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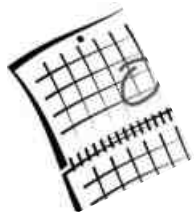
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What's On?

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 below
Bingo Evening with finger food	14th March	see page 13
Kirbye Singers	4th April @1400	St Peter's - see p6
75th Anniversary of VE Day	8th May	} details to follow
Roaring 20's Evening	20th June	
The Hepworth Garden Party	8th August	

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).



Café Hepworth



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of each Month in
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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

20th May

GARDEN VISIT TO WOOD FARM (includes an 8 acre wildflower plot)

17th June

GARDEN VISIT TO CHURCH COTTAGE - At Troston

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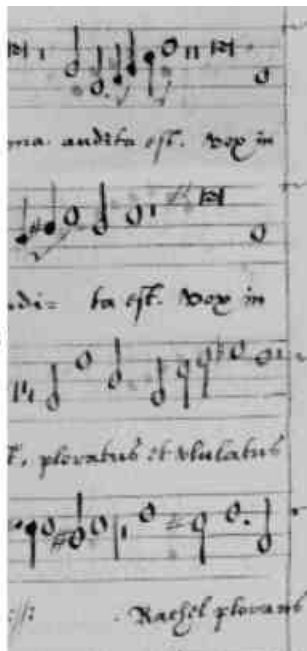
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Letter from Reverend Bladen February 2020

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

As I write this letter the New Year has just begun and I have two streams of thought running through my mind, new beginnings and identity.

The beginning of the year is traditionally the time of new beginnings, or at least for making resolutions to do things differently or in new way. We resolve to; become healthier, to eat better, drink less, exercise more, to give up smoking, to see more of our friends, to find work or a new job, to make time for the things that are important and the list goes on. It's about making changes, or at least resolving to make changes, that will make for a better state of health and quality of life.

I think it's interesting that right at the beginning of the year, we in church celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Baptism for Jesus was the beginning of something new. It was from that point on that Jesus' work and ministry on earth really began. But it was more than just a resolution to be different... along with it came confirmation of who he really was. You might remember that as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven opening and the Holy Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: *'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'* God confirmed who Jesus was... he confirmed his identity, there's something important about that.

I think each one of us has a deep need to know who we are. That's probably why so many people take a great interest in look into their genealogies and ancestries. Who we are... our identity is really important. Out of knowing his identity, out of knowing who he really was Jesus too could live as the person God had made him to be. And that's the same for each one of us. The way we live comes out of the knowing who we are. The Bible has a lot to say about who we are and our identity. As we get to know God so our identity becomes clearer. Did you know he calls us; beloved, greatly loved, his children, sons and daughters of the most high, his friends, joint heirs of his kingdom.

Our new years resolutions may be long forgotten but it's never too late to discover who we really are and how much God loves us... and to discover a new way of life. Jesus said he came to bring us abundant and over flowing lives, I love the Message translation of the Bible which says, *"I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of."*

God Bless,
Cathy.

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Hepworth Speedwatch News

Along The Street:

November 2019: 1 Session
1 vehicle logged
Speed: 45 mph

December 2019: 1 Session
NIL Return
No vehicles logged

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>

John and Margaret would like to offer our very grateful thanks to all those who helped with this lunch.

With the election taking place on the Thursday all hands were needed on the Friday morning. Our lovely helpers came and set up tables and chairs for us, they laid the tables and very soon everything looked perfect.

Our thanks also go to Chris who said Grace before the meal and to both him and Pat who helped with the raffle afterwards. Prior to this the hall had been beautifully decorated by Terry and Mel who do this each year, thank you.

Then came our waitresses who did a wonderful job offering sherry and wine as well as the meal and last but not least all those who helped clear up afterwards.

This is a lovely tradition which has been going for 24 years now and with all your help we hope will continue for many more.

We wish you all a Happy New Year

John and Margaret



HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL: DRAFT MINUTES

A meeting of the Hepworth Parish Council took place on Thursday 9th January 2020 at the village hall where the following items were discussed.

Attendees: Ms L Robinson (Chair), Mrs N Yorke, Mr A Yorke (Vice Chair), Mr G Bloomfield, Mrs M Waterson, Mrs A Thomas, Mrs M MacPherson, Cllr C Bull, Cllr J Spicer, Clerk Ms H Corris

Members of the Public: Seven Members of the public were present

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 agreed and signed.
4. Suspension of meeting to receive reports and hear from members of the public present:

Report from Cllr Spicer a) Public Enquiry - on the 14th January 2020 into the potential re-opening of an alleged public footpath from Wood Lane across farmland to Beck Street to be held here in the Pavilion. Cllr Spicer will attend but as an observer only. The meeting will be extremely formal and Cllr Spicer has contact details of the Chairman for the meeting should Parish Council require them. The meeting will be attended by the Landowners affected by this footpath and they will be represented. Should the Parish Council wish to formally represent themselves they should let her know and can expect to be cross-examined at the enquiry.

