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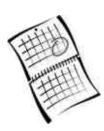




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What's On?

As we gradually emerge from national lockdown, events are starting up again in the village. These are the ones we know about at the moment. Please share others you have planned.

Holy Communion 18th Oct@0930 St Peters, Hepworth

Parish Council Meeting 5th November Venue t.b.d.

Would you like to help?

Many village events are 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).

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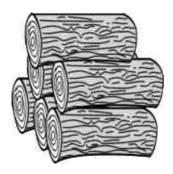
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Reflections on my experience of lockdown from Rev Neil Dear...

I'm of a generation who were alive during the Second World war, so the past six months are seen in the context of a fairly long life.

As the saying goes "life has its ups and downs", and we all cope with these in various ways. Each of us will have found life difficult at times, for different reasons. For some, the death of loved ones, for others the loss of a job, or maybe not being able to meet up with friends causing loneliness, and for many of us not being able to worship together in church. In our daily lives Daphne and I have been greatly blessed by neighbours who have cared for us by collecting prescriptions, doing supermarket shopping, and collecting milk and greengroceries from the farm shop. Our children have still been able to keep in touch by telephone, and our youngest daughter has got us using Skype!! Through TV we have been able to join in the services at Cathedrals in Bangor, Hereford and St David's and also at a church in Manchester. I have been able to read the emails from Bishop Martin, and eventually re-join Benefice Services through live streaming. I shall have to concentrate on improving my I.T skills!!

Over the past few weeks we have been able to have visits from each of our children. We have had haircuts at last and a visit to the chiropodist and began to do some of our own shopping. Our services have started again in church, subject of course to the rules. So, we are beginning to settle into a new normal.

During lockdown I have survived a rather lethargic period and have been able to read more. The most helpful book has been one I used when training as a Reader. It's called "The Path to Glory" thank you (studies in St Luke's gospel). I believe that whenever we read the story of Jesus, we are led to what's important in life. We are reminded of the loving father who wants us to have life, and have it in all fullness.

Jesus summed it up in the words, love God and love your neighbour. Despite all the ups and downs, we are still able to do both.

With every blessing

Neil Dear

Church Services

We are delighted to be holding our service back in our church buildings at last. It is difficult to plan too far ahead so we are just looking at one month at a time and hoping we will be able to continue to meet.

We are following Government and Church of England procedures and guidelines to ensure that we keep everyone as safe as possible... We will ask everyone to wear masks (unless you have an exemption), we will ask everyone to sanitise their hands as they come in and as they leave and we will ask for contact details for Track and Trace.

We will continue our online presence and will try to Live-stream these services too, to enable those who for various reasons are unable to join us physically, to still worship with us. These services will be streamed on our Benefice facebook page www.facebook.com/unitedbenefice.

If you would like to receive regular emails with details of the services and links to the online services then please email Rev Cathy at revcathybladen@gmail.com with your email address. Thank you Rev Cathy.

Tina and Russell would just like to say a big THANK YOU to all the people who bought our plums and also made contributions to raise funds for The Donkey Sanctuary in Weston near Sidmouth. We raised £49.00 in all and it will help with the upkeep of this wonderful place.





Summary Report fom the two SID devices at either end of the village

Speedwatch Device No. 1 monitoring vehicles at the A143 end of The Street General reports for the period of 8th

February 2020 to 23rd August 2020.

Data obtained from vehicles arriving into the village from the A143.

Total number of vehicles: - 90098

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- 34 mph

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- 33916 (37.7%)

No. of incidents of 50 mph and above: 155

Highest speed recorded:- 66mph

Data obtained from vehicles leaving the village toward the A143.

Total number of vehicles: - 82866

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- 36 mph

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- 44166 (53.3%)

No. of incidents of 50 mph and above: 226

Highest speed recorded: - 66mph

Device No. 2 monitoring vehicles at the Barningham end of The Street General reports of the data gathered for the 5th January to 26th August 2020.

Data obtained from vehicles arriving into the village from Barningham.

