

Hepworth Herald

Issue 7 ~ October 2018



Claire Ellis

Hepworth Parish Council invite you all to
BATTLE'S OVER - A Nation's Tribute 11th November 2018

10.45: Service at St Peter's Church

A wreath will be laid at the memorial at 11.00

18.50: The Tribute

Read by Sgt Andrew Yorke

18.55: The Last Post

19.00: WW1 Beacons of Light

Lighting of the Bonfire

20.00: Refreshments

Home Made Soup and Bread, Tea, Coffee and Squash

All proceeds from refreshments will be donated to the ABF The Soldiers' National Charity – The National Charity of the British Army

20.30: Hepworth Angels

WWI Sing along, join in with old favourites

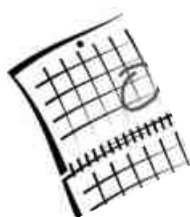
If you were the only Girl in the World, Daisy, Daisy; Roses of Picardi etc.

There will be a history of the 13 men and boys from Hepworth who are named on the memorial at the church who served in WWI. Also on display WWI memorabilia, and lots more. (If you have any WWI memorabilia you would like to display please contact Sue Yeomans on 01359 250037).

Hepworth Art Group will be displaying WWI related art works

(If you would like to be picked up to attend this event please contact Sue Yeomans on 01359 250037)





What's On?

There are lots of events planned in the village during the year - these are the ones we know about at the moment. Please share any others you have planned.

Hepworth Angels	Mondays@1930	see page 8
Café Hepworth	1st & 3rd Thur.	see page 4
Autumn Art Exhibition	6th & 7th Oct.	see page 11
WI - Talk on Witches in Suffolk	10th October	see page 7
Parish Council Meeting	1st November	Hepworth Pavilion
Hep2Enjoy Meeting	2nd Nov@1930	Re: Battles Over
WI Meeting	8th November	Hepworth Pavilion
Memorial Service	11th Nov@1045	St Peter's Church
Battle's Over	11th November	see page 2
Over 60s Christmas Lunch	14th December	More info to follow
Village Christmas Get Together	16th December	Mince pies & cheer

Would you like to help?

Many of the above events are being supported by **Hepworth2Enjoy**. This is an engaged, friendly collective of villagers who come together to put on village events and to help others put on village events, providing people-power, experience, and bags of enthusiasm! We are always looking for ideas & volunteers - please contact Clare on 250 660.

Found: Brown Tortoiseshell Spectacles in a Specsavers case on a driveway near Church House, The Street. Please contact Chris on 253659



A big thank you to everyone who took part in the garage sale trail on 8th July. After costs, a contribution of £21 was made towards the continued running of the Hepworth Herald.

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between 10.30 – 12.00

Proper Coffee and Biscuits for

£1.50

All Welcome!



Did you know?

The Parish Council has prepared a Welcome Pack for people new to the village.

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We are a local, informal, friendly garden club. Green Fingers meetings are held at Hinderclay Village Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.30 in the evening. Annual membership subscription is £12 and our monthly meeting fees are £2 for members (and £4 for non-

members) with refreshments included. You would be most welcome to join us.

October 17th

Autumn Orchard Fruit & Apple Tasting - Graham Proctor of Crown Nurseries

November 21st

Lawn Care - By Tim Woolnough of Ladybird Lawn Care

December 12th

Christmas Festive Quiz - Nibbles and drinks

+ much, much more.

For more information, ring

Ali Carr: 01953 688112 or Val Hobson: 01359 251977



Hepworth and District WI

We cover the villages of Hepworth, Barningham, Coney Weston and Hopton, and provide a fun, varied and inspiring programme of meetings on the 2nd Thursday of every month in Hepworth Pavilion at 19:30.

This year we celebrate our **70th Anniversary**, making us one of the longest running community groups in the villages we cover.

We love to greet new members, and visitors are always sure of a warm welcome.

Come and support your local WI!



