a children's lantern parade, stalls selling seasonal food and gifts, Santa's grotto, a craft fair and a full programme of entertainment.

■ If you would like to help out with this year's festival, please contact Brenda Gostling on 07760 458957 or email [brenda@brendagostling.co.uk](mailto:brenda@brendagostling.co.uk)

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# letters, emails, comments

## More cars, no shoppers

I FULLY expect to get shot down in flames by some people for what I am about to say, but I am thick-skinned.

Could someone please explain what good the Dial House is doing for Reepham?

I was in the butcher's shop one morning and within 10 minutes three cars pulled into the Market Place and their occupants went straight into the Dial House. Like many of its customers, they didn't look the type of people who were going for a cup of tea before shopping around town.

So that's three parking spaces unavailable for people who wanted to go to the shops. This goes on all day and it must put people off coming.

How was the Dial House allowed to get rid of its car park at the rear of the building when the issue of parking has been raised time and time again? The Market Place is filled with cars, but nobody is in the shops.

I have lived in Reepham since I was born and this is the worst I have known it.

So, hands up those who still think the Dial House is good for Reepham and hands up those who don't?

It would be interesting to hear from shopkeepers if their business has improved since it opened.

P.S. I don't have anything against Iain Wilson as I think he should be commended for the work he has had done to restore the old building.

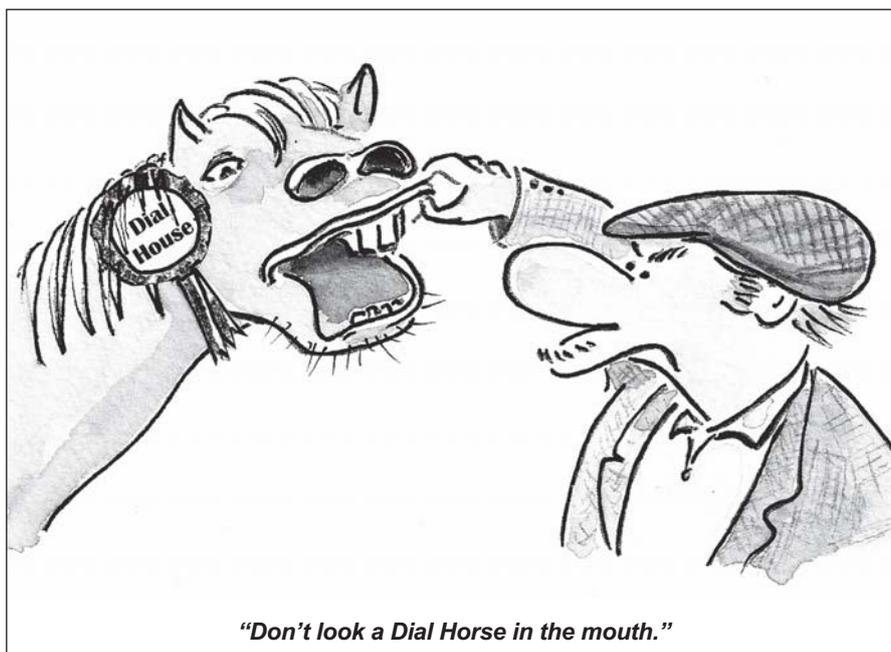
*Gerald Rowe, Whitwell Street, Reepham*

## Cemetery change

I WRITE in response to Hilary Gosling's letter in the July/August edition of *Reepham Life*.

I am lucky enough to live next door to the cemetery and have done so for nearly 20 years. I am keenly interested in conservation and natural history and volunteered, with the consent of the Town Council, to manage and maintain the cemetery for wildlife.

As part of this, Norfolk Wildlife Trust visited and advised how this could be done, including the planting of native shrubs, including hazel, spin-



dle and guelder rose.

I followed their advice for the next 12 years or so and worked hard to maintain a balance between access to the cemetery and the wildlife interest.

About 2-3 years ago the style of management of the cemetery changed as other volunteers came forward and I no longer have any input into the maintenance of the area.

There used to be both blackcaps and bullfinches nesting in the cemetery and these are both now absent. They require dense vegetation and this is far less prevalent than it used to be.

There was also a large area of snowdrops in the southern corner; these are now covered in the cuttings resulting from the felling of the two diseased red horse chestnut trees.

Like Hilary, I too am concerned that the change in management has had a detrimental effect on the wildlife.

*Alan Dixon, Norwich Road, Reepham*

■ See: Your Council Matters, page 7.

## Working group support

REEPHAM Town Football Club was not aware that the Stimpson's Piece working group had been disbanded until reading the article in *Reepham Life* [July/August 2016].

We had fully supported the working party and carried out duties of locking the gate in the evening, levelling the car parking area and also installing a pair of locking doors to separate the hall from the changing rooms at no

cost to the Trustees.

One of our members also carried out a full water management programme following the sudden and unexpected closure of the showers last December – again at no cost to the Trustees. The football club is also paying to have the modifications to the hot water system to comply with current regulations.

*Maureen Wilkinson, Secretary, Reepham Town Football Club*

## Nil gain to public services

IT was good to read [*Reepham Life*, July/August] that parking has been made available at the fire station for The Original Cottage Company, but disappointingly there seems to be the usual lack of join-up between the local public bodies.

Norfolk County Council has as usual pitched to make as much money as it can for use of the site, regardless of other considerations, such as local public benefit.

But, because TOCC refused to pay this, the arrangement has only been made possible by Reepham Town Council contributing £500. Hence, gain to NCC = £500 provided by loss to RTC of £500; net financial gain to public services = 0 (and net financial gain to profit-making private sector = £500).

I know it would be useless to suggest that NCC should accept a lower figure in the interests of sup-

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# YOUR COUNCIL MATTERS

## Managing Reepham's cemeteries

A LETTER in *Reepham Life* [July/August] raised questions about the way in which Reepham's churchyards are managed. Reepham Town Council has the care of the churchyard and two cemeteries.

Reepham people were buried in the churchyard until 1857, when the poor state of many churchyards raised concerns. As a result, new cemeteries were created: in Reepham one cemetery was created for the parishes of Whitwell and Hackford and another for the parishes of Reepham and Kerdiston.

However, by the early 20th century these cemeteries were full, so the cemetery for Hackford and Whitwell was extended in 1919. In 1936, when the parishes were all brought together, Reepham cemetery in Norwich Road ceased to be used and Whitwell Road cemetery became the cemetery for all people interred in Reepham.

The Town Council is responsible for the churchyard (in consultation with the Parochial Church Council) and the two cemeteries. They are managed within financial constraints with respect for those interred and their loved ones, but the spaces are also important to local people as safe open spaces for people to enjoy, for their wildlife value, and as part of the history and heritage of Reepham.

Whitwell Road cemetery and parts of the churchyard are managed largely as lawn cemeteries to ensure that their care is financially sustainable and to allow safe and easy access to the memorials by those wishing to pay their respects, as well as those with a cultural and historic interest, and those who use the cemeteries as open space, such as a route to school or the town.

Norwich Road cemetery was closed to interments in the 1930s so the memorials are less frequently visited than more recent memorials in Whitwell Road cemetery, but are still of historical interest to many people. In response to this interest, a leaflet produced by

Edwin Rose is available on the Reepham Town Council website providing information about some memorials.

With the support of Norfolk Wildlife Trust, Norwich Road cemetery and parts of Whitwell Road cemetery and the churchyard are managed as conservation areas to maximise their value for wildlife.

As a result, the Council's general approach is to have the grass cut in the churchyard and Whitwell Road cemetery on a regular basis and otherwise to try to maintain a variety of habitats with as light a touch as possible (no use of weed killer, no eradication of moles).

The Council commissions regular inspection of trees and bushes and undertakes work as required. Recently, three horse chestnuts at the far end of Norwich Road cemetery were cut back because they had limbs that were failing and were considered to be a risk to visitors.

Several mature evergreen trees that were failing or had taken over grave spaces were felled or cut back at Whitwell Road cemetery in recent years and some smaller trees planted after consultation with Broadland's tree conservation officer.

Insofar as is possible within a limited



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space, the materials are cut up and left on site to provide habitats for the mini-beasts at the bottom end of the food chain (an important part of the wildlife ecology).

In Norwich Road cemetery, regular cutting back of some nettles and bushes ensures that light reaches the ground to encourage the growth of small plants and seedlings (including a regular spring display of snowdrops) and ensure a variety of habitats.

Recently, the Council and volunteers worked with the Community Payback Team to cut back the overgrown yew hedge along Norwich Road. This allowed more light into the cemetery, revealed the fine railings (recently painted by a volunteer) and has encouraged people to take a look inside.