Total number of vehicles: - 76336

Average speed for ALL vehicles: 32 mph

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- 19692 (25.8%)

No. of incidents of 50mph and above: - 54

Highest speed recorded: - 63mph

Data obtained from vehicles leaving the village toward Barningham.

Total number of vehicles: - 78123

Average speed for ALL vehicles: 33 mph

Total number of vehicles speeding above 30 mph:- 24098 (30.8%)

No. of incidents of 50 mph and above: 166

Highest speed recorded:- 66mph



Along The Street:

July 2020: 2 Sessions

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As a courtesy to your neighbours, please consider giving at least a weeks notice of your display by posting the time and date and general location on the village facebook page, or by letting a member of the parish council know so that they can circulate the information on your behalf.

Thank you.

The Enigma Variations

It would be fair to say, despite living in God's Little Acre, we are all fed-up with Covid 19. In a way lockdown took us back to the 1950's Hepworth when nobody travelled far, but at least we had three shops and three pubs then, yes three pubs! The situation highlighted their loss and the social interaction which went with them, leaving us the poorer for it. Our expectations of a lifestyle which was once the possession of only the very rich has temporarily come to a halt.

Something had to be done, and our Parish Council knew exactly what to do. Their inspired vision of another visit from the Scarecrow fraternity was just the light-hearted tonic we needed to forget ourselves. Now Scarecrows are an enigmatic lot, you can talk to them till you are blue in the face and you won't get an answer. Given that they are somewhat rooted in their work there is always the agonising doubt about whether they will turn up on the day.

We needn't have worried, 29 of them turned up, headed by Boris Johnson with his usual sartorial malfunction. Of course party-loving Dame Vera Lynn, assisted by Captain Sir Tom Moore were never going to let the troops down were they? All through the village the variations on the theme delighted us, often highlighting current issues. A lovelorne Tin Lady seeking a soulmate here. A down on her luck sorceress looking for work (was she on furlough?) there. A staycationer trying to improve his tan, and a medic on hand 'just in case'.

Naturally, winners had to be found and Johnny Depp as Captain Jack Sparrow steered a course into first place and won the prestigious Worzel Gummidge Cup. Close behind followed The Ploughman, then Petal the Summer Fairy. So much thought and hard work went into all the entries that it is hard to do justice to them all here, but another positive to emerge was the contributions made by some of the younger generation, so a special Well Done to them. Also, similar plaudits to all who helped with the judging and organisation. Heartfelt thanks to them all.

Now follows the bit where we have to resort to virtual reality, cue Hepworth Angels singing Land of Hope and Glory and God Save the Queen.

Stay safe and keep well.



Second Place Ploughman



First Place Jonny Depp Pirate

Third Place Petal

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By Marjorie MacPherson:

Thanks to Malcolm Planton for providing his lovely tribute on behalf of the Planton family to celebrate his mother's 100th birthday on 2nd August 2020. I am happy to have known her as Mrs Planton all my life and, as I share a name and being a North Common resident with her, feel that at my ancient age I can now address her as Phylliss.

I know I can speak on behalf of everyone in the village to tell Phylliss how proud we are to have her as our oldest resident and celebrate her 100th birthday with her. Hepworth Parish Council marked this with flowers from the village which I was privileged to take round to her on her special day at the family party.

Due to the Corvid 19 regulations the family celebration had to be held outside her bungalow but they had obviously put a lot of loving thought and effort into this as the gazebo was beautifully decorated with flowers, banners and, in pride of place, the birthday card from the Queen. The sun shone and Phylliss also had visits from village friends, and it was lovely to see her so happy and surrounded by so many generations of her family. Nothing had been overlooked and I was sent home with one of their boxed cream teas - thank you, Plantons

My personal endearing memories of Phylliss go back to my being a young teenager in the early 60s when one of the highlights of village life then was the Annual Church Fete. Reverend Radice always organised the 'Ladies Ankle Competition' (obviously different era!) as a bit of fun and we lined up behind a screen for judging- Phylliss usually won but I managed to win once but probably because she was not there.