Hepworth & District WI

After our enjoyable although damp outing to Helmingham Hall in August we were back at the Pavilion for our September meeting. Unfortunately we had a few apologies so Geoff Evans only had 8 of us in his audience. He showed us some wonderful pictures of Scotland both in summer and winter when he is out and about with his camera enjoying climbing many of the “munros” of Scotland. Often accompanied by his wife they seemed to think nothing of walking and climbing for twelve hours in the summer while the light lasted. We could only admire their bravery and fitness but they did get to enjoy the scenery with few other people around.

We followed the talk with refreshments and a discussion of forthcoming events arranged by our west Suffolk federation but then had to discuss the future of our WI.

Unfortunately with falling numbers we do not think we can continue next year which will make our 70 th birthday celebrations in December also our last meeting. If we could find a dozen women who would be willing to join and take a very small part in helping to run our WI we could continue and hope to eventually get to our centenary like a number of other WIs. However we need these people to come forward now as next year it will be too late. There will be nothing to pay until January so if you are interested in keeping a small piece of local history alive please do contact me.

Currently we cover Hepworth, Barningham, Coney Weston and Hopton so there should be enough women in these villages to keep one small WI going. If you want to find out more about Hepworth and District WI please ring me or for general information about the WI look online at the West Suffolk Federation (<http://j.mp/WI-suffolk-west>).

We meet at Hepworth Pavilion on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm and visitors are always welcome. Our next meeting is on 11 th October when Pip Wright will be talking about Witches in and around Suffolk.

Brenda Last 01359 221307

We are on the hunt for Covers

Hepworth Herald would love to feature the talents of its residents (of all ages!) on the front cover. If you have a seasonal painting, drawing or photograph you would like to share, please consider submitting it for the next issue to hepworthherald@gmail.com

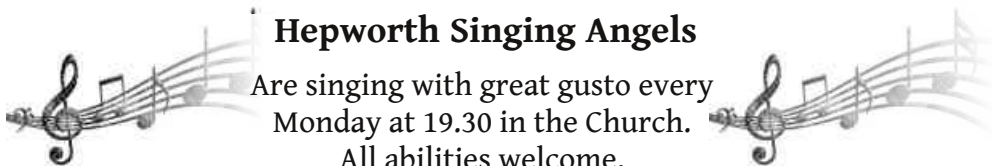


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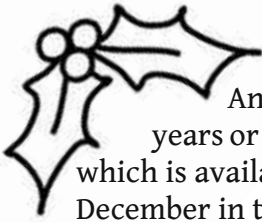


The Parish Council have membership
of the Suffolk Preservation Society
and have access to their services as
follows:-



- The Suffolk Preservation Society is a self funding charity that stands up for Suffolk's special heritage and landscape qualities through the planning system - its historic buildings, towns and villages and distinctive landscapes.
- We work with planning authorities, communities, individuals and developers to promote appropriate, high quality sustainable development.
- We provide advice and recommendations to planning authorities and help communities and individuals to understand the planning system.
- We aim to prevent development that is wrong for Suffolk because of its location, use or design.
- See the Our Work page for our recent work and the challenges that Suffolk currently faces. Also take a look at Suffolk View - our twice yearly campaigning publication.
- We target our resources on major planning applications and those developments that will have the greatest impact on our special places. We can also provide guidance on the planning system by phone or email and aim to support those with planning queries via our Planning Information pages.

Contact the Clerk on 01359 250037 for more information.

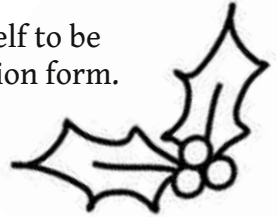


Hepworth Charities

Any pensioner's who have lived in Hepworth for 2 years or more are eligible to apply for the annual grant, which is available from the Charities Trust and distributed during December in time for Christmas. Where a married couple is both of pensionable age only one payment can be made.

If you are not already on the list, and believe yourself to be eligible, could you please contact us for an application form.

Marjorie MacPherson
Tel : 01359 250366



Recreation Ground



The Parish Council have been asked to update/improve the Recreation Ground facilities, swings, slide etc. This is a very expensive project, in the region of £20,000 to £30,000. The Parish Council would like to ascertain how many under 12's are living in the village and who would make use of this facility before considering this as a project to take forward.