Paths and access roads are maintained. A path is cut through Norwich Road cemetery twice a year to allow visitors to reach some of the memorials.

Memorials belong to the people who set them up, who have a duty to ensure they are safe. The Council tests memorials regularly and any that are not safe are laid flat if their owners cannot be found to make them safe.

Recent changes to the rules ensure that memorials are checked regularly and are only allowed to remain if they are shown to be safe.

Normally, the Council does not touch

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# letters, emails, comments

## Your letters continued

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porting Reepham, or even that the gain/loss be shared at £250 each.

I despair that politicians and public authorities are unable to see the wider picture and work for the overall public good rather than operating in blinkered silos (Reepham Town Council excepted).

On a happier note, it was good to read the results of Reepham High School's latest Ofsted assessment. Congratulations to Mark Farrar and all the staff and pupils.

*Rupert Birtles, Pettywell, Reepham*

## Parking spaces available

A BIG thank you to The Original Cottage Company for making alternative parking arrangements for your staff; it's made a great difference already.

Lots of parking spaces available all day [21 June] in the Station Road car park, which is so much better for shoppers, workers and residents, too. There were even lots of spaces this morning [22 June]

at 9.30 am – unheard of on a Wednesday.  
*Sue Johnston, Station Road, Reepham*

## Fond memories

I WOULD like to give a heartfelt thank you to all the customers (many now personal friends) who have supported me and the Bennetts store over the 13 years it has served Reepham.

Since starting in 2003 I quickly realised I was in a unique town. The support and generosity shown to me from the outset was overwhelming and very appreciated.

I've always tried to provide a level of service that I myself would expect to receive from any retailer.

Thankfully for Reepham the town is full of shops and services that all have that same mentality.

A superb ensemble of characters (all of which I'm proud to call friends) in all manner of outlets – to mention just a few: Reepham DIY, Robertson's Butchers, Bob Webster, Meloncaulie Rose, V's Café, Motts Pharmacy, etc., etc.

I am pleased to say I've enjoyed my

time in "our town" and will sadly miss seeing all the regular faces that gave me cause to smile every day.

My cherished time in Reepham has taught me lots and will forever provide fond memories.

*Richard Allum, Bennetts of Reepham*

## Uncertain future

THANKS to all the past and present poppy collectors who have helped over the last 20 years to make November the month of Remembrance.

This year will be very different as I can no longer be the Poppy Appeal organiser for Reepham, Cawston and all the villages in our area.

The Reepham branch of the Royal British Legion Men's Section is hoping to amalgamate with Aylsham.

However, the Women's Section is facing an uncertain future. With some branches closing, we are all still in the dark about what will happen.

*Moira Dye, Royal British Legion Women's Section*

■ See: "Ongoing row...", page 14.



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# news

## Entertainer offers family fun and games

A PARTY entertainer, DJ and presenter, who has been entertaining families for more than 10 years in London and Essex, has moved to Reepham.

Jonathan Holder, also known as Ziggy Zoo, said he wants to work with local businesses and has already helped raise funds for Whitwell Station's restoration projects.

Mr Holder met his partner Jessie Hacking, a draftsman for furniture maker Bill Cleynert in Fakenham, six years ago while performing at a family

holiday resort in Cala Bona, Mallorca.

Ziggy Zoo and his team entertained at Reepham Primary School's Summer Fête in July. He hosted all the afternoon performances linking them together with his family-friendly comedy and fun-filled magic tricks.

And in August he hosted the opening and closing ceremonies for the Essex International Jamboree in front of a lively audience of 10,000 Scouts and Guides.

He has been the chosen entertainer



for Britvic Christmas parties for the past three years and has supported Guinness World Records and performed throughout the UK at Park Resort holidays.

Mr Holder said: "I also have exciting plans in the pipeline to work with Norwich Snowsports Club and the charity day at Iceland's Norwich store.

"A big thank you to Steve Jenkins and the Reepham Business Network for all their support and accepting me into the community.

"Please do get in touch to discuss how I can help make your event a memorable one."

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**Pictured above are Jonathan Holder aka Ziggy Zoo (right) and partner Jessie Hacking presenting at the Essex International Jamboree in August, and left at Reepham Primary School's Summer Fête in July**

## Workplace pensions workshop for local firms

REEPHAM Chamber of Commerce is holding a series of workshops to benefit businesses in and around Reepham over the coming months.

The first of these will be on the subject of Workplace Pensions and Auto-Enrolment on Tuesday 20 September at 6 pm in the boardroom at Carlton House, Market Place, Reepham.

Robert Clarke of Almary Green will be explaining the preparation involved

for employers who will be reaching their staging dates during 2016/17 and will point out some of the pitfalls to avoid.

He comments that "many smaller businesses mistakenly believe they have nothing to do, but even if you have no eligible employees you may have to set up a scheme and you will certainly have to complete a declaration in order to comply with the rules".

Mr Clarke will also be giving information to employers who have already put schemes in place and who may have encountered difficulties along the way.

"Auto-enrolment is not something you do once and then forget about," he said. "There are ongoing responsibilities and you must continue to assess your workforce at every pay period."

■ To attend this free workshop, please email [jholland@reephamlife.co.uk](mailto:jholland@reephamlife.co.uk) or call 01603 308158.

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Art classes

# news

## Best of British for classic car and bike festival

THE best of British motoring will be featured at the third Reepham Festival of Classic Cars and Bikes on Sunday 25 September.

After two successful events, the next festival will again take place in Reepham's Market Place, which will be closed to through traffic from 8 am – 6 pm.

As with previous events, this is entirely free to the public who, from 11 am – 4 pm, will be able to get up close to wonderful examples of cars and motorbikes from a bygone era.

Following on from last year's Italia theme, this year will focus on Great British cars with luxury marques, such as Rolls-Royce, Bentley, Jaguar and Rover, as well as Alvis – there will be 10 of this rare marque covering the 1934-1965 period.

There will also be a range of sports cars from MG, Triumph, Austin Healey and Lotus, as well as popular saloons from Austin, Morris and Ford. Bikes represented are expected to include Triumph, BSA, Norton and Ariel.

Owing to the success of previous



Photo: Andy Russell

events, capacity has been increased to more than 100 by extending the display along the roads leading to the Market Place. Up to a third of the space will be allocated to non-British classics to include favourites from previous years and some interesting newcomers.

In addition to refreshments and live music provided by the Kings Arms, the Dial House, V's Café and (hopefully) the newly reopened Diane's Pantry will

be open for drinks and snacks.

■ Owners or clubs wishing to display their vehicles at this invitation-only event should email a brief description of their vehicle, and picture if possible, to Peter Fitzjohn at: reephamclassic16@outlook.com

The organisers will finalise their selection during the summer and each applicant will be informed of the final list.

## Third annual meeting for North Norfolk Clinical Commissioning Group

NHS North Norfolk Clinical Commissioning Group will hold its third annual general meeting and stakeholder conference in Aylsham on Tuesday 13 September.

At the event staff, members, stakeholders and local people will be able to hear about the work of the CCG over the past year, and the challenges ahead.

The North Norfolk CCG is a local membership organisation led by family doctors that is responsible for planning and paying for healthcare services. Formed in 2012, it comprises 19 GP Practices in North Norfolk and rural

Broadland, including the Reepham & Aylsham Medical Practice.

After reports from members of the CCG's governing body, there will be a chance to discuss and provide feedback on a variety of issues facing health and care in North Norfolk in 2016/17.

The key topics for discussion will include out-of-hospital services in North Norfolk and rural Broadland, the role of volunteers in health, and social prescribing, whereby patients are referred to non-clinical services provided by voluntary organisations or community sector.

North Norfolk CCG's Annual Report and Accounts for 2015-2016 will be formally presented at the meeting (this document can be found on the CCG's website).

The event takes place at Aylsham Care Trust Centre in St Michael's Avenue from 10 am – 1 pm. Refreshments will be available from 9.30 am and a light lunch will be provided.

■ If you wish to attend, please contact the CCG on 01263 738100 or email: nnccg.contactus@nhs.net

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## Sports massage therapy business celebrates two years in Reepham

SOPHIE Edwards is celebrating two years since starting her Sophysical Sports Therapy clinic on Townsend Corner, Reepham, offering sports massage therapy.

"I would like to thank Leslie Tooley for giving me the opportunity of operating from Reepham Hair Studio and also Nicola and Charley for making me feel so welcome," said Ms Edwards.

"Thank you so much to all my clients for their continued visits and referrals to friends and family. Each day I arrive at work and feel so grateful and happy to work with and amongst such wonderful people."



# news

## Heydon hairdressers move to Reepham

AFTER 30 years in Heydon, the Country Salon hairdressers have relocated to Reepham.