I always recall her being very lucky with winning draw prizes there and one of my sister's very earliest memories is of our mother running a 'name the doll competition' and foolishly letting Jane hold the doll in her pushchair - Phylliss correctly guessed the name and, of course, there was a lot of tears from my sister when she had to give it up! I hope this luck has followed Phylliss to her bingo sessions.

Being Hepworth's oldest resident, Phylliss has willingly helped with commemorating special events in the village such as tree planting , and as the new village sign will soon be due to be installed will you be up for that as well please, Phylliss?

These are my special thoughts of a wonderfully independent 100 year old but on behalf of everyone in Hepworth may I wish her continued good health and happiness with her large and loving family.

HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL: MINUTES

An Extraordinary meeting of Hepworth Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on Friday 24th July 2020. This meeting was held remotely. The following items were discussed:

Persons Present: Ms L Robinson, (Chair), Mr R Shackleton, Mr R Marsham, Mrs A Matthews, (minute- taker), Mr A Yorke, Mrs N Yorke

There were no members of the public.

- 1. Apologies: Mrs M McPherson, Mr G Bloomfield, Ms H Corris (Clerk)
- 2. Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest
- 3 Comments from Member of Public: None
- 4 Update on Hepworth Recreation Ground Committee: The hall now has a notice on the door which says that it is closed for decoration and repairs. The playground remains closed until repairs have been completed. The work has been contracted out according to the Treasurer. There should be 5 trustees according to the lease agreement, but only 4 exist. The Charities Commission web site names them however two names are the same, are they the same person? This needs to be clarified. Cllr N Yorke received an email with a link to Suffolk ACRE document about how to re-open a recreation hall following Covid 19. L Robinson spoke with the Treasurer of the recreation committee to ask a for information about the COIF fund. It is unclear what the original terms of the bequest were. Correspondence will be found to confirm this. There was concern that there had been some minor upset between HRG and the Clerk, however this was dealt with at the time. The PC recognise that they have a duty of care towards their employee and they take the responsibility seriously. The Councillors unanimously agreed to ask NALC for their legal representative's advice on the current situation and subsequently if necessary, to ask the Charities Commission to investigate.

No other business.

4. Questions to the Chair: None The meeting closed at 8.00pm

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 **Helen on 01359 251 450** and can also be found on the Village Website at http://hepworthvillage.co.uk

HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL: MINUTES

An Extraordinary meeting of Hepworth Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on Thursday 20th August 2020. This meeting was held remotely. The following items were discussed: Persons Present: Ms L Robinson (Chair), Mr R Shackleton, Ms H Corris (Clerk), Mr A Yorke, Mrs N Yorke, Mrs M McPherson.

There were no members of the public.

- 1. Apologies: Mr R Marsham
- 2. Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest
- 3 Resolution to Exclude Press/Public: Not required as none present
- 4 Update on Hepworth Recreation Ground Committee: The play area is undergoing refurbishment and looks really good. It is almost complete. The Redecoration of the pavilion building will be next. A Solicitor has been contacted regarding the Lease agreement between Hepworth Recreation Ground Committee (HRG) and the Parish Council (PC). It would cost somewhere in the region of £750 plus VAT for the Solicitor to examine the lease and provide advice around the perceived breaches. The Treasurer of HRG has provided some account information however, a break -down of payments made covering the entire period from 2012 to date is still needed in order to explain expenditure from the COIF account and the Treasurer has indicated that this will now be provided. Discussion around potential options in relation to the HRG. Resolution passed to seek legal advice in order to establish lawful options available.
- 4. Questions to the Chair: None The meeting closed at 8.00pm



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/

HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCI: DRAFT MINUTES

A meeting of the Hepworth Parish Council took place on Thursday 2ND September 2020 at 7.30pm. The meeting was conducted via video link and the following items were discussed.