Please contact the Parish Clerk on clerk@hepworthvillage.co.uk or 01359 250037 with your name and the number of under 12's in your family.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Would you be interested in joining a neighbourhood watch scheme in Hepworth? The aim of a NWS is to look out for each other, keep in touch with policing news and any crime issues that can help raise awareness.

Please contact Cllr Louise Robinson if you are interested on 01359 251066 or by email at fioremundi50@gmail.com





Hepworth Art Exhibition

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th October (10.30 – 4.30)

On the first Monday in August our topic was 'Stunning Sunsets and Beautiful Skies' and there were plenty of them! Other challenges during August included Windmills and Watermills and a cryptic 'Feeling Blue' completed our August sessions. Quite a variety of topics to keep us on our toes! In September we were delighted to welcome Catherine Bremner (back by popular demand!) who expertly led a workshop on painting animals. We were delighted with the tips and techniques Catherine so generously shared with us. Another Monday, mindful of the Village commemorative day on 11th November 'Battle's Over', we devoted a day to painting artwork that will form part of an overall theme. We are inviting children who attend the art exhibition on 6th and 7th October, to produce artwork to be included in the project.

The Art Exhibition on 6/7th October will soon be upon us! As you can imagine, a lot of planning is involved. There will be over 100 paintings on display both in the Pavilion and in the Church. Delicious refreshments will be available also. The popular Children's Creativity Corner/space will again feature this year plus a little 'arty' quiz that requires observation skills only!.

Just in case you need a reminder! October 7th is nationally designated as 'Silver Sunday' – a special day to celebrate our **super silver senior citizens**. We would be delighted if our Hepworth Silver generation could come along and share with us an hour or two; enjoy some refreshments and take time to talk to friends, neighbours and members of the art club. Please let me know if you need transport. We will be happy to collect you and take you home again. We look forward to seeing you there!

Wendy Summerell

wendy.summerell@btinternet.com Tel: 01359 251852

ART EXHIBITION

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th October

10.30 am – 4.30 pm

SILVER SUNDAY on 7th October

Special invite to all

Super Silver Senior Citizens in

Hepworth at

Hepworth Pavilion, Church Lane, Hepworth



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quiz (observation skills only
required!)**

Hepworth Parish Council Draft Minutes

A meeting of the Hepworth Parish Council took place on Thursday 6 th

September 2018 at the village hall where the following items were discussed.

Attendees: Mr D Stannard (Chairman) Cllr J Spicer Cllr Carol Bull Ms L Robinson
Mrs N Yorke Mrs Sue Yeomans (Parish Clerk)

Members of the Public: There were 3 members of the public present

1. Apologies Mr A Yorke (Vice Chairman), Mrs M MacPherson, Mrs R Vernon, Mr G Bloomfield
2. Declarations of Interest There were none
3. Minutes of previous meetings The minutes of the Meeting 5 th July 2018 and Extraordinary Meetings of 2 nd August 2018 and 24 th August 2018 were agreed and signed.
4. Matters arising from previous meetings Trees at Willow Green – information awaited from residents
5. Receive reports and hear from members of the public present Report from Cllr Spicer
 - Flooding – not top priority for County Council, properties at risk of flooding top priority. It is on the list to be done
 - The CC has agreed to replace the 40 mph VAS on the A143.
 - The Public Enquiry Footpaths took place on 14 th August. The decision is pending. Footpath Market Weston Road – Highways Engineer has inspected the site and the CC will give permission for volunteers to work on the highways and clear the path. There may be a small grant available towards costs.
 - Report from Cllr Bull
 - Funds are available to support the Parish Council ‘Battles Over’ event on November 11 th
 - Following the creation of the new West Suffolk Council in April 2019, after 2021 the council may be charged for Playground Inspections, which are currently free of charge.
 - A parishioner has complained that after her regular voluntary litter picks the black bags are not collected. Cllr Bull to investigate and request collection.
 - Complaints have been received about Diversion and Road Closed signs on The Street, have not being collected after completion of works 3 months ago. Clerk to follow up.
 - Members of the Public
 - The Editor of the Hepworth Herald asked to speak with regard to Editorial restrictions on the content of the magazine. He requested some leeway be given. Agreement was given in principal.
 - A request to be sent to Cllr Bull for £100 to assist with setting up costs.
 - The Chairman thanked Ms Clare Jones-Davies for her regular volunteer litter picks.