It joins the Green Room designer dress agency in newly converted rooms upstairs in the Dial House, Market Place.

Paul Sutton and the Country Salon team said they are sad to be leaving Heydon, a truly special place where the business has evolved since Edward Sutton first opened in 1986.

“However, we are excited about what the future will bring and remain dedicated to providing our valued customers with the attention and high-quality service that we pride ourselves upon,” said Mr Sutton.

“We look forward to welcoming existing customers and new faces to Reepham.”



Pictured at the Country Salon's open evening on 1 August are (left to right): Paul Sutton, Linda Green, Evie White, Shailey Brown and Gabby Abel



### Bircham Centre trustees wanted

The Bircham Centre in Reepham is looking for new trustees. If you would like to meet new people and help to preserve a wonderful historic building in the town or if you feel you have something to contribute and have some time to share, please contact Gill Wheatley, the centre's administrator. For more information, telephone 01603 879242 or email [thebirchamcentre@gmail.com](mailto:thebirchamcentre@gmail.com)

### Local businesses sponsor hanging baskets

LOCAL businesses in Reepham have clubbed together to sponsor the stunning flower baskets around the town centre.

All the hanging baskets were grown and nurtured by Dominique Rudd of Enchanting Gardens.

Geoff Deal of Meloncaulie Rose installed the baskets and has been tirelessly watering them in the early morning every day throughout the summer months. Tom Crisp forged the additional metal brackets required.

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# news

## Football season kicks off for Reepham Town

THE Almary Green Anglian Combination league season kicked off on Friday 19 August with Reepham Town away to Mattishall and then away to Cromer Town on Tuesday 23 August.

The first home fixture at Stimpson's Piece is against Acle Utd on Saturday 3 September at 1.30 pm, then Long Stratton at home on Saturday 10 September at 2 pm and away to Attleborough Town in the Norfolk Senior Cup on Wednesday

24 September at 2.30 pm.

Reepham Town Reserves kicked off on Saturday 20 August away to Horsford Utd, then away to Bradenham Rovers on Saturday 27 August, at home on Saturday 3 September to North Walsham Res at 4 pm and away to Harleston Town Res on Saturday 10 September at 2 pm.

Reepham Town Football Club also has an Under 19 team in the Norwich & District Sunday League, whose first

fixture is on Sunday 11 September, and also U16 and U13 sides playing on Sundays in the newly formed Norfolk Combined Youth League.

All upcoming fixtures and results are available to view on the FA Full Time website <http://full-time.thefa.com>

■ RTFC is holding a Race Night on Saturday 19 November at Stimpson's Piece pavilion, Bartle Court, Reepham, first race 7.30 pm, tickets £2 per person.

## Barrier to be erected to reduce noise from Salle substation

THE operator of the Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm is to erect a sound barrier to help reduce the sound emissions from its Salle electricity substation (pictured).

Wind farm general manager Bjørn Mo Ostgren made the offer following a meeting at the end of May with Cawston residents James Livingstone, Steve Mumby and Paul Sutton.

After a report from noise consultants

Hoare Lea, Statkraft, which is responsible for the substation and the operator of the wind farm, received confirmation from Broadland District Council that

the current planning consent allows for the erection of a solid fence to a height of two metres along the northern boundary of the site to reduce the level of noise emission.



Statkraft has decided to proceed with a fence and said it will keep the local community fully informed regarding the timetable for this work.

The Cawston residents' group, who for several years have been campaigning against the persistent "hum" from the substation, said: "We feel this to be a very positive result for all concerned."

## Your Council Matters contd.

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memorials: people trying to read the writing on monuments sometimes remove lichen.

In 2010, the Mid-Norfolk Family History Society made a record of the memorials in Norwich Road cemetery, which is available at Reepham Library.

The Council does remove items such as glass jars and vases, which are easily broken by the mowers and become a risk to cemetery users, and loose items such as crosses, which may impede the work of the mowers.

The Council was concerned that space was running out in Whitwell Road cemetery and now allows only local residents to purchase space and Exclusive Rights of Burial (ERB) in line with many local cemeteries.

The records for a central area in the cemetery were lost many years ago with the result that the Council was not aware whether there had been interments that were not marked with memorials.

A survey was undertaken by an archaeological company, which said the spaces have not been used for burials. This means there is space for burials for a number of years.

As and when housing development is undertaken in the vicinity of the cemetery, it is hoped the Council may have an opportunity to extend the cemetery once again.

While the Council employs a company to cut the grass and undertake other work in the cemeteries and churchyard, the Council is very appreciative of the voluntary work undertaken by local people.

■ If you are interested in helping to research, monitor and work with others to care for Reepham's cemeteries and churchyard, please contact the Town Clerk.

## YOUR POSTS

● Congratulations to Reepham High School for their "good" Ofsted and to Reepham College for their "outstanding" grade. *Broadland YAB*

● Thank you everybody who came and helped at the Somme Vigil on 1 July. Very moving. *Ron Luton-Brown*

● Reepham: four estate agents, no Indian restaurants. *Kathy Blake*

● Reepham needs more Wheelchair Ambassadors to share their knowledge. *Steve Wilkinson*

● A shame to see a local business close down in our fab little town of Reepham. Hope the building is snapped up quickly. *Fabulous Norfolk on the closure of Bennetts of Reepham*

● Just want to say a huge thank you from me and the rest of the guys in Kingdom Keys. We all agreed this was one of the best organised and friendliest festivals we've ever played. Great crowd and great staff. *Danny De Ara Torres on last month's Reepham Summer Music Festival*

### CORRECTION

A tweet posted by Broadland District Council on 25 May suggested that a planning application to erect 24 dwellings on Station Road, Reepham, had been approved. The Council issued a correction on 4 July, saying the tweet should have read "Reedham", not Reepham. Cheers, Broaplanp.

Tweet your views to [@reephamlife](https://twitter.com/reephamlife) or find us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/reephamlife](https://www.facebook.com/reephamlife)

# environment

## Saving our public rights of way

WORK has started to register footpaths in Reepham not officially listed as rights of way (ROWs). The town and its surrounding area feature a wealth of tracks and bridleways of all kinds, but not all are designated paths.

In 2013, Reepham was one of four Norfolk settlements chosen for a Connecting Threads project, supported by the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) and the University of East Anglia.

During the following year, local residents Trevor and Imogen Ashwin organised and led a series of walks, undertook research and with others staged an exhibition to celebrate the social, natural and archaeological history that these paths illustrate.

There are 31 officially recognised ROWs within the Reepham parish. This list does not include Marriott's Way or Back Lane (marked as a dotted line on the map), which are respectively a "permitted path" and "unrestricted byway".

Several ROWs are short and familiar paths within the settlement: one runs from Station Road through a narrow alley (Fisher's Alley) into the Market Place; another simply provides a route

from one corner of the churchyard to the other.

Others lie out toward the boundary with neighbouring parishes, notably Guestwick, Salle and Booton. Some examples can be seen on the map below:

- no less than four paths link Bar Lane and Whitwell Street to Mill Road and the parish boundary near Furze Lane (22, 23, 25 and 26);
- by contrast, a single footpath within Booton parish (B1) runs for around a mile, parallel to the Blackwater;
- the wonderful crooked Catchback Lane (10), a bridleway running from Kerdiston Road to Dereham Road at Hackford Vale.

A subgroup of Reepham Town Council is currently looking to confirm that any regularly used paths are appropriately recorded as a ROW, whether as a footpath or bridleway, because if this is not done by 2026 users will literally lose their ROW.

