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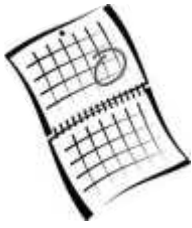


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What's On?

Due to the lockdown, events are still few and far between. This is the one we know about at the moment. Please share any others you have planned.

Parish Council Meeting

4th March 2021 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).



Team Hepworth

Could you be part of a volunteer group dedicated to keeping our village beautiful?

We could be caring for the verges, trimming back hedges and weeds, planting bulbs and sewing wildflowers. It's a fun way to meet fellow villagers, spend an hour or two in the fresh air and gain the satisfaction of knowing you have done something wonderful for your village.

If you are interested, please contact Louise Robinson on 01359 251066. Once lock down is over we can start socially distanced work.



Food

If you are struggling to feed yourself or your family please get in touch with me, Rev Cathy in the strictest of confidence. We have food and we can help... No one should go hungry while we can look after each other ! Either email revcathybladen@gmail.com or ring me on 01359 250239.

Dear Santa,

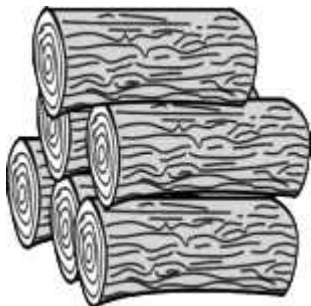
Thank you very much for the surprise, and very enjoyable Christmas gift.

We would also like to wish everyone a very happy, healthy and better New Year 2021.

Love from, May & Pete.



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Flood at Willow Green

I would like to say a huge thank you to all those who contributed towards the Willow Green Go Fund Me appeal. Thanks to your generosity we raised a total of £750 which has been shared equally between the three affected households. It was heartening to see the residents of Hepworth rally and demonstrate their kindness and generosity during these difficult times. The GoFund me site has now been withdrawn from facebook.

I would also like to say a special thank you to Diane, Ann, Anita and Karen for their amazing generosity in donating items of furniture. You really brought a sense of hope at an exceedingly difficult time. Louise Robinson

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and can also be found on the Village Website at

<http://hepworthvillage.co.uk>

Dear Santa & Elf

On behalf of the residents of Hepworth I would like to send a hearty thank you to Hepworth's own Santa and their elf for the wonderful presents they bestowed on some happy Hepworthians. Their generosity and hard work was much appreciated and I am sure it lifted the spirits of those who received them.

Santa and Elf, you are wonderful - Louise Robinson



Device No. 1 at the A143 end of The Street

4 weeks from 4th December to 31st December.

Vehicles arriving into village from the A143:

Total number of vehicles: - 12099

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- 33 mph

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:-

3952 (32.67%)

No. of incidents of 50 mph and above:- 16

Highest speed recorded:- **54mph**



Vehicles leaving the village toward the A143

Total number of vehicles: - 12442

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- 35 mph

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- 5689 (45.73%)

No. of incidents of 50 mph and above:- 23

Highest speed recorded:- **59mph**

Device No. 2 at the Barningham end of The Street

4 weeks from 4th December to 31st December 2020.

Vehicles arriving into the village from Barningham

Total number of vehicles: - 9032

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- 31 mph

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- 1868 (20.69%)

No. of incidents of 50mph and above:- 4

Highest speed recorded:- **51mph**

Vehicles leaving the village toward Barningham

Total number of vehicles: - 9710

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- 32 mph

Total number of vehicles speeding above 30 mph:- 2455 (25.29%)

No. of incidents of 50 mph and above:- 14

Highest speed recorded:- **60mph**

Along The Street:

November 2020: No Sessions

December 2020: 1 Session

5 vehicles logged

max speed = 44 mph

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

Act of Remembrance at Hepworth Church Memorial on Sunday 8th November 2020

Due to the restrictions of the present lock down, Hepworth Church is presently closed and the usual service of Remembrance could not be held in the same way this year. But an Act of Remembrance led by Chris Anderson, our Church Elder, was held in the churchyard around the War Memorial and a very large turnout meant we also spilt out onto Church Lane. Social distancing was strictly observed by everyone present and face coverings were also worn.

Chris read out the names of the thirteen Hepworth men who lost their lives fighting in the First World War and he led prayers for all those killed and affected by war in any way. The two minute's silence was then observed. Veterans wearing headdress and military medals were present. The church wreath was laid by Staff Sergeant Andrew Yorke VR and the wreath from the village was laid by Squadron Leader Jay Alger of the RAF Regiment at RAF Honington.

Thanks go to them and all the Hepworth villagers who attended this poignant and respectful remembrance with especial mention to Chris for organising and leading it, Elaine Allsop for preparing the beautiful display of poppies around the memorial and Ron Bacon for helping mount them. One of the displays bore thirteen poppies to represent each of the Hepworth men recorded on the Memorial.

And, lastly, not forgetting the tractor driver who waited patiently and respectfully in Church Lane during the two minute's silence until he could move past us - thank you. Hopefully, we will be able to hold the full service in the church next year

Marjorie MacPherson
Hepworth Church





A Letter from Reverend Cathy Bladen Happy New Year!

Hopefully it's not too late to wish you a Happy New Year.

But as I wish you a 'Happy New Year' my mind jumps to that quote from John Cleese (playing Basil Fawlty) in one of his episodes of Fawlty Towers, "Oh, happy. Yes, I remember that."

It's an interesting time to be talking about being happy when in many ways life is still quite tough for lots of people and many of us are tired and sad.