6. Finance The following accounts for payment were agreed: -
 - Hepworth Herald £200 donation (Local Government Act 1982, S. 142)
 - Clerk's expenses Jul/Aug 18 £50.00
 - Came & Company, Insurance Renewal £323.90
 - HMRC Q1 July 18 £18.20
 - Receipts – 9 Aug 2018 - £180 from St Edmunds Borough Council CIL S106 (Tree Planting Scheme)
 - The forthcoming budget was discussed.
 - It was agreed that the vandalised Notice Board would be repaired for the time being.
 - Replacement of Grit Bins was discussed. To be B/F to next year.
7. Insurance Policy Renewal Renewal was agreed at £323.90, including insurance premium tax (IPT) in line with the Council's long-term (3 yr fixed rate) agreement which expires on 30 th September 2019.
8. Review and approve updated Financial Standing Orders and Model Standing Orders. Model Standing Orders – updates agreed. Financial Standing Orders – updated using NALC Financial Regulations 2016, Legal Topic Note 87 Procurement was considered. Internal Audit recommendation. Updates agreed.
9. Review and approve updated Privacy Notices The existing Privacy Notice was updated with a General Privacy Notice, reviewed and agreed. Clerk to upload to website. An additional Privacy Notice (for staff, councillors and Role Holders) was created. This was reviewed and agreed. Clerk to circulate to all relevant parties.
10. Clerk's/RFO Report
 - 1. Bank Balances @ 17 August 2018 Community (current) account £6,934.35 Business Saver account £1,830.39
 - 2. Speed Watch Sessions - July 2018: 26/07/18 = 4 August 2018: no sessions The Speedwatch Team are struggling to get volunteers to enable them to do more sessions. Clerk has put appeal for volunteers on the Community Facebook Page.
 - 3. Clerk requests 3 weeks holiday from 1 Oct to 21 Oct 2018. Discuss cover.
 - 4. Clerk requested funds from St Eds Borough Council CIL S16 fund to donate to the Community Bus Scheme however this is not eligible.
 - 5. Clerk has completed a Data Audit.
11. Appointment of new councillor Michelle Waterson was co-opted onto the Parish Council. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Waterson. Clerk to write and confirm.
12. Planning Applications There were no planning applications.
13. Footpaths See Cllr Spicer's report, item 5.
14. Highways See Cllr Spicer's report, item 5.
15. Battles Over – 11 November 2018 Meeting on 14 th August to make final

- preparations. Insurance Company informed of event and bonfire, file note made by them.
16. Update on ideas collected from 'Post-it Suggestion Board' at Annual Parish Meeting 2018 Update on 'Post-It Suggestions' from Annual Parish Meeting April 18
- 1. Internet in Pavilion – no telephone line. Pursue installation of telephone mast on church and use mobile signal for internet. B/F
 - 2. More storage facilities in the Pavilion. Existing shed being cleared 22 nd September and storage space offered to clubs and societies
 - 3. Pathway down Market Weston Road for walkers and dogs and litter bin installation - work in progress. Litter bin installation and emptying costs obtained
 - 4. Centrally placed Notice Board to advertise village events – possibilities being considered
 - 5. New play equipment. Clerk to ascertain the number of under 12's in the village.
 - 6. Path/walkway from bus shelter to Market Weston Road. No funds available. Request volunteers for a working party to help create.
 - 7. Extend and renovate the Pavilion – under review by Recreation Ground Committee. B/F
 - 8. Allotments – 5 interested parties responded to the advert in the Hepworth Herald. B/F next meeting.
 - 9. Cut the trees behind the Pavilion to give light to the playground – quotes being sought by Recreation Ground Committee. B/F next meeting
 - 10. More flowers along verges. B/F next meeting and consider in budget
 - 11. Mobile phone mast on church – awaiting update. B/F next meeting
17. Annual Parish Meeting 4 th April 2019 Suggestions for speakers or demonstrators, and content to Clerk.
18. Correspondence Complaint received about a large cherry tree at Church Close. Clerk to log complaint. Query received about Insurance Cover for 'Battles Over' event. Insurance company contacted -insurance cover is in place and event noted on their file.
19. Questions to the Chair There were no questions
20. Any other business
- Cllr N Yorke suggested a cap on length of meetings, or alternatively meeting monthly instead of bi-monthly. B/F to next meeting.
 - Mr and Mrs J Beales requested a donation of £250.00 towards the Over 60's Christmas Dinner in December 2018. B/F to next meeting.
- The meeting closed at 9.50pm
- The next meeting is 1 st November 2018.