b) Footpath Market Weston Road - Is this going ahead? Please inform Cllr Spicer to release funds.

c) Weight Restriction (Lorry Ban) - The Parish Council are entitled to request a weight restriction for the village. In previous years when IKEA were looking to develop the Shepherd's Grove site they were going to provide funding for a weight restriction to be applied to Hepworth. Cllr Spicer stated that any application for development is looked at and an assessment on the impact of additional traffic is made by the planning team and herself. Cllr Spicer feels that should the Shepherd's Grove development take place, then traffic calming would be required through the village of Hepworth due to the inevitable increase of commercial vehicles travelling through the village from the site. However, a recent "lorry count" survey conducted showed that less than 1% of vehicles travelling through the village were Heavy Goods Vehicles. Parish Council explained that they were exploring the cost and viability of a weight restriction (lorry ban) through the village not because of the volume of Heavy Goods vehicles but because of the danger to the pedestrians, horse riders, and cyclists etc when the HGV's pass through, due to the lack of paving and width of the road. These reasons are published on the Suffolk County Council website as being reasons that could justify implementing a weight restriction. Parish Council accepted that such a ban would have to be self-funded and were merely trying to establish realistic costs involved before consultation with the residents of the village was considered. Cllr Spicer said she would send details of a point of contact at Suffolk County Council who may be able to assist. Cllr Spicer offered to fund and provide "Unsuitable for HGV" signs for the village in the meantime if PC would like them. The Parish Council accepted and thanked Cllr Spicer for her offer.

d) Cllr Spicer informed the PC that she had managed to obtain a reduction in the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph through Stanton along the A143.

e) Cllr Spicer was asked about the lack of Police Officers but informed the PC that Suffolk County Council have no influence over Police funding or resources at all. It is all in the hands of the local Police and Crime Commissioner and that there has been a significant reduction in funding available for Policing over recent years.

f) Cllr Spicer informed PC that the new recycling centre opens on Thursday 16th January. It will not have any steps to negotiate and all waste will be taken there. The recycling centre will be closed to the public on Wednesdays.

g) Review of Suffolk Children's centres, however the Bluebell centre in Stanton will remain open.

h) Parish Council asked if there was a possibility of some sort of barrier in the layby on the A143 as this is being used by HGV's to park and these vehicles are eroding the verge away which in turn is collapsing into the Farmers ditch causing a flooding potential. A large amount of rubbish is also being thrown into the ditch and the Farmer has to clear it continually at his expense. Could we have some more bins? Cllr Bull stated the layby is owned by the County Council and she will make a site visit with Cllr Spicer and the Farmer. It may be possible to have a second bin.

Report from Cllr Bull a) Drainage issues in the village - Council do speak to Land owners who are encouraged to keep ditches clear but it is ultimately Land owners responsibility and very hard for the Council to enforce any action. The ditch at the rear of the Bungalows towards North Common junction is believed to be on private property.

b) Chapmans Lorries coming through the village - Chapmans have been told not to come through the village, Enforcement officer looking into it. Residents are encouraged to report sightings directly to Chapmans.

Comments from Members of the Public present a) The Dustbin in the layby on The Street has now gone. New bin to be requested. Bin also broken on A143 at the bus stop. Bin to be repaired.

b) Concerns drainage from any development on Shepherd's Grove will impact on Hepworth. This has been highlighted to developers already.

c) Cllr Thomas noticed ditches in Hepworth are overgrown and need clearing, especially opposite Wood Lane. It is believed Barkers Farms own this area. Barkers will be contacted and asked to clear it.

d) The pathway to the Pavilion is breaking up. Not Parish Council land, it belongs to Wup Doodle. Richard will be spoken to and asked if he could fill them.

5. Market Weston Footway. Members of the public present strongly oppose the re-instatement of this old footway. Photos were produced by Cllr Yorke to show that there had been a footway at some point in the past. However, the Members of the public maintain that the local residents they have spoken to do not wish the path to be re-instated. An e mail from another resident was read out by the chair and they too stated that it was a waste of time and money. Concerns around maintenance of any path were voiced and serious concerns were made about the agricultural vehicles crossing the proposed path in order to access the field opposite North Hall Farm. MOP, were not satisfied that there had been any consultation with them about this proposed path. Currently they themselves maintain the verge at their own expense and good will. This will be withdrawn should the footway be re-instated. Cllr Macpherson personally thanked the MOP for the time and effort they have invested maintaining the current verge. Parish Council will now ask the Residents of the village to vote on the matter before any further decision is made.