2026 may seem a long time ahead, but the deadline was set 10 years ago and CPRE, the Open Spaces Society and the British Horse Society are so concerned at the lack of activity that they have set up a group to encourage



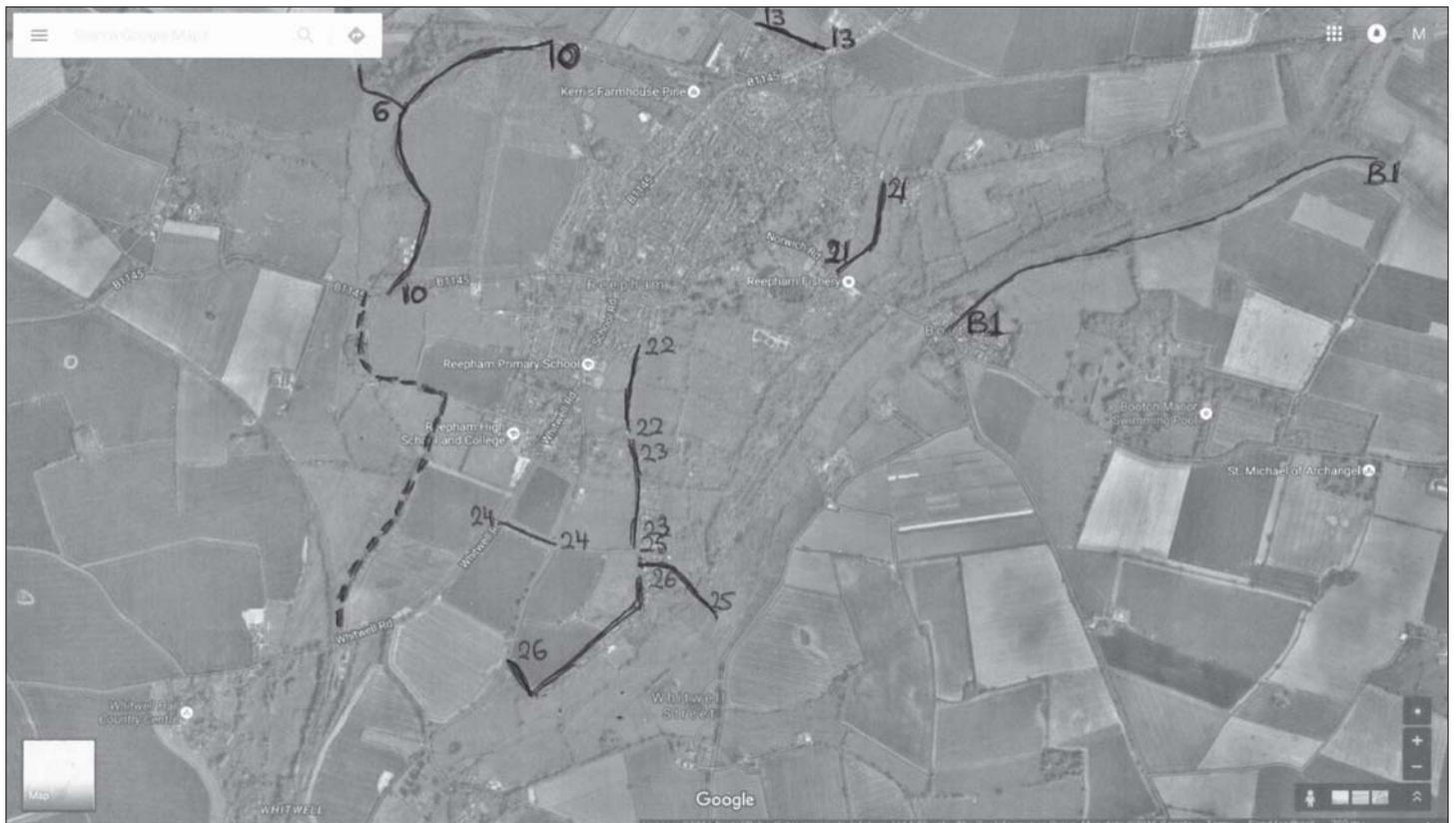
and co-ordinate progress.

The Town Council subgroup will be investigating any other examples where ROWs in the area (Reepham and neighbouring parishes) are not properly recorded.

■ If you wish to confirm the status of a path that is important to you, please send a note or email to the Town Clerk (contact details at the bottom of page 7), headed "Reepham Paths" and identifying the beginning and end of the path in question, and if possible a six-figure Ordnance Survey National Grid reference for one of those points.

Not all the paths you use may be potential ROWs, but we want to ensure that where they are, we start the process of registration as soon as possible.

*Cllr Michael Pender-Cudlip*



# books

## Help with your homework or reading

FIRST, a Big Friendly “well done” to everyone who took part in the summer reading challenge. As I write, there are still about three weeks of the summer holidays to go and already we have signed up loads more readers than last year and we have issued more than 1,000 books to them.

Thanks also to our brilliant young volunteers, Amy and Nathan, who signed you up, helped you choose your books and handed out your reward cards. We couldn't have done it without them.

Now that everyone is back at school, don't forget that the library can help you with your homework – we have lots of lovely non-fiction books to choose from and if you can't find what you're



looking for, we can order it in from any library in Norfolk.

And you can use the library internet for your research and print out your homework for only 10p a sheet (or 50p in colour).

For people just learning to read, we have a selection of “easy readers” to help get you started. Plus, we've got books on CD so you can follow along in the book.

If you need a bit more help with your reading, the library service has a selection of Barrington Stoke books to choose

from, which are specially designed for people with dyslexia. If you think they could help you, pop in and talk to a member of staff and we will order some in for you to look at.

And finally, if you haven't quite started school yet, you can still enjoy library books. We have board books, picture books and story sacks for little “readers” – and under 5s don't pay late fees on their books.

We would like to set up a story session for pre-school children, so if you are interested please let us know.

*Helen Brown, Manager,  
Reepham Library*

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*Email: reepham.lib@norfolk.gov.uk*

## Ongoing row as Royal British Legion plans to integrate Women's Section

IT has been confirmed that the Women's Section is to be integrated into the regular structure of the Royal British Legion, the welfare charity for armed forces veterans and their families, in an effort to reduce costs and to comply with “charity regulation and governance arrangements”.

However, the controversial decision has angered many women, who have spearheaded the charity's annual poppy appeal, saying the dictatorial plans have

alienated many of the legion's 32,000 women volunteers through its mishandling of the proposed merger.

The Aylsham branch is one of the 26 women's section branches in Norfolk to have voted to close in protest since the announcement, it is reported. The branch will now set up as a separate group and fundraise for other local armed forces charities.

Meanwhile, the Reepham Women's



Section of the Royal British Legion will still run a coach to the Springfields Outlet Shopping in Spalding, Lincolnshire, on Sunday 6 November, cost £15

(to be paid by 6 October), picking up at Aylsham 9 am, Cawston 9.15 am and Station Road car park, Reepham 9.30 am. To book, contact Moira Dye 01603 871791 or stoneywood38@sky.com, or any member of the Women's Section.

■ See Letters page 8.



## digger's diary

### One-legged car park pinball challenge

IT seems to have been the summer of things falling from the sky, or elsewhere.

First, there was the bed that appeared in the cemetery, later to vanish in a puff of smoke (Mad Baggins's bed perhaps?).

Then there were the two bicycles that were left tethered outside the Bircham Centre for months and could not be touched for legal reasons, we are told (as featured in Digger's blog on reephamlife.co.uk).

Then, following the week of heavy rain when Digger was draining the flooded tyre ruts in Back Lane, as the

water drained away a single shoe appeared.

How did the owner get home? Hop on one leg? Be carried? Were they afraid to fish for it in case of crocodiles?

And then there was the pinball machine that was left in the car park. How many people know what a pinball machine is? How many remember Tommy and Pinball Wizard (particularly those whose memory starts at Coldplay)?

Digger does. Digger remembers Thunderzone, the heaviest metal group ever, who never made a record because there was not the equipment capable of re-

ording them in those days, and who began life as White Lightning on an island called Eel Pie in the Thames.

Those were the days of the South London Sound exemplified by Dwine Thinkumu Cell, Sir Coxone and Zeus, advertised by lino-cut posters with peculiar ideas of spelling (Zeus once became Zoos and Sir Coxone became an orange pippin).

And The Motowns, the first group to introduce the term to Britain, with Edith Swan-neck as lead singer. Ah, those happy days before the Elves changed all the names.

# from the archive

## Questions about soldiers and local decorators

WE had two responses to our query you tell us who they are and their rank and regiment? We also would like to know more about G. Self, Plumber & Decorator. Can you recognise this house (right) and tell us where it is?



This month we have a query about two soldiers outside Gibbs shop. Can

■ 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)

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

## theatre

### Next production planned for Station Players

FOLLOWING the success of their first production – *Brief Encounters* – in June, the Whitwell Station Players are starting to prepare for their next production, which will be held on 25 February 2017.

The Players need more actors and backstage crew, and welcome all over-18s to join. Experience a bonus but not necessary. They meet at the Sidings Bar, Whitwell Station, every Wednesday from 7–9 pm.

■ For further information, contact Rowena Edwards 01603 870641 or [rowenaed@gmail.com](mailto:rowenaed@gmail.com)

#### Reviews of Brief Encounters

A PIECE of am-dram like no other! *Brief Encounters* was aptly performed at Whitwell Station in keeping with the theme of trains throughout the performance.

The production saw the Whitwell Station Players perform a series of sketches by cleverly combining both the art of drama and song.

The audience were captured as each of the Players had numerous parts to play, developing on the well-put-together sketches.

The audience were engaged as the Players showed their acting abilities through the performance of both darker sketches, such as an extract from Diane



Samuels' *Kindertransport*, which were thought-provoking and emotional, as well as more light-hearted sketches, which were funny, and tested accents (sounding only a little Norfolk here and there).

