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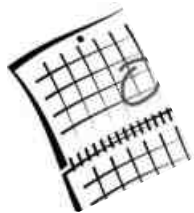
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What's On?

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 below
Café Hepworth	1st & 3rd Thur.	@1030 - see page 6
Advent Carols Songs of Praise	8th Dec @0930	St Peter's Church
Over 60's Christmas Lunch	13th Dec @1200	see page 12
Village Christmas Get Together	15th Dec @1500	see page 6
Carol Service	22nd Dec @1500	St Peter's - see p16
Parish Council Meeting	9 Jan 2020 @1930	Hepworth Pavilion
Morning Prayer	12th Jan @0930	St Peter's Church
Footpath Public Enquiry	14th January	Hepworth Pavilion
Holy Communion	26th Jan @0930	St Peter's Church
Kirbye Singers	4th April @1400	St Peter's Church

Would you like to help?

Many village events are being supported by **Hepworth2Enjoy**. This is an engaged, friendly collective of Hepworth 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 now have a small budget to help events on their way. Please contact Clare (250 660) or Sue (250 037).



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 future issues to hepworthherald@gmail.com



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No December Meeting!

15th January 2020

NEW YEAR EVENING MEAL - At the 'Bunbury Arms' in Gt. Barton

19th February

SNOWDROPS-The emblems of Early Spring - Guy Barker

18th March

SPRING SHOW. Growing vegetables for the Kitchen - Pauline Harper

15th April

HANGING BASKET WORKSHOP With Cathy @ Hillcrest Nursery Stanton
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**Sunday 15th December
3pm to 5pm in the Pavilion**

Come along and share some mulled wine,
tea, coffee, squash and mince pies.

All refreshments free of charge

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Letter from Reverend Bladen December 2019

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

I don't know about you but I often struggle with the dark evenings and even darker nights that December brings. So I love it when people begin to decorate their windows, out door trees and even the whole of their houses... and the streets begin to glitter with twinkly Christmas lights. I find myself smiling even at the gaudiest of lights because there's just something about light in the dark that brings a sense of reassurance and comfort. Lights twinkling and shining in the dark seem to project a sense of hopefulness... and Christmas is a season of light and of hope.

A few years ago in a speech to the House of Lords the Archbishop of Canterbury said "We need a narrative of hope"... and Christmas brings with it that narrative of hope as it reminds us once again that hope came and still comes to us in the form of Jesus. Jesus was and is that hope ...that light in the darkness... that hope in the midst of hardship and despair. He is the light that shines into every corner of gloom, illuminating every corner of fading human hope. The ancient words of Isaiah sum it up beautifully; "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned." This is the narrative of Hope! This is the Good News of Christmas and this is the reason we celebrate ...not just because a child was born 2000 years ago... but because God gave His light to the world and hope through Jesus His son. He is the hope that illuminates the next step for the weary, burdened and broken. His is the hope of a new way for the marginalised and displaced. A hope that frees those enslaved by addiction and lies; A hope of peace and reconciliation for those whose lives are in conflict. A hope that gives us a sense of home and a place of belonging.

Our Christmas lights are only up for a season and however beautiful they are they are only man made and often fail us. But the light and hope of Jesus is for all seasons... for every situation and for every day and for every single one of us... and never fails.

So I hope and pray you have a very Happy Christmas and that in amongst all the festivities you might experience something of the light and hope and love of Jesus.

God Bless
Cathy Bladen, Rector



Hepworth Speedwatch News

Along The Street:

September 2019: 2 Sessions
12 vehicles logged
Max. = 50 mph

October 2019: 2 Sessions
13 vehicles logged
Max. = 43 mph

For more information about
Speedwatch, or to get involved, call
Richard on 250 484.

Did you know?

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

Do you have a new neighbour?

Copies from
Sue on 01359 250 037
and can also be found on the
Village Website at

<http://hepworthvillage.co.uk>



Do join a new Parish Council facebook page called "Hepworth Matters" which has up to date information about local matters of interest, notifications about village events and Parish Council information.