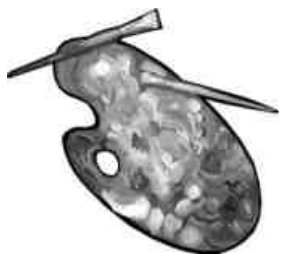
6. Update Regarding Footpath Wood Lane/Folly Farm Beck Street - Cllr Thomas has spent a considerable time researching the subject in order to provide residents and Parish Cllrs with information around this issue. PC thanked her for her hard work and time. The legislation keeps changing and the issue is complex. Ramblers association appear to keep requesting Councils review maps and re-instate previous footpaths. Councils are legally obligated to investigate each time the request is made. However, there are numerous maps and they are all different. Some clearly show paths and some do not. A court ruling in 2015 requires a review of all the maps is now undertaken. Cllr Thomas provided the PC with an information pack containing maps and a copy of a guideline document that she had found during her research. Cllr Yorke asks Mr Hatten to provide a brief history of previous enquiries into the footpath. Mr Hatten explains that the path was only ever provided in order for Villagers to access Bluebell woods to gather firewood and that nobody remembers the path being used. The current proposal extends well beyond this and emerges onto a private driveway that is utilised as entry and exit for the agricultural

machinery on the farm and wholly unsuitable for walkers, quite apart from it being privately owned land. It is established that the current Land owners have representation at the Public Enquiry and do not require the Parish Council to attend. Parish Council will therefore not attend in an official capacity and have no comment to make on the matter.

7. Memorial Plaques, Hornbeam Trees and Maintenance - Plaques still to be viewed and decided upon. Trees have been costed at £351. This includes Stakes and ties. Funds to come from Section 106 fund allocated to Hepworth. Proposed to train the trees into a "Hedge in the Sky" style. Tree Warden Mr Perry Penn will deal with the purchase, planting and upkeep. Annual cost of maintaining the trees will be budgeted for in the future.
8. Update re Mud on Road North Common - Farmer has been spoken to following an accident where it was claimed the mud on the road was a contributory factor. He will endeavour to keep the road clean. County Council won't consider any signage. Parish Council agree to monitor the condition of the road.
9. Chapmans Lorry Update - Parish Council wrote to Chapmans and reminded them of the planning conditions that forbids them from travelling through the Village when going to and from the Knettishall Heath site. To date no response received. Residents to be asked to report sightings and a notice to this effect will go into the Hepworth Herald. Contact to be made with Barningham Parish Clerk as this affects their residents too. We await a response from the planning enforcement team.
10. Recreation ground (play area) - Cllr Thomas inspected the play apparatus and took photos. General disrepair, trees over grown. Mr John Beales is the Chair of the recreation ground committee. Cllr Robinson has had a discussion with him and the playground does get inspected by the Borough Council, he is aware of the condition. Cllr Robinson has made him aware that there is some money available from Borough Council for repairs. Clerk has forwarded the contact details regarding the funding to Mr John Beales. He was also informed that the Parish Council has received a letter regarding funds raised by the Recreation ground/Pavilion asking where they go. He explained that the Charity's income does not cover its expenditure. Parish council asks that any further questions regarding the recreation ground should be directed to Mr John Beales. Mr Beales suggested he write something to that effect in the Hepworth Herald. Parish Council have asked him to provide a financial report to them.
11. Potential Weight Restriction. This was covered by Cllr Joanna Spicer in item 4.
12. VE Day. Contact to be made with Hepworth 2 Enjoy regarding arranging a meeting. Person responsible for Soldier Silhouettes will be spoken to about completion dates.
13. Correspondence - a) Letter received regarding Income from Pavilion. Covered in item 10.
b) Emails received regarding exploring the possibility of obtaining funding for paving around the double bends in the street. Clerk to follow up.
c) Email received from Community Engagement Police Officer. Clerk to invite him to the APM.
14. Finance Budget and precept application for 2020/2021 approved, Clerk to submit. Bank balance as of 19 December 2020 of Community Account £7520.15 and Business Savings account £1835.85. Following cheques agreed for payment: Cheque 967 Clerks Pay and expenses Nov- Dec 2019. £207.75; Cheque 968 HMRC Employer contribution £43.20; Cheque 969 Cllr expense £32.60; Cheque 970 Just a Small Thing IT support £30.00
15. Planning Applications. NIL
16. Questions to the Chair - a) Sign on North Common overgrown, please contact Farmer and request it is cleared. b) Re-advertise Councillor vacancy.
Please include these items on the next Agenda a) Resident is 100 soon. b) Discuss Hepworth Appreciation and Historical Society request

The meeting closed at 2215

The next meeting will be held 5th March 2020, 1930 Recreation hall.



Hepworth Art Club

From everyone at Hepworth Art, we wish you a Happy 2020.

At the time of writing, we've had three sessions: Winter Landscapes, Cityscapes and Winter Vegetables (Still Life). It was pretty cold and, rather than paint them, we were all tempted to put the vegetables in a pot for a warming soup!