*Francesca Voisey*

LOCATION, location, location... this certainly does apply to the newly formed local amateur theatre group, the Whitwell Station Players.

From my arrival at the station to my

departure I was charmed by the surroundings; the steam trains, the vintage wartime vehicles, the flower-lined platform and the traditional station restaurant. What a great location for a first performance and so much more potential in the future.

The play took place in the bar; a stage had been erected at one end. The set was minimal, indicating we were still in a railway environment and this worked well, but some members of the audience may have had a little difficulty seeing or hearing certain scenes mainly due to staging.

However, the enthusiasm and energy of the actors within the space, along with the ever-changing pace and story, made up for any nursery glitches.

We were taken on a splendid journey from chance romantic meetings to the plight of the children of *Kindertransport*, with some dollops of Agatha-ham-Christie thrown in: a super, seamless ensemble piece of drama.

Highlights included the two songs: the timetable sketch and the nostalgic reminder of *Brief Encounter*. A great evening's entertainment.

I am thrilled that Reepham and surrounding Norfolk has a new community theatre group and I am particularly charmed by its location.

*Simon Brown*

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# music

## Toploader shine at another sell-out festival

CHART-topping rock band Toploader delighted revellers at the 2016 Reepham Summer Music Festival, as the much-loved event sold out for a fourth year running.

Almost 2,000 festivalgoers congregated at Rookery Meadow on Saturday 13 August, where the *Dancing In The Moonlight* hitmakers topped an eclectic bill.

“Sold out” signs were displayed just three hours after the festival opened and the sun shone as acts including Walkway, Morganway, Dire Streets, Jeremiah Ferrari and Chasin’ Vegas entertained the crowd.

Over on the church stage, the Blythe String Quartet topped the bill.

On Sunday, the festival moved to Whitwell Station, the event’s main sponsor, for another afternoon of music. Acts including Differential, Hayley Moses’ Britgrass Three and Buster James played in the Music Marquee, and families were able to enjoy a ride on Whitwell Station’s steam train.

“It was a wonderful weekend and great to see Reepham come alive with music and fun,” said festival director

Steve Jenkins. “It’s great to know we are bringing so many visitors to our lovely town, and that we’re raising lots of money for charity.

“We were particularly excited to have some great feedback from Toploader this year. They told us that the Reepham Festival is one of the nicest gigs they’ve played and that they loved the chilled-out, friendly vibe of the event. Coming from a band who’ve performed at so many top venues and festivals, that means a lot.”

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

## Reepham Life donates guitar for raffle

THE winner of the Squier Stratocaster that was raffled for charity at last month’s Reepham Summer Music Festival was Jill Marshall-Somerville.

Donated by *Reepham Life*, the electric guitar was signed by members of Toploader, who headlined the event on the Hansells’ stage in the main field in Rookery Meadow, Reepham on Festival Saturday.

The proceeds were donated to Toploader’s nominated charity, Great Ormond Street Hospital.



Jill Marshall-Somerville pictured with the Squier Stratocaster and Toploader guitarist Dan Hipgrave. Photo: Tim Moll

## Another musical director for Icenii Choir

THE Icenii Choir has appointed another musical director because of a change in circumstances for Harry Castle, who took over the post last year.

The Reepham-based choir’s new incumbent is Anthony Gowing (right), who has worked with the Gloucester Choral Society and Three Choirs Festival Chorus, as well as working with many top conductors.



Mr Gowing has experience working with and coaching singers in *lieder* (19th-century German art songs) and song, and is skilled as a choral director and freelance musician. His primary

focus is as an organist and pianist, but says his “love of all spheres of music never diminishes”.

His work experience has been as assistant director of music at Gloucester Cathedral, director of Gloucester Cathedral Youth Choir, accompanist with Gloucester Choral Society, principal accompanist and organist of the 2013 Three Choirs’ Festival, and musical director Saint Cecilia Singers.

■ The Icenii Choir is looking for new members to join for an exciting new programme to encompass music for this year at Remembrance. Tenors and basses are particularly welcome.

[www.icenichochoir.org](http://www.icenichochoir.org)

## Enjoyment not dampened for Sparham garden party

A couple of downpours, one of which caused a delayed start, did not dampen the enjoyment of the Sparham Annual Garden Party in early July.

New this year was a performance by the Norwich Ukulele Band, while the interval entertainment was from members of the Sutton Dance Group.

The invitation to the East Anglian Air Ambulance to publicise their work with a selection of merchandise proved a great success.

The top prize of £100 in the Grand Draw was won by Sue Muafe of Sparham, and the list of prizes, donated by local businesses and residents provided added excitement.

The climax of the afternoon was seeing numerous teddy bears aloft in their parachutes as they floated from St Mary’s church tower.

Thanks to our supporters, a four-figure sum was achieved to help preserve the church for the future.

*Gus Underhill-Smith  
and Fred Parkin*

## Work on upgrading car park

Work is ongoing to upgrade Bawdeswell Village Hall car park. Organised by the Parish Council, the work, which includes drainage and resurfacing to the car park and driveway, is expected to be completed by September.

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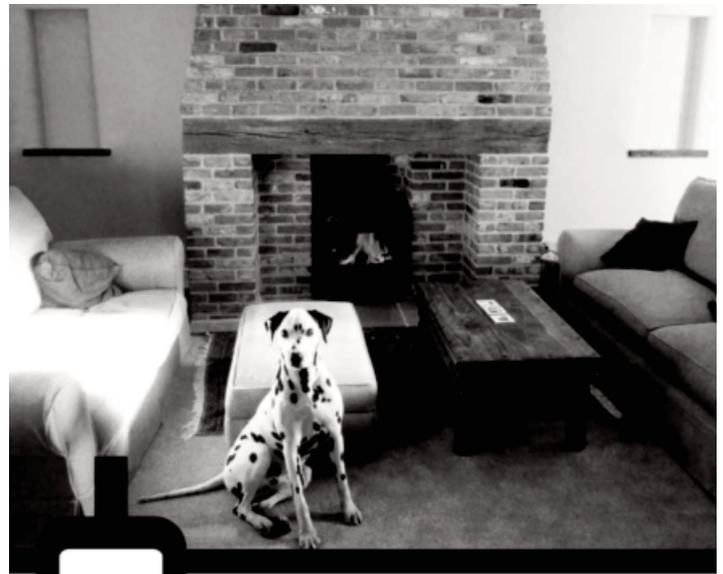
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# food & drink

## New wheat beer uses leftover artisan bread

IN the UK we throw away seven million tonnes of food and drink waste worth £12.5 billion every year, the majority of which can still be eaten or used.

The foods wasted the most are fresh vegetables and salad, drink, fresh fruit and bakery items such as bread and cakes.

However, Reepham-based Panther Brewery has been hard at work thinking of ways to reduce food waste.

“We were inspired after watching Jamie Oliver and Jimmy Doherty on TV, who featured a bread beer as part of their campaign to reduce food waste,” said head brewer Martin James. “So we came up with our own version.”

Norfolk is a major producer of barley, wheat and rye, which are key compo-



nents for the production of beer – and for baking bread.

Panther put two and two together

and decided to use surplus bread from artisan Norfolk bakers, such as Bread Source and Pye Baker, in a beer.

The result is Bread & Bitter, an amber-coloured wheat beer that is brewed substituting more than 20% of the malted barley with bread and then adding a blend of German and American hops to give it a malty and citrusy finish.

The brewery's waste grain is then given to a local farmer, who uses it to feed his livestock. Bread Source baker Steven Winter has also used some of the beer in his bread, helping to minimise waste – and producing tasty bread.

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

■ To find out how to make the most of your bread at home, visit [www.lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com)

## Town Council objects to revised plans for Townsend Corner 'restaurant'

A REVISED planning application (20160833) has been submitted to Broadland District Council for a change of use for the former Reepham Diner/Sweet Shop on Townsend Corner, Reepham, to a restaurant.

The application, on behalf of Muhammed Karakus of Norwich, is for a change of use for Unit 1, Sun House, Market Place, from A1/A3 (shop and restaurant) to A3 (restaurant).

This replaces an earlier planning application (20151564), which proposed a restaurant/hot food takeaway outlet. However, this was withdrawn after indications were that this would be refused on highways issues and the lack of facilities for storing waste.

If approved, the new business would employ two full-time staff with opening hours of 11 am – 10 pm, seven days a week.

It is not clear what type of food the “restaurant” will be offering, but according to information provided by the applicant's agent for the previous planning application, the lease allows for the sale of pizzas, including starters, sides, salads, pasta, deserts and drinks – but not the sale of burgers and chips.