<https://www.facebook.com/HepworthMatters/>

Dear All

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the lovely presents of wine, flowers, chocolates, a garden fairy and Art Vouchers (I am an enthusiastic, if somewhat amateur, artist).

I spent just over 4 years supporting the Parish Council which was at times challenging and demanding but always interesting and extremely rewarding.

I would also like to thank all the Parish Councillors I had the pleasure to work with for all the support I received as their Clerk. And, as a parishioner, I would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication on behalf of us all. Hepworth is a great place to live!

Kind regards

Sue Yeomans (retired Clerk)



A meeting of the Hepworth Parish Council took place on Thursday 7th November 2019 at the village hall where the following items were discussed.

Attendees: Ms L Robinson (Chairman), Mrs N Yorke, Mr A Yorke (Vice Chairman), Mr G Bloomfield, Mrs M Waterson, Cllr C Bull, Mrs Ann-Marie Thomas, Cllr J Spicer, Mrs M MacPherson

Members of the Public: Mrs Sue Yeomans, Mr Perry Penn and Mrs Helen Killick

1. Apologies: There were no apologies
2. Declarations of Interest: There were none
3. Minutes of previous meetings: The minutes of the Meeting 7th of November 2019 were agreed and signed.

4. Welcome: Chairman L Robinson welcomed Cllr AM Thomas to the Parish Council.

5. Presentation: Chairman L Robinson presented Mrs Sue Yeomans with Gift Vouchers and token gifts from Parishioners and Councillors in recognition of her service as Parish Clerk. It was noted that Mrs Yeomans' hard work and support to the Parish Council has been invaluable and she will be missed.

6. Receive reports and hear from members of the Public

Report from Cllr Bull: Chapman Lorries – contact has been made with an Enforcement Officer regarding HGV's using the village as a 'cut through'. VOSA are investigating if the site at Knettishall is appropriately licensed. The Parish Council were asked to write to Chapmans as well.

District Council Development plan- asked local landowners if they have land for potential development.

Land belonging to Poplar Farm has been identified as a potential site for housing. This is noted as part of the 10 year local plan currently being developed. The Parish Council will be consulted on this in the near future. Cllr Bull noted that this does not mean it will be developed. This will be considered in association with infrastructure for growth, for example schools, shops and similar assets.

Blacksmith Cottage – trees still causing an issue to neighbouring property, noted to be a civil issue.

Layby - The ditch beside the large layby along the A143 road is noted to be full of rubbish. Cllr Bull will ask the Waste Team for assistance to clear the area. Cllr Bloomfield to assess the size of vehicle needed.

Bury Hub – The new waste disposal/treatment site in Great Barton is opening imminently and has had an impact on bin collection days.

Report from Cllr Spicer: Footpath – The Ramblers Association have requested the reinstatement of an old footpath within the village. This is now going through a second Public Enquiry as the first enquiry did not give adequate notice. Cllr Spicer is going to contact the landowner. Cllr Thomas is going to read through the information Cllr Spicer has so that the PC can make an informed decision prior to offering any comment. There will be a public meeting on 14th January 2020 at Recreation hall.

Boundaries – The consultation on boundaries has been deferred to next year following the impending election. Options are still being assessed and the Blackbourne Ward may be extended. Hepworth is surrounded by Mid-Suffolk wards so it's unlikely we will be affected but we will be asked to give input when the process starts in 2020.

Stanton Development – The Master Plan is currently with West Suffolk District Council, the plan will be issued for consultation in due course. The impact on traffic through Hepworth is still very much front of mind and will be raised appropriately when the plan is issued. There is a smaller development by Bloor for 200 homes, currently at planning stage at the other end of Stanton – opposite the garage.

Members of the Public: There were no public comments

7. Correspondence: Local Electricity Bill – Chairman L Robinson noted there is a bill regarding a change in law that allows renewable energy to be sold locally. The information regarding this change is to be shared in the Herald, on Social Media and via the Village Website so all parishioners are able to comment.

Letter from P Newberry – We have received a letter from Pam Newberry regarding the reinstatement of the path in Market Weston Road. This and the planned reinstatement will be added to the January agenda.