Our next session, to celebrate the new 'Roaring Twenties', is '1920's Flappers and all that Jazz'. In February, we shall be exercising our creative juices with Sport; our version of a Vetrriano or Renoir painting; Spring Flowers and Doorways. Quite a diverse selection which will present their own challenges and, hopefully, a few masterpieces! All of these and much more to come will be exhibited at our next exhibition.

It is early in the year, but an exhibition date for your diary is 12/13 September. After the awful weather last year in October, when we were awash with rain, we have decided to bring it forward into September. Many fingers are very firmly crossed that the weather will be kind to us this year!

Still at full membership and, due to limited space, unable to accept new members, we nevertheless are always pleased to hear from you - with any topic suggestions and feedback.
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Bingo & Buffet Evening Hepworth Pavilion Saturday, 14th March @ 7pm

Tickets £5.00 (includes light buffet)

Contact Tina on 01359 250433

Bingo Cards 25p each - cash prizes

**Come along for a fun night out -
bring the children!**





With many thanks to Mr Richard Argent of WUP DOODLE LIMITED for his kind donation of a second device, we now monitor the speeds of vehicles both arriving and leaving the village.

1st Device is after Highfield Farm on the right when leaving the village.
2nd Device is before the bus stop on the right when leaving the village.

Device near Highfield Farm - 5th December 2019 to 3rd January 2020.

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

Total number of vehicles: 9413 Average speed for ALL vehicles: 34mph
Vehicles above 30mph: 376 No. incidents 50mph and above: 20
Highest speed recorded:- 64mph on 8th December at 01.17

Vehicles leaving the village toward the A143 on The Street, Hepworth.

Total number of vehicles: 8528 Average speed for ALL vehicles: 36mph
Vehicles above 30mph: 512 No. incidents 50mph and above: 33
Highest speed recorded:- 60mph on 7th December at 00.12

Device near Bus Stop - 1st November 2019 to 3rd January 2020.

Vehicles arriving from Barningham direction on The Street, Hepworth.

Total number of vehicles: 16293 Average speed for ALL vehicles: 32mph
Vehicles above 30mph: 163 No. incidents 50mph and above: 11
Highest speed recorded:- 59mph on 20th December at 20.49

Vehicles leaving the village toward Barningham on The Street, Hepworth.

Total number of vehicles: 16987 Average speed for ALL vehicles: 33mph
Vehicles above 30mph: 340 No. incidents 50mph and above: 27
Highest speed recorded:- 63mph on 5th November at 20:09 hrs



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 or your children have a seasonal painting, drawing or photograph you would like to share, please consider submitting it for future issues to hepworthherald@gmail.com

Hepworth Weather (as measured on The Street)

	Max. Temp:	14.3°C	2nd
November 2019:	Min. Temp:	-2.7°C	30th
	Total Rainfall:	72.0mm	
	Wettest Day:	11.8mm	26th

	Max. Temp:	12.4°C	6th
December 2019:	Min. Temp:	-0.9°C	2nd
	Total Rainfall:	70.9mm	
	Wettest Day:	15.1mm	19th

November 2019: A dull, wet month, dominated by low pressure, with the 'water table' frequently at the ground surface. Temperatures around average for November, although some nights were slightly colder than average. A calm month with little wind strength. Fog and mist for much of the morning on the 5th.

December 2019: Another wet month but rather mild, mostly dominated by low pressure apart from the last week. Frost mostly confined to the first half of the month. After a spectacular sunrise on the 5th, a line of squally showers in the late afternoon of the 6th gave a gust here of 55 mph. The week 16th to 22nd was very wet with a total of 35.4 mm rain, including 15.1 mm on the 19th. Ground saturated with minor flooding.

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



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News from Barningham CEVC School children

The spring term has two special days to look forward to as a school: National Science Week and World Book Day. They are both examples of opportunities to engage young minds in the 'bigger picture' of life. Our oldest children visit TCC where their science and maths departments host a series of hands on activities, a quiz and LOTS of experiments for the children to explore. You can see the children challenging, imagining, questioning, observing.

World Book Day is a wonderful time to share stories, poems and illustrations. Staff talk to the children about their favourite books and why they are so important to them. The children read to children in other classes. The school is buzzing with giants, aliens, naughty boys (Horrid Henry is a particular favourite), dinosaurs and the magic that sharing stories creates. Reading is a key skill. Asking questions essential as humans. Two very different days, but both ways in which we help children to open their minds, expand their imaginations and discover new things. Part of the rich tapestry that school helps to hold together.

Frances Parr – Head Teacher.

Hepworth Lottery

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07/12/19	G.Stannard	11 Church Close	27 The Street
14/12/19	21 Church Close	Thompson	26 Church Close
21/12/19	Autumn Cottage	Butchers House	Randall
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