Hepworth Weather (as measured on The Street)

July 2018: Max. Temp: 36.2C 27th
Min. Temp: 10.2C 4th
Total Rainfall: 36.4mm
Wettest Day: 24.3mm 27th

August 2018: Max. Temp: 33.1C 7th
Min. Temp: 6.4C 31st
Total Rainfall: 49.7mm
Wettest Day: 18.5mm 9th

July 2018

Exceptionally hot, dry and sunny. The warmest month of any in my record (2009) and the maximum temp. of 36.2C on the 27th was another record for this station and probably rivalling the summer temperatures of 1976, 1995, 2003 and 2006. The nights, although warm, were comparatively cool compared to local towns and cities. One of the benefits of living in a rural location. The absence of rain throughout most of June continued in to July up to the 26th. (47 consecutive days of no measurable rain). After the great heat of the 27th came severe thunderstorms with frequent lightning on that evening and 24.3mm of rain. In fact the month's total rainfall (36.4mm) fell between the 27th and 30th. Some stats for July: Average daily Max. Temperature: 27.9C. 24 days it reached 25.0C or above, 10 of those were 30.0C or above. An unprecedented month for daytime heat, caused by excessive dryness of the ground leading to very rapid heating by the strong sunshine.

August 2018

The heat and sunshine of July continued for the first 7 days of August with a daily average maximum of 30.5C. From the 8th onwards, daytime temperatures gradually fell back to 'normal' August levels with rain and showers returning, although it was still quite sunny. The last 8 days of the month were rather cool for August with a wet Bank Holiday Sunday and a Min. temperature of 6.4C on the 31st. Overall, rainfall was slightly below average for August.

Kindly provided by Richard Hinton. See the latest weather and historical Hepworth weather data at <http://j.mp/HepworthWS>

the best exotic hepworth pavilion curry night

The Pavilion was alive with exotic Indian Music on Saturday 18th August at our first Curry Night. The Hepworth2Enjoy Team really worked their magic and the Pavilion looked like an exotic Indian venue with beautiful embroidered, sequined colourful drapes, candles and fairy lights, bright orange and purple table covers with multi-coloured serviettes. A colourful Raj sculpture took centre stage. Joss sticks gave a lovely musky scent only outdone by the delicious mix of curry aromas. Colourful flower garlands were given to each person on arrival. For a few hours we were transported to Mumbai, all that was missing was the Bollywood Dancers - maybe next time

Our guests were served with a varied selection of Chicken Curry, Beef Curry, Vegetable Curry, Lentil Dhal, Mango Chutney, Lime Pickle, Cucumber Raita, Bombay Mix and boiled rice, naan bread and poppadums' followed by an Exotic Fruit Salad and Fresh Cream.

Some people really embraced the theme and arrived in beautiful saris, kurtas and other colourful robes.

It was lovely to welcome our regulars as well as some village newcomers. The air was filled with a buzz of conversation and laughter. All in all it was a perfect way to spend a Saturday evening.

Look out for more Hepworth2Enjoy events in the near future. Be there or be square!

Sue Yeomans



reducing loneliness

Could you befriend someone who feels lonely? If you are a good listener, understanding, sensitive and can spare as little as 1 hour per week to make a new friend and ease feelings of isolation by having a cup of tea and a chat, then we would love to hear from you.