Apart from not specifying the business as offering takeaway food, the new application appears to be essentially the same as the earlier withdrawn submis-



**Reepham Pizza House: “burgers, pizza, chicken, lamb, chips, wedges, dessert, drinks and much more” – new signs, but no planning permission yet**

sion, although it does give details of a new ventilation system, with all ductwork to be concealed within the roof space.

Addressing a meeting of Reepham Town Council in June, local resident Colin Prince pointed out that this “seems to be the same application” as before with takeout food not excluded, adding that if approved this would result in a loss of amenity for residents.

He said the applicant had not addressed the previously raised concerns regarding storage of waste containers, parking and access to Back Street, as well as cooking odours and noise from the ventilation system. “This is not a good location for such a business,” Mr

Prince concluded.

In objecting to the revised planning application, the Town Council repeated its earlier objections to the proposals. Councillors noted that it was likely that the business would be also used as a takeaway, despite its principal use being nominated as a restaurant, and that there had been “no significant attempt to address the issues raised last time”.

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# health & well-being

## Family-support charity to launch in Broadland

A LEADING family-support charity plans to extend its operations into the Broadland area under the guidance of a former volunteer.

Home-Start Norwich, which has been operating for 15 years, has secured funding to launch its service into Broadland, concentrating mainly on the areas serviced by the Aylsham & Reepham Children's Centre, which includes Cawston, Bawdeswell and Foulsham.

Home-Start has a network of 288 independent schemes across England. It supports families that have at least one child under the age of five, visiting them in their own homes every week to offer emotional and practical help.

"All kinds of families find it hard to cope for various reasons, maybe owing to an illness or disability, loneliness or postnatal depression, or have multiple young children and need an extra pair of hands," explained North Norfolk co-ordinator Emma Thompson (right), who lives in Reepham.

Home-Start helps with meal



planning, managing behaviour, budgeting, building parent's confidence, playing with young children and accessing services and activities, as well as providing constant emotional support. It gets involved when families need extra support to manage daily life.

Family support is provided by parent/grandparent volunteers who come from all walks of life. Only parental experience is required; no other qualifications are needed.

Home-Start offers ongoing training in relevant areas and constant support to volunteers through their co-ordinator. Volunteers need to be available to attend a training course and be willing to give 2-3 hours a week to support a family.

The next free training course starts on 22 September and is being held at the Aylsham & Reepham Children's Centre, The Pavilion, Sir Williams Lane, Aylsham, on Thursdays from 9.30 am – 2.30 pm (term time only) for nine weeks. Expenses will be reimbursed.

■ For more information, volun-

# Home START

## Support and friendship for families

teers in the Broadland area can contact Emma Thompson (07342 886053 or emma@homestartnorwich.org) or the Norwich office (01603 616400), or come for a coffee and a chat at the Aylsham & Reepham Children's Centre on Thursday 15 September from 9.30 – 11.30 am.

"Volunteering is a great way to 'give something back' to the community, as well as being an ideal addition to any CV or as a stepping stone back into work, especially for someone looking for employment in the childcare or social care arena," Ms Thompson said.

[www.homestartnorwich.org](http://www.homestartnorwich.org)

## Can you help provide a lifeline to older people in Norfolk?

FOR some people, growing older can bring about social isolation, anxiety, frailty and loss of independence.

Age UK Norfolk is the first port of call for many older people and their families. The charity works hard to engage with older people and respond to their needs; its support services reach out to those who need help and enable them to enjoy later life.

But the vital links in this chain of life are the volunteers, who are the lifeblood and backbone of Age UK Norfolk. The success and efficiency of its services are dependent upon the people who generously donate their time, experience and compassion. However, the charity is in urgent need of new volunteers to be able to continue supporting older people living in Norfolk.

Do you have experience of form filling and do you have a couple of hours a week free to spare? Did you know that many benefits for older people remain unclaimed each year as they are too daunting by the forms to apply? You

could support an older person to complete their forms and help boost their income so they can afford the care and support they need.

Loneliness can have a devastating impact on the lives of older people and it is on the rise – which is why Age UK Norfolk is urging new volunteers to commit to just one call a week, a call that can make all the difference to a lonely older person.

Age UK Norfolk's Telephone Befriending volunteers love nothing more than brightening someone's day, whether by having a friendly chat, completing a

fun quiz or simply laughing together about something funny that has happened during the week.

The charity also has opportunities helping older people keep up with their paperwork from banks, building societies, landlords, etc., which can become too much to cope with.

At any one time, Age UK Norfolk is providing ongoing support to more than 250 older people with the help of their volunteers. It is looking for people with a basic experience of handling household finances who could spare time to help older people to stay independent.

The charity has a wide range of roles in established services, and depending on your talents and interests, there is bound to be an opportunity where you can share your knowledge, learn new skills, make new friends and have fun. No experience is necessary and full training will be provided.

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# gardening

## An ethos of friendliness

OWING to unforeseen circumstances (unfortunate sickness of the speaker), the last meeting of the Reepham & District Gardening Club comprised a film of the gardens at Alnwick Castle in Northumberland.

The estate was designed by Capability Brown (did you know that he wasn't christened "Capability", he gained the nickname because when he was initially shown a property where his landscaping ideas were required he would discuss its capabilities, just his way of describing its potential), but the gardens have been extensively remodelled by the current Countess of Northumberland.

Water is a huge feature of the gardens and has been imaginatively used through-

out. Experts have been employed to bring the Countess's ideas to fruition, and if I tell you that the Treehouse (although this name does not do justice to the gorgeous, imposing and colossal structure) cost £3.5 million to build you might have some idea of the scale of ideas and imaginative design that is evident throughout.

I mention all this to set the scene for what impressed me above all, which is the overarching inclusively welcoming ethos of the garden so that where fruit is grown children are encouraged to eat it.

Where there is water running in shallow rills children are encouraged to paddle in it. And what about high rope



bridges, the sort you can feel move under your feet as you walk, being safe for invalid carriages?

How refreshing and kind is this attitude – and how far from the traditional feeling we often get in “posh” gardens where we are allowed to look (because the owners like our entrance money), but not to touch, and where we know we mustn't walk on the grass or go into the glasshouses and we feel like intruders rather than welcome visitors.

So perhaps we can organise the Reepham Rover to go to Northumberland; an afternoon trip should do it. Have we a driver? Perhaps I'll volunteer.

[www.reephamgardenclub.org.uk](http://www.reephamgardenclub.org.uk)

## Golden sunshine and late summer crops

SEPTEMBER can be a golden month of sunshine and late summer crops, of endings and beginnings.

Runner beans, autumn-fruiting raspberries and courgettes will keep producing until the first frosts, as will dahlias and annual flowers.

If you've grown outdoor tomatoes, now is the time to strip them of fruit. Green tomatoes can be placed, with a ripe banana to help them ripen, in a paper bag or cardboard box, or can be made into tasty green tomato chutney.

Potatoes and onions should be dug out of the ground before the weather turns the soil cold and damp.

Both need frost-free storage, but potatoes must be kept dark to prevent them turning green – a heavy hessian or paper sack is ideal – while onions need light – hung plaited together or in a net bag, perhaps.

The standard crop rotation follows roots with legumes so the empty soil can be weeded and manured, ready for sowing over-wintering broad beans next month.



If you're planting out spring cabbages they will need netting as protection from cabbage white butterflies while the mild weather lasts.

Hardy annuals, such as larkspur, cornflowers, marigolds and love-in-the-mist, sown now in a weed-free finely raked tilth, will give a profusion of cutting flowers in the early summer.

As herb seed heads ripen in the late

summer sun, collect them in paper bags to sow next year, but remember to label them immediately.

Of course, in September, the Reepham Allotment & Leisure Gardeners' Association (RALGA) members' seed catalogues arrive, offering every kind of vegetable and flower seed, and other gardening sundries, at specially reduced prices.

It's not too late to join RALGA and get your own copy. Orders go out in October so you still have a full month to browse the colourful pages, rummage through your seed box and plan a delicious harvest for 2017.

*Sarah Oates*

■ To ask about renting an allotment, contact: Jo Boxall, Town Clerk 01603 873355 or [clerk@reephamtowncouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@reephamtowncouncil.org.uk)

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

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### Volunteer gardeners

I am in need of some keen volunteer gardeners to help maintain the gardens at Salle Estate.

This would mainly be based in the kitchen walled garden and pleasure gardens, helping with weeding,

pruning, and the planting and establishing of vegetable crops and new flower installations.

I am ideally looking for 3-5 volunteers who could either do half days or even a full day once a week/fortnight.

Although I cannot offer a wage, there is always produce and extra plants from propagations that would need homes.