Traffic Speed Device – Purchased and generously donated to Hepworth by Richard Argent of Wup-doodle – Letter to be sent thanking Richard for his generosity.

8. Parish Clerk Vacancy: Candidates shortlisted, Two candidates to be interviewed. Interviews to be arranged. Salary to be confirmed with candidates by Chairman L Robinson
9. Notice Board: Parish council notice board vandalized. Cllr A Yorke has assessed the Notice Board and reported that the backing needs repair and the Perspex needs replacing. Cllr Yorke will organise the repair.
10. Commemorative Plaques: Cllr MacPherson will order the plaques and cover the difference in cost as a personal donation.
11. Commemorative Trees: Perry Penn has suggested Hornbeam Trees as an alternative to the Yew. Cllr Robinson is checking the budget and funds with Sue Yeoman prior to a decision. Funding and upkeep to be added to the January agenda.
12. FB Page: Cllr Waterson to set up Facebook page as a means of engaging with residents alongside the Hepworth Herald and the Village Website.
13. Herald Donation: Agreed that the Parish Council will donate £200 for 2020. This will be split £100 over 6 months x 2 to cover Parish Council information inclusion in the Herald
14. Over 60's Xmas Lunch: Donation from Parish Council of £250 agreed.
15. Finance: The following accounts for payment were agreed: Recreation Hall hire invoice, up to December 2018; Sue Yeomans overtime; Purchase of bulbs for planting in village; Purchase of Hi Vis jackets for members of the public spreading grit; Parish recharge for non- contested election. Payment to West Suffolk Council.
16. Draft Budget: Draft presented to Councillors in readiness for discussion in January
17. Planning Application: Walnut House “No comment” response to be put forward to West Suffolk Planning Office.
18. Code of Conduct – clarification on voting practice – show of hands Is a permitted process.
19. Questions to the Chair: Please include these items on next agenda: Mud on road at North Common; Play Area; VE Day

The meeting closed at 11.20pm

The next meeting will be held 9th January 2020 7.30pm Recreation hall.

OVER 60'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This year our Christmas Lunch will be on **13th December**.

All Over 60's in the village are welcome to come along and the lunch is free. The only thing we ask is that you book in advance so we can give the numbers to Carol. If you would like to bring a friend from outside the village then the charge will be £15.00. You can book at any time from now until Monday 9th December. We look forward to seeing you at this lovely annual event. We can offer beef as an alternative to turkey. Please let us know your preference when you book.

We would like everyone to arrive around 12.00 in order to enjoy a glass of sherry and get seated before the meal arrives at 12.30. The raffle will follow as soon as the meal is finished and the coffee and mince pies are served.

Raffle tickets will be distributed as usual this year, and as the vast majority of the costs are met by the raffle we hope you will give your support.

Please don't forget to book.

We look forward to seeing you all.

John and Margaret (01359 250048)



The Problem

Renewable energy projects cannot sell their generated energy to local people because of wildly disproportionate costs and regulations. So lots of community-scale renewables that

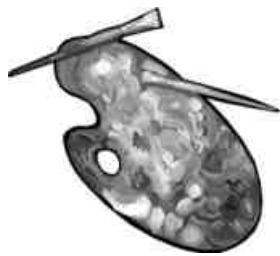
could and should be being built and not being built.

The Solution

Power for People have drafted The Local Electricity Bill. If made law it would enable local renewable energy generators to sell their energy to local people giving a massive boost to community-scale renewable energy projects across the country.

Our Campaign

To see the Local Electricity Bill made law we need MPs. Our efforts so far have seen a cross-party group of 115 MPs back the Bill. Many more are needed in order for it to become law and we need your help to achieve this. Please visit <https://powerforpeople.org.uk/the-local-electricity-bill/>



Hepworth Art Club

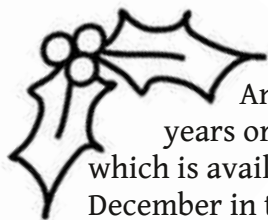
Where did the year go? Now in the art club's last quarter of the year, a lot has happened. A few of us have had personal changes and challenges and have been supported throughout by thoughtful, sensitive and supportive group members. On a personal note, each and every person (including other friends in Hepworth)

has built a haven of tranquility throughout a rather turbulent year. If I lived to a thousand years, I could not thank them enough for everything.