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Hepworth Lottery

Date	First Prize	Second Prize	Third Prize
21.7.18	Jenny	Yeoman	Grove House
28.7.18	R.Vernon	28 Church Close	12 Church Close
4.8.18	M.Allen	16 Church Close	Molly 31 The St.
11.8.18	6 Church Close	16 Church Close	G. Stannard
18.8.18	Autumn Cottage	22 Church Close	Keeli
25.8.18	11 Church Close	M. Allen	G. Stannard
1.9.18	Horrex	29 Church Close	9 The Street
8.9.18	Grove House	17 The Street	Stacey

For more information about Hepworth Lottery, call 01359 250 048



Hepworth2Enjoy - a year in review

We are a friendly collective of villagers who, on an ad hoc basis, come together to put on village events. We also are here to support others who want to independently put on village events. We can provide people- power, experience and bags of enthusiasm. Every now and then, we come up with an idea and after a planning get-together, an event is born! In 2018 we have arranged or supported a whole host of events:

Events this year began with a traditional **Burns Night Supper** - complete with delicious Haggis (an alternative provided for vegetarians and for those who can't stand Haggis!), Neeps and Tatties with Clare's whisky sauce, Topsy Laird Trifle and Cheeses and Scottish Oatcakes followed the main course. All washed down with a favourite tippie or two! A few brave people whisked away the calories by dancing flings and Gay Gordons!

In April, A delicious **Fish and Chip Supper** and afterwards a whole host of traditional pub games – organised by Maureen and Ron Bacon, and supported in whatever way we could. The treacle tart and apple pie we provided went down a real treat. But the event just wouldn't have happened if it hadn't been for Maureen and Ron. A fabulous evening!

The **Scarecrow Festival and Strawberry Tea** in June was extremely well supported and our thanks to everyone who entered into the spirit of the weekend. As we came up with the idea quite late, it was quite a tight timetable. Fantastic 'Hepworthians' produced some amazingly creative Scarecrows which adorned many of Hepworth front gardens. Definitely something we would like to repeat.

In July, Maureen and Ron Bacon coordinated and arranged the **Flower Festival** in St Peter's Church with a little support from their H2E friends and the art club.

We then tried something completely different! **The Best Exotic Hepworth Pavilion** in August proved hot in many ways! On a glorious summer's evening, the Pavilion was transformed with everything Indian – from exotic wall hangings to colourful table cloths and runners and brightly coloured garlands. A variety of curries were served together with Dahl, Rice, Poppadums, and Naan and followed by Best Exotic Fruit Salad and cream. A hugely successful event and we

have had many requests for a repeat next year.

Looking ahead: In November the Parish Council are hosting **Battle's Over** - an event to commemorate the end of the First World War, to which everyone is invited. This event is being led by Marjorie MacPherson, Andrew Yorke and Maggie (from the Potato House!). H2E are providing support for this event. (More about this important event - separately in this edition).

In December, **The Village Christmas Get Together** is on 16th December. This is organised by H2E and is free to every Hepworth resident. Last year was our first Christmas Get Together - and it was lovely to see so many people enjoying a pre-Christmas afternoon. An event for everyone in the village no matter what age! It is an opportunity to escape the commercialisation of all things Festive and to relax and enjoy a mince pie or two and meet others who share this special village. We shall look forward to seeing you there.

Whilst Hepworth2Enjoy does not set out to make a profit from any events we do sometimes make a small surplus. H2E uses this to subsidise other events. For example the Christmas Get Together is funded entirely from H2E's surplus from the year.

Would you like to help? There is absolutely no commitment to attend every meeting - you are welcome on a totally ad hoc basis. We are enthusiastic, friendly and like to make our events fun - and that applies to the planning sessions too!

Please contact Clare on 250 660 who will be delighted to hear from you.



Hepworth Speedwatch News

Along The Street:

July 2018: 1 Session, 4 vehicles logged. Max speed = 41 mph

August 2018: No Sessions

More volunteers are needed for our village speed watch. You would be very welcome to join the team. A small bit of form filling and a short time of 'in house' tuition are all that is needed to help make our village roads safer.

NB. You do NOT need a history of being a 'road angel' to join the team!
Please get in touch with Richard Hinton on 01359 251 484

THE REAL HOUSEWIVES OF HEPWORTH VILLAGE

(A tongue in cheek, long-suffering farmer's wife view of life on the farm. We left our Farmer's wife contemplating twine and tape whilst at a Farm Sale...)