Attendees Ms L Robinson (Chair), Mrs N Yorke, Mr A Yorke, Mr G Bloomfield, Mr R Marsham, Mrs M MacPherson, Mr R Shackleton, Cllr Spicer, Cllr Bull, Clerk Ms H Corris No members of the Public were present:

- 1. Apologies: There were no apologies.
- 2. Declarations of Interest: There were none
- 3. To Consider requests for dispensations: None received
- 4. Minutes of previous meetings: The minutes of the Meeting 02/07/20 & 24/7/20 & 20/08/20 were agreed to be a true record.
- 5. Cllrs Reports: Cllr Spicer advised that Unsuitable for HGV signs will be sighted at the

junction of the A143 and at the junction of the B111 and Hepworth Road in Barningham. Three traffic counts have been completed in the village over the summer. Full results not yet received however it is apparent that Hepworth has a massive speeding problem. County council consider the issue to be so significant that it merits an intervention by them. Hepworth PC will be major consultees in the process that follows and the Speedwatch team will also be part of that consultation. There are a variety of interventions that can be considered to calm the speed of the traffic and Cllr Spicer will come back to us with options. The PC thanked Cllr Spicer for the investment made into this matter so far. The Bus shelter refurb will be covered by funds from both Cllr Spicer and Cllr Bull. If there is to be any action taken by the PC in relation to the lay-by/verge outside the Havebury Bungalows in The Street then permission must be obtained from S.C.C beforehand. Shepherd's Grove Development is still on-going however the owners/ developers are looking at an alternative plan that would not involve any housing being built. The current plan is being delayed by an issue over ownership of an area of land within the proposed development. Cllr Spicer has made enquiries with the organisation responsible for public rights of way and footpaths as she noticed the field in Wood Lane had not had the footpath between Wood Lane and Beck Street opened up and that it was still full of a crop. The man-hole cover in The Street that belonged to Anglian Water did not meet the County council criteria for an intervention and she recommended that complaints should continue to be logged and that PC should write to Anglian water.

- Councillor Bull; There have not been any plans submitted to WSC in relation to Mill House. She has passed the matter on to the enforcement team as a ditch has apparently been filled in and there is concern about access onto the A143. She will feedback to the PC. Cllr Bull confirmed she will assist with the cost of the bus shelter refurb and has received documentation from the PC. The Cart Lodge and Annexe planning queries have been looked into thoroughly and numerous site visits have now been made. An application was approved retrospectively for the properties that have been used as holiday lets for many years now. Another application that was made recently was for a separate building. Planners will however, investigate the matter of whether some other buildings are now being used as dwellings and feedback to the PC. There have been a lot of Anti-social behaviour at Knettishall Heath recently and she has been working in conjunction with the Police and other partners to address the issues. A question was asked regarding Tree preservation orders and advice provided that all TPO's are available to be viewed publicly on the WSC website.
- 6. Progress reports on previous meeting actions: The Parish Council finally has a debit card so online purchases may now be made. The Flint arrow /axe head issue has not progressed at this time but once the Pavilion is re-opened it is hoped a display box will be installed. The Village sign and mounting post has been ordered. There is a three month wait. The proposed location is on the same side of the road as the Village map but on the other side of Wood lane. This will enable the sign to be seen clearly by traffic travelling in both directions along the street. There is currently a large Sycamore tree growing out of a ditch that will have to be trimmed to avoid interfering with the new sign. The Clerk will speak to two local builders and obtain quotes for the sign installation. The two bus shelters will be re-painted and one will have new roofing felt. The Play area at the Pavilion looks great, almost finished. Work has also begun inside

the Pavilion Not known when it will be finished. Clerk to make an enquiry regarding this. General discussion regarding consulting a Solicitor regarding the lease between PC and Hepworth Recreation Ground Committee. Documentation has been provided in relation to income and expenditure for the period 2011-2019. Two quotes have been received in relation to the verge outside the Havebury bungalows in The Street. Both were around the £3000 mark. This is currently beyond the budget of the PC at this time so a consultation with the residents will not go ahead.