Our painting programme has continued to present challenges too! We just love to stretch our 'comfort zones'! Thankfully, there is a safety net; should the 'challenge' be a step too far, we can create our own painting of choice. I suspect that might happen when we attempt self portraits!

Trevor Osborne provided an inspirational session using soft pastels. If you were brave enough to venture out during the weekend of our Exhibition, you may recall a few ballerinas dotted around. Another inspiring and local artist (Hepworth), Jane Beaumont, gently coaxed us into the art of collage. Therapeutic and definitely makes one 'live in the moment' as each single piece of paper becomes so much more than a piece of paper! Our thanks also to Caroline and Derek who organised another coach trip to see the Van Gogh Exhibition at The Tate. Much enjoyed and appreciated by everyone.

The Highlight of the year was our Annual Art Exhibition. Over 100 paintings were on display. The weather did its best to make it a washout! Whilst numbers were down on last year, we did have a reasonable number of visitors with loyal stalwarts who visit every year and new visitors. Many thanks to you all and especially those intrepid supporters who braved lashing rain on the Sunday! Thank you also for your positive feedback.
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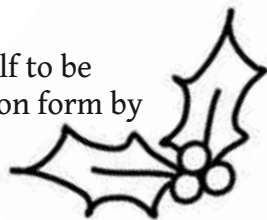


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Any pensioner's who have lived in Hepworth for 2 years or more are eligible to apply for the annual grant, which is available from the Charities Trust and distributed during December in time for Christmas. Where a married couple is both of pensionable 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 by Saturday, 30th November 2019.

Linda Walsh, Tel : 01359 250014





Reports of data for 9 weeks, 3rd July to 3rd September

The Device was sited after Highfield Farm on the right when leaving village.

Arriving into the village from the A143 end of The Street, Hepworth.

Total number of vehicles:- 17116

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- 33 mph

% between 21 and 30 mph:- 62% % between 31 and 40 mph:- 30%

% between 41 and 50 mph:- 1% % between 51 and 60 mph:- < 1%

No. of incidents of 60mph to 70mph:- 1

Highest speed recorded:- 62mph on 19th August at 22:28 hrs

Leaving the village toward the A143 on The Street, Hepworth.

Total number of vehicles:- 16352

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- 34 mph

% between 21 and 30 mph:- 52% % between 31 and 40 mph:- 40%

% between 41 and 50 mph:- 2% % between 51 and 60 mph:- < 1%

No. of incidents of 60mph to 70mph:- 2

No. of incidents of 70mph to 80mph:- 1

Highest speed recorded:- 75mph on 12th August at 07:52 hrs

Reports of data for 4 weeks, 3rd September to 2nd October

The Device was sited before the bus stop on the right when leaving village.

Arriving from the Barningham end of The Street, Hepworth.

Total number of vehicles:- 7714

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- 33 mph

% between 21 and 30 mph:- 63% % between 31 and 40 mph:- 27%

% between 41 and 50 mph:- 1% % between 51 and 60 mph:- < 1%

Highest speed recorded:- 52mph, 9th Sept at 22.55 & 12th Sept at 18:01

Leaving the village toward Barningham on The Street, Hepworth.

Total number of vehicles:- 7793

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- 33 mph

% between 21 and 30 mph:- 58% % between 31 and 40 mph:- 34%

% between 41 and 50 mph:- 1% % between 51 and 60 mph:- < 1%

Highest speed recorded:- 57mph on 14th Sept at 04:08 hrs

Hepworth Weather (as measured on The Street)

September 2019:	Max. Temp:	25.8°C	22nd
	Min. Temp:	3.5°C	18th
	Total Rainfall:	56.9mm	
	Wettest Day:	11.1mm	30th
October 2019:	Max. Temp:	19.1°C	1st
	Min. Temp:	0.7°C	28th
	Total Rainfall:	95.2mm	
	Wettest Day:	27.2mm	6th

September 2019: A warm but rather wet month. Dry, the first half overall but very wet the last 7 days of the month, when 82% of the months total fell. No air or grass frost recorded during the month.