I have this theory that all farms are kept together by baler twine and duck tape, and this confirms my belief. When I look around our farm, it's great for holding doors open, getting a mud soaked dog back to the house, attaching a sign temporarily, (which is another word for permanently in farmer speak) the list is endless. Duck tape, well it's such a god send. Helps me with endless logistical problems.

Anyway, back to the sale. Lots are sold at an alarming rate, in a fast, alien language that I don't understand. I wonder if you have to go to Agricultural College and learn it, you know, as part of the curriculum? The crowd either shuffle along behind the auctioneer, or stand back to watch the proceedings, commenting on the prices, "That was a fair price" or "that made a lot considering its age and hours." Bit like me really.

Nodding my head to the men around me, who speak to me and anyone else in the vicinity in whispered tones, I can't understand what they're saying, so I just nod. This half involuntary motion is giving me a headache, and I therefore adopt the farmer's pose of

Grit Bins

With winter fast approaching the Parish Council are mindful of the Grit Bins situated around the village.

It is now a requirement by Highways that the Parish Council have a list of volunteers available who will spread grit when the conditions require. If you have a grit bin near you and would be happy to be listed as a 'grit spreading volunteer' please contact the Clerk at clerk@hepworthvillage.co.uk or 01359 250037.

If you notice the grit bin near you needs to be replenished also contact the Clerk as above.

Please Note: The grit in the bins is for use only on public roads and paths and is not for personal use.



head down, looking at the ground and scuffing my wellies in the mud so that at least I do look as though I understand what they're saying. I throw in the odd "Mmmm" for emphasis and use farmer speak of "Well basically, ..." and am interrupted, thank goodness, before I have to say anything remotely relevant.

However, as we move closer to the action, I am terrified of speaking or moving in case I buy something, then realise to my horror that nodding has bought me a lot which turns out to be an assortment of "D" Rings and the Clerk is looking to Him for a paddle number. He, in the meantime, is looking at me. I raise my hand to indicate it's time to get coffee, and buy a lot of wood. When I say a lot of wood, I mean a "lot" of wood, and it is a lot of wood. Oh well that'll keep the wood burner going.

"Would you like the option on the other four lots?" the auctioneer is looking at me.

Now I shook my head frantically from side to side so many times I made my brain rattle. Quickly, I turn my back and make a run for it back to the tea van, desperately in need of nicotine and caffeine. I settle down on an old crate as far away as possible from the auctioneer and doing any further damage to his bank account, Him Outdoors that is, not the Auctioneer.

Lot's purchased, including my accidental ones, payment made to the Clerk, we load up and, to my relief, are soon to be heading for home. Not yet though, he's just seen an old friend from College. I go to the van and buy yet more coffee. I should mention here that with all this coffee drinking, I have to visit the little portable blue room, a logistical nightmare with all these clothes, and so time consuming.

Just as well the visit takes a little longer, as the "quick word" in farmer speak is at least thirty minutes or more, and once these old mates have relived the last thirty years, caught up on each other families, including aunts, uncles, children, and the hatches, matches and despatches, we climb into the truck and make our exit.

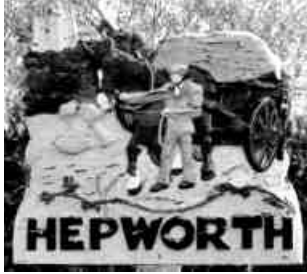
However, at the gate, another old friend....



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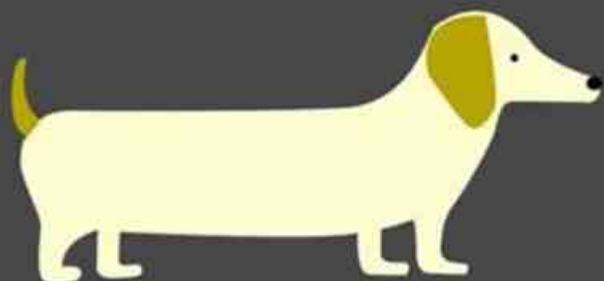
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