*Tom Barwick, Head Gardener,  
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<b>Kings Lynn</b> (Shopping)	Tuesday 20th	Tuesday 18th	9 - 3pm
<b>Dereham</b> (Tesco & Morrisons)	Thursday 29th Both buses	Thursday 27th Both buses	1 - 4pm
<b>Wroxham</b> Shopping (Roys)	Saturday 24th	Saturday 29th	10 - 2pm
<b>Reepham</b> (Shopping)	Every Wednesday	Every Wednesday	9 - 10.30

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# church life



## Remembering the Somme, 100 years on

ON 1 July, we in Reepham church gathered, prayed, kept silence and remembered the men, especially from Reepham, who had fought and died during the Somme Offensive 100 years ago.

At 7.28 am, the time in 1916 that the artillery guns went silent, the country fell silent for two minutes to commemorate those who died, were injured and fought for four months in terrible conditions.

Sidney Eglington died on that day. He was born in Whitwell Street and was 24 years old. He was a farm labourer before the war and died fighting with the 8th Battalion Norfolk Regiment.

He has no known grave and is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial. It is hard to comprehend how he must

have felt on that day, miles from home, thinking of Reepham, family, friends and the farm and fields.

Reepham lost six men during the Somme Offensive; a total of 32 men during the First World War and 13 in the Second World War.

What did those men think, some thousands of miles from home, when fighting for freedom in foreign lands? Some had left home for the first time; one can only hope that their thoughts of home gave them reassurance at the darkest of times.

What were their families thinking and going through, waiting for news of sons, brothers, fathers, uncles, cousins and loved ones?

Many families have histories of men

who wouldn't or couldn't talk about what they had seen and lived through.

Thankfully, we now understand what stress can do, especially to those in the military. Nowadays they get the support that was not offered back then.

As we as a country in 2016 continue to remember those who fought and died in conflict, thoughts of peace and preventing further violence in this troubled world are difficult.

But remembering Mark 12:31, "love your neighbour as yourself" becomes more important, especially for those who are fleeing conflict and abuse.

Offering sanctuary to those in need is and should be a truly British talent.

*Ron Luton-Brown*

## Sale of pews boosts church building repair fund

FOLLOWING the news that St Mary's Reepham had been awarded a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, builders have started to repair the church tower and the remaining fragment of All Saints Hackford, and to repair and attend to the floor of the north aisle of St Mary's.

As a result, 13 small oak-ended pews from this aisle had to be disposed of by the end of September.

These were quickly snapped up, mostly by local people who have had personal contact with the church; all the pews are now sold.

As a result, the Repair and Renewal Fund of St Mary's received a total of £2,275, which will contribute toward the constant building repairs necessary to the Grade I listed building, which is still in daily use.

Sue Page, Lay Minister, Reepham Church, and vice chairman of the



Parochial Church Council, said: "We will miss the pews, but will have gained a new floor, space for exhibitions, and more space for children's activities and movement in worship.

"The project was provoked by a building inspection, which revealed the north aisle floor to be dangerously in need of repair.

"After much discussion, the church finally agreed to use the space creatively and dispose of the pews. We hope the new owners will enjoy their new seat and reflect on those who have sat on it before, as they worshipped, celebrated, mourned, prayed and remembered."

Some of the money obtained from the sale of the pews will also go towards the remaining sum needed to highlight the outline of All Saints in an appropriate and attractive style as part of Reepham Three Churches Project.

### Norfolk Hop Festival

The inaugural Norfolk Hop Festival will be held at the All Day Brewing Company's hop garden at Salle Moor Farm, Wood Dalling Road, Reepham.

The festival will take place over two weekends (10-11 September and 17-18 September) and throughout the week starting Monday 12 September. All participants will be offered a limited-edition bottle of beer; food and drink will be provided throughout.

■ For free tickets and further details: [www.norfolkhopfestival.co.uk](http://www.norfolkhopfestival.co.uk)

## Oh, the joys of an Indian summer

NOW as we enter the jam-making and fruit-bottling season many of our members will be busy in their kitchens, stirring and swinging pans around.

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● 15 September: Arthritis Self-Management with Chris Preston.

How about some sparkle?

● 20 October: Special Pieces from the Audience with Claire Tuck, senior jew-

ellery specialist, Bonhams;

● 17 November: Christmas Flower Arrangement with Crystal Dyball.

Meanwhile, the Reepham WI ten-pin bowling team are now in training again; extra members welcomed.

The Book Club is also now off the ground; more information on the website.

Our programme for next year is almost

finalised, thanks to the hard work of Angela Briggs: there are some great treats in store.

All women are welcome at our meetings, which are held at 7.30 pm at St Michael's, Reepham, on the third Thursday in the month.

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### Saturday 10 September

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 & District Day Centre

### Saturday 10 September

Brass Event, St Mary's Elsing, Church Street, Elsing, 10 am – 5 pm. The original Hastings brass (dating from 1347) will be on view as part of Heritage Open Days. People of all ages, especially children, are invited to rub the replica – materials will be provided. A commemorative leaflet describing and explaining the intricate armour worn by Sir Hugh Hastings and his mourners has been prepared for the event. Refreshments and toilet facilities available at the nearby Village Hall

### Saturday 10 September

Film: Chicklit (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

### Sunday 11 September

Wood Dalling Village Fete, Wood Dalling Village Hall, Prospect Lane, Wood Dalling, 2–5 pm, free admission. Live music from Rock Garden, bar and BBQ, bouncy castle, highland games, face painting and the "Scruffs" dog competition. Stalls include cakes, books, jewellery, cards and plants. Raffle with prizes donated by local businesses

### Wednesday 14 September

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

### Thursday 15 September

Reepham WI, St Michael's, Reepham, 7.30 pm. Arthritis Self-Management with Chris Preston. Contact: Sue Robinson 01603 261771 or suzierobbo@hotmail.co.uk

### Tuesday 20 September

Reepham & District Gardening Club, Reepham Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7.45 pm. Chis Bell, weather forecaster for Weatherquest and BBC Look East weather presenter: Weather forecasting and how we should use it in gardening. New members and visitors welcome. Contact: Judy Holland 01603 308158

### Sunday 18 September

Car Boot Sale, Lyng Playing Field, off Richmond Close, Lyng, 12–3 pm. Fundraising for a new village hall. Refreshments tent, ice cream van, bouncy castle and fun run. Car pitch £5 (just turn up) and £10 trade (please book). Tel: 01603 872238. Email: lynghall@mail.com

### Friday 23 September

Film: Eddie the Eagle (PG), Sparham Old School Room, Well Lane, Sparham. Doors open at 7 pm, film starts at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 on the door. Drinks and snacks available. Contact: Sparham Village Cinema – Janet Bolderston 01362 688984 or Adam/Judith Pryke 01362 688426

### Saturday 24 September

Reepham Craft Makers Market, St Michael's Reepham, 10 am – 4 pm. Contact: Sue Johnston 01603 879639 or suejohnston303@yahoo.com, or Gloria Davis 01603 873004 or glogirlglo1@tiscali.co.uk

### Sunday 25 September

Reepham Festival of Classic Cars and Bikes, Market Place, Reepham, 11 am – 4 pm. Exhibitors are asked to arrive from 8–10 am and leave from 4–6 pm. Owners wishing to display their cars at this invitation-only event should apply by email: reephamclassic16@hotmail.com

### Sunday 2 October

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

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bawdeswellvillagecinema@gmail.com

### Sunday 9 October

Marriott's Way 10k – a 10 km race along the Marriott's Way from Aylsham to Reepham. There will be three waves of runners starting at 11 am, 11.10 am and 11.20 am. More details: www.broadland.gov.uk/mw10k

### Tuesday 11 October

Behind the Scenes at Ickworth, Reepham Society visit to Ickworth Hall, near Bury St Edmunds, full day. Numbers are limited. Contact: Ann Middlemas 01603 870334 or membership@reephamsociety.org.uk

### Wednesday 12 October

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

### Tuesday 18 October

Reepham & District Gardening Club, Reepham Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7.45 pm. Tony Leech, Norfolk Wildlife Trust trustee and county fungus recorder: Witches and Devils (the Darker Side of Fungi). Plus: Autumn Bag Sale – please bring surplus plants in bags to be sold at 50p per bag. New members and visitors welcome. Contact: Judy Holland 01603 308158

### Thursday 20 October

Reepham WI, St Michael's, Reepham, 7.30 pm. Interesting Jewellery with Claire Tuck of Bonhams. Contact: Sue Robinson 01603 261771 or suzierobbo@hotmail.co.uk

### Friday 21 October

Auction of Promises, St Michael's, Reepham, 7 pm. Proceeds to the Three Churches Project. Tickets £5 to include a glass of wine and canapés. Contact: Sue Page 01603 870886 or Liz and John Vertigan 01603 870281 with any promises for auction on the evening or for more details