October 2019: A wet month with average temperatures. October continued the trend of the last week of September. The 5th/6th gave periods of persistent heavy rain here with a total of 46.6mm in 33 hours. Normally a months worth of rain! This caused widespread flash flooding in the area, with an intense muddy 'run off' from adjacent fields. The normally quiet stream along The Street rose to road level within 2 hours during the morning of the 6th. In the 12 years that I have lived here, I have not seen it rise so fast. 1 grass frost during the month (-0.4°C on the 28th). No air frost, consequently plenty of bloom in the garden at the months end.

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

I would like to thank all who gave desserts, raffle prizes, and food for the Food Bank, for our Harvest Supper and Harvest Service. Thank you.

Maureen Bacon



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Hepworth Lottery

Date	First Prize	Second Prize	Third Prize
27/07/19	Molly 31 The Street	Willowdown	Grove House
03/08/19	30 Church Close	M. Allen	26 Church Close
10/08/19	Randall	Davis	39 The Street
17/08/19	21 Church Close	Butchers House	15 The Street
24/08/19	33 Church Close	24 Church Close	Corringway.
31/08/19	15 The Street	Davis	Wendy 31 The Street
07/09/19	7 Church Close	Butchers House	Grove House.
14/09/19	10 Church Close	Sarah 17 The Street	Maltings Farm.
21/09/19	Hunt	16 Church Close	Willowdown
28/09/19	Davis	17 The Street	Thompson
05/10/19	Maureen 21 Ch ^h Cl	D.Stannard	Rich. Stone Cott.
12/10/19	Poplars	1 Church Close	39 The Street.
19/10/19	Turner	15 The Street	Horrex
26/10/19	33 Church Close	Keily	Ingram
02/11/19	12 Church Close	Sarah 17 The Street	28 Church Close
09/11/19	7 Church Close	Grove House	Poplars

For more information about Hepworth Lottery, call 01359 250 048

Daffodils for Hepworth

Hepworth Parish Council were given some Daffodil Bulbs for villagers to plant along verges.

If you would like any to plant please contact Nicola Yorke
01359 252252.



News From Hopton Primary School

A Willow Class Perspective

I have started school! I was so excited. I met my new teacher when he visited me at my pre-school setting, just before I started at Hopton CEVC Primary School.

A funny looking fella but pleasant and funny, albeit dad jokes a plenty! I am now an official member of Willow Class. I love being with my friends and we have great fun learning through activity, it's what we do best!

That teacher, Mr McDonald, you'll never guess what he wanted us to do in our first few weeks. He said we can do anything we put our minds to, with something called a growth mind-set and we should start by learning all of these funny sounds and start writing them too. I thought he was mad. This was confirmed when he started walking on his hands like a circus act! He'll be doing it again soon when we prove we can write all of our tricky words independently! We'll teach him a thing or two!

But you know what, he was right. I am writing beautiful sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. I even know how to write a question mark. I'm showing off my reading at home, often, because I love it. I might even write my own book one day.

So, we started the year exploring 'play' as part of our school's curriculum driver and have now moved on to 'wonder' along with our Value for Life - 'wisdom' is our current value. I have been showing off my wise, playful and wonder-full skills, especially in our forest-school time. This week I was awarded a certificate for my learning in what they call a celebration assembly. All those big children just looking my way and clapping because I am obviously more clever than them already. I think I quite like this place. Yes, I think I will stick around for a while, carry on with that growth mind-set lark and see what I'll become.

If your child was born between 1 st September 2015 and 31 st August 2016 and you would like them to come to Hopton Primary School you will need to apply for a place by Wednesday **15th January 2020**. If you have questions please contact the school on 01953 681447, and ask for Mr McDonald (EYFS Teacher) or Mrs Claire Wright (Headteacher), who will be happy to take the call.

We also offer Nursery places for 3-year olds.



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