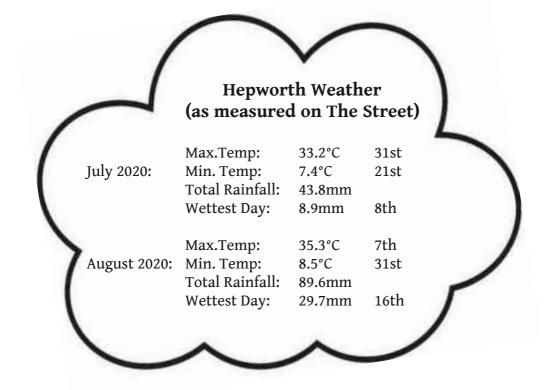
- 7. Clerks update RFO Reports: Bank Balances as of 19.8.20 Community Account £12176.32 Less unpresented cheques £11819.32 Reserve Account £1836.98 Receipts and Payments There were no receipts in the last month. The following payments were authorised Cheque 999 £448.04 Clerks July pay and expenses Cheque 1000 £227.59 Clerks August Pay and expenses Expenditure against Budget Review Total income to date £7675 Comprises: Precept £7205 Refund on Hornbeam Purchase £286 VAT refund £184 Anticipated underspend in some areas of the budget. Potential expenditure on Solicitors fees of up to £1000 which was not originally anticipated. Expenditure on Village sign (partly funded by Cllr Bull) remainder to be covered by PC. Review Internal Audit/Impact Assessment The Audit report has already been accepted at a previous meeting but the following actions have now been implemented. The Asset register has been recalculated to the value of £29,187 The Recommended suite of GDPR documents published by SALC will be utilised. Further clarification will be sought as some recommendations do not appear to apply to the PC. Model Financial Regulations 2019 The PC have reviewed the above documentation and have now adopted the 2019 version replacing the current 2013 version as recommended by the auditors
- 8. Maintenance Team Resolution not to explore the costs involved regarding a regular maintenance contract for the upkeep of hedges and verges etc in the Village due to the difficulty of establishing who the lawful land owners were in many cases. In the past the goodwill of the residents has been relied upon to keep the Village looking tidy. This does not appear to be as effective as it used to and areas are looking unkempt.
- 9. Great British Spring Clean Update Saturday 12th September will be the date of the Hepworth Clean up. Equipment will be provided. Meet at the Pavilion at 9.30am on the 12th and a briefing and equipment to be provided by Cllr Garry Bloomfield.
- 10. Questions to the chair/ Agenda Items Deer Warning Signs for the A143 a request has been made for signs due to a couple of recent incidents. The matter was flagged up to Cllr Bull and Spicer but may have been forgotten. Clerk to follow up.





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



July 2020: An often cloudy, rather sunless month. Temperature and rainfall were around average, although most of the rain fell in the first half of the month. On the 4th and 5th there were unusually strong winds for the time of year, with frequent gusts between 35 - 45mph. On the 31st there was a remarkable 'heat spike' with a hot SSE wind blowing from Europe and a maximum temperature here of 33.2°C. Unusually, there were no thunderstorms here during the month.

August 2020: A warm, wet month with some very warm nights. From the 7th to the 12th, apart from the 8th, there were 5 days with maximum temperatures above 30°C. Very thundery on the 16th with very heavy rain in a short space of time. 22.9mm fell in 15 minutes around midday! On the 25/26th, in the wake of storm 'Francis', a wind gust of 60mph was recorded here with frequent gusts between 40 - 50mph overnight. A record for August.

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

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The process involves three consultation stages with the first being 'Issues and Options' which will start in October and last for 10 weeks.

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At this first information gathering stage, the council will be consulting and seeking comments on a variety of issues and options. This includes questions such as have we identified the challenges correctly, relevant local issues, is the settlement hierarchy right, and is it in the right place.

Due to COVID-19, engagement on this will naturally be different to before the pandemic. There will be a range of ways people will be able to see the information, find out more and have their say, including a virtual exhibition online. As and when guidance changes on social gatherings, the engagement methods will change to be as accessible as possible.

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