### Friday 28 October

Film: A Hologram for the King (12A), Sparham Old School Room, Well Lane, Sparham. Doors open at 7 pm, film starts at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 on the door. Drinks and snacks available. Contact: Sparham Village Cinema – Janet Bolderston 01362 688984 or Adam/Judith Pryke 01362 688426

### Sunday 6 November

The Reepham Women's section of the Royal British Legion is running a coach to the Springfields Outlet Shopping in Spalding, Lincolnshire, cost £15 (to be paid by 6 October),

picking up at Aylsham 9 am, Cawston 9.15 am and Station Road car park, Reepham 9.30 am. To book, contact Moira Dye 01603 871791 or stoneywood38@sky.com, or any member of Women's Section

### Tuesday 8 November

Reepham Society meeting, Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7.30 pm. Norfolk Before the Romans: Age Gold and Boudica's Rebellion – Natasha Hutcheson. Contact: Ann Middlemas 01603 870334 or membership@reephamsociety.org.uk

### Wednesday 9 November

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

### Saturday 12 November

Film: Learning to Drive (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 15 November

Reepham & District Gardening Club, Reepham Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7.45 pm. Peter Skeggs-Gooch, owner of Thorncroft Clematis: A complete guide to clematis – an overview on clematis for every season and the different ways in which they can be used. New members and visitors welcome. Contact: Judy Holland 01603 308158

### Thursday 17 November

Reepham WI, St Michael's, Reepham, 7.30 pm. AGM + Christmas Sparkle: flower arrangement with Crystal Dyball. Contact: Sue Robinson 01603 261771 or suzierobbo@hotmail.co.uk

### Saturday 19 November

Reepham Town Football Club Race Night, Stimpson's Piece pavilion, Bartle Court, Reepham, first race 7.30 pm, tickets £2 per person

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## USEFUL INFO

### Emergency services

Fire, emergency only: 999  
 Fire Station, School Road, Reepham 01328 862222 (office hours)  
 Police emergency only: 999, otherwise: 101 and ask for the Reepham Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) or email [sntreepham@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto: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](mailto:keith.simpson.mp@parliament.uk)  
 Norfolk County Councillor: James Joyce 01263 587212 or [james.joyce@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:james.joyce@norfolk.gov.uk)  
 Broadland District Councillor: Graham Everett 01603 868332 or [cllr.graham.everett@broadland.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.graham.everett@broadland.gov.uk)  
 Reepham Town Council Chairman: Les Paterson 01603 871983 or [les.paterson@yahoo.com](mailto:les.paterson@yahoo.com)

### Shopping

Market Day: Wednesday; early closing: some shops Thursday and/or Saturday

### Public transport

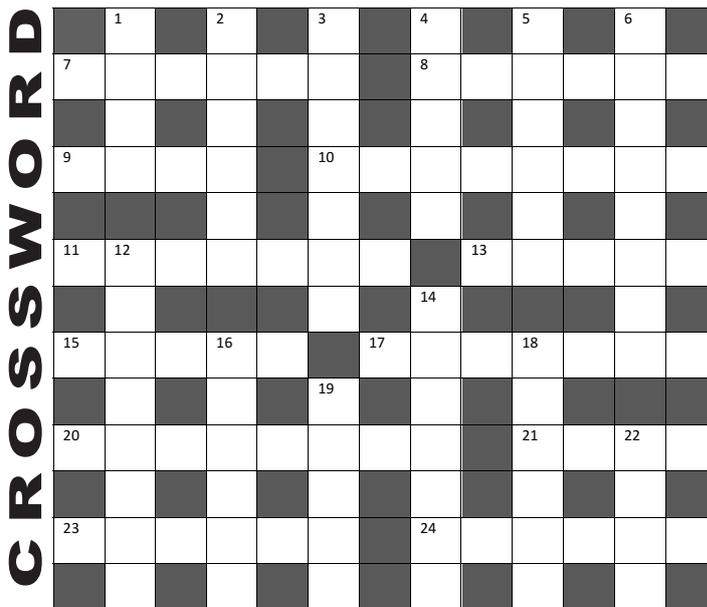
Daily (Monday to Saturday) coach services to Aylsham and Norwich via Cawston. There is also a once a week service to Fakenham, Wroxham and Dereham. Timetables are displayed outside the side window of the Police Station. For information Monday to Saturday 8.30 am – 5 pm 0845 300 6116

### Local help

Reepham Rover user group bookings. Contact: Michael Black 07765 321458  
 Transport Plus (local voluntary transport service) booking requests can be made Monday to Friday 9 am – 5 pm 0344 800 8020  
 Citizens' Advice Bureau, Girton House, Market Place, Reepham. Wednesdays 10 am – 12.30 pm only, otherwise telephone Norwich office 01603 765783 for advice or 01603 660857 to make an appointment

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### ACROSS

- 7 Sheep noise granny makes fruit (6)
- 8 Hint about vessel makes vegetable (6)
- 9 Sea birds back for another (4)
- 10 Animal can take it (8)
- 11 Apprentices in sea birds (7)
- 13 Hospital rim for field border (5)
- 15 Good man with burnt offering to store (5)
- 17 Beer Sir? Rather have fruit (7)
- 20 Polite Scotsman is not a military man (8)
- 21 Animal shown in tribe art (4)
- 23 Take no interest about region (6)
- 24 Cuts take notice of in ship (6)

### DOWN

- 1 Spot the book (4)
- 2 Vicious preserve about silver (6)
- 3 Vehicle hops gun (7)
- 4 Warts turn sweet before 17 (5)
- 5 Make from church rate (6)
- 6 A duel I go for discussion (8)
- 12 Sweet 000 (8)
- 14 In shame is slightly tight (7)
- 16 Does tailor pursue love? (6)
- 18 21 is agitated about disease (6)
- 19 I err about 5 for flower (5)
- 22 Piece of land in Holy Land (4)

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# police



## Top tips for mobility scooter safety

USING a mobility scooter is a great way to stay independent and keep active out and about. They are becoming more popular as people realise the benefits of using the vehicles to carry out day-to-day tasks, visit friends and family and retain their freedom.

Our top tips for mobility scooter safety:

- Seek professional advice before making a purchase to ensure the scooter meets your individual needs and requirements.
- Understand what all the switches and levers on your scooter do, and be confident you can control it properly before you go outside on it for the first time.
- Keep your scooter properly maintained and have it thoroughly checked.
- Make sure your battery is kept fully charged. If you are storing the vehicle for long periods make sure the battery is

recharged at least once a month.

- It is important to see and be seen. If you are using anything to protect you from the weather, make sure it does not restrict your vision.
- Do not use your scooter if you have been drinking alcohol or taking drugs.
- Plan your route in advance. The most direct or the shortest route will not always be the best route to take. Steep hills, high kerbs or other obstructions may make it impossible to tackle certain routes.
- Keep your personal possessions safe and secure and your valuables out of sight.
- Do not overload your scooter with shopping or other goods or hang anything from the handlebars as this could make the scooter unstable and more difficult to control.

Remember that pedestrians have the

right of way. If you are riding on a pavement or footpath, give way to pedestrians. The top speed allowed is 4 mph.

To drive on the road you need a vehicle (Class 3) that can travel at 8 mph (12 km/h) or (Class 2) if there is no alternative. It must also have headlights, rear lights, flashing indicators and a horn.

When you are on the road you should obey the Highway Code. When on the pavement you should follow the guidance and rules for pedestrians.

Although you do not have to be insured, we recommend you have at least third-party cover. It is also a good idea to be covered for fire, theft and damage.

**Please call 101 with any information you may have or if there is an emergency where you fear for someone's immediate safety or that of any property call 999.**

## 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 dye.reepham@btopenworld.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.freeseerve.co.uk

**Foulsham Meditation Group** Meets 10 am every Monday at New Frost Hall, Claypit Road, Foulsham. Email: 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 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 1.30–4.30 pm and 7.30–10.30 pm every Monday in the Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. Membership £1 per year and £2 each session, including tea and biscuits. Contact: Eve Webber 01603 871943 or 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 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 7–8 pm every Tuesday at Taverham High School. New players of all ages welcome. Contact: Graham Richardson 07778 890243 or hansie61@hotmail.co.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 Egmores 01603 308192 or jenni@egmore.co.uk

**Reepham Society** Holds public meetings from February to November, on the second Tuesday in selected months at 7.30 pm at St Michael's, Reepham. Contact: Ann Middlemas 01603 870334 or membership@reephamsociety.org.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

**Royal British Legion Women's Section** Meets 2–4 pm on the first Thursday in the month in the Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. Contact: Moira Dye 01603 871791 or dye.reepham@btopenworld.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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