We would all like to be happy but happiness is often quite an elusive thing, we search for it, we hope for it, but often it seems just outside of our reach. So maybe instead of saying Happy New Year, perhaps I should instead wish you all a **Hopeful New Year**. Hope is something completely different from happiness but yet to be hopeful seems to bring with it the possibility of happiness and perhaps a glimpse of happiness into the future.

I believe there are signs of hope all around us that can lead us to begin to feel hopeful, if we only take time to notice them. There's the sense of community spirit as people look after and care for each other, the vaccine is being rolled out, the numbers of those contracting coronavirus is slowly coming down, the days are drawing out... (it's even light still at 5:00 o'clock now) and there are signs of spring in the countryside all around us. There are definitely signs of hope to be seen.

Hope, of course is also the message of Christmas that lives on long after our Christmas celebrations are finished. God didn't send his son Jesus to just remain in a stable in Bethlehem, he sent his son to bring love and life, healing and hope into the whole world, past, present and future, and to bring hope into our lives and situations here and now too. We are not alone.

The Bible is packed with verses on hope... not a hope that we have to conjure up in ourselves but a hope that comes to us every day, day after day, through the faithful love of Jesus... as we trust in Him. So I'm going to leave you with just two:

Romans 15:13 "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

And

Isaiah 40:31 "...those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

God Bless you to have a Hopeful New Year!

Cathy!

Hepworth Village Church Clock

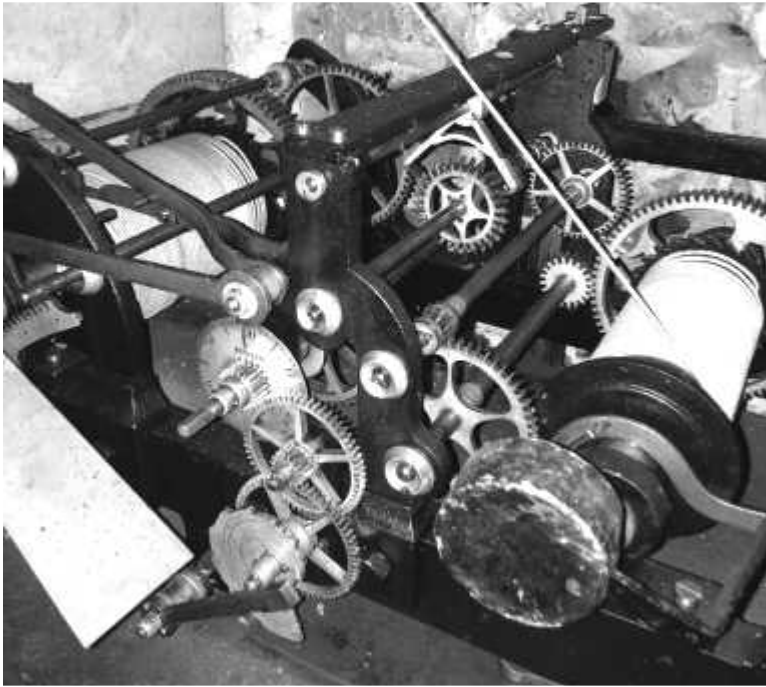


An appreciation by
John Carpenter.

My wife and I moved to Hepworth from Duxford near Cambridge just before Christmas in 2012. We love it here and really enjoy the quiet rural setting. I've now reached that age where I have to admit my best years are probably behind me and my wife tells me I'm beginning to get a bit deaf (she's wrong, I am not!!). Despite what she says I'm very happy to report that I can clearly hear the village church clock when it chimes, and we live on The Street opposite the bottom

of Wood Lane, so a fair distance from the church.

I have noticed and been impressed by how very accurate the clock is as it always seems to be spot on every time I hear it. It set me wondering about it, like how often does it need winding and who does the winding, and how old is it? So I set out to find out more about it. It turns out that it is looked after by Chris Anderson who lives, very handily, in Church Close. He tells me that it has a seven day movement and therefore needs winding once a week and he has



been doing this for the past thirty three years, since 1987. That's more than one thousand seven hundred times!! If he was going away on holiday he never went for more than a week and would make sure he wound it just before he left, and it was the first thing he did again on his return. Now that's dedication.

Now clearly the church predates the clock and church records show that it was installed in 1864 at a cost of £62 which was paid for out of the Parish Charity Fund. That was a great deal of money in 1864 as the average yearly wage at that time was only £20 to £25, so almost the equivalent of three years wages. It was made by a very

prestigious clockmakers, Bensons of Ludgate Hill London. They were founded in London in 1847 and were official clock and watchmakers to The Admiralty and also held many Royal Warrants including Queen Victoria, The Prince of Wales, and the Tsar of Russia. J W Benson, one of the two founders of the company wrote in 1875, "A church tower without a clock seems an unfinished edifice".

I'm guessing that once installed it gave many years of good service. In 1898 there was a major fire at the church when the thatched roof was destroyed but luckily the clock was undamaged and survived, but sadly by 1987 it had apparently

not been working for some years and had fallen into a state of disrepair. At around that time someone had died and left a legacy to the church (I haven't discovered who that was) and it was decided to use that money to have the clock repaired.

Hepworth's village tree warden, Perry Penn, had an uncle, Gerald Penn, who used to have a clock repair business in Saffron Walden but had by then retired and moved to Lincolnshire. He was asked to come and make an assessment and before long he was abseiling down the tower and dismantling all that was necessary and took the broken parts back to Lincolnshire to make the repairs. I'm sure modern health and safety rules would not have allowed that today!!

Since those repairs were done it has only ever needed one further minor repair to one of the teeth on the winding ratchet and has continued to keep very accurate time. Chris Anderson tells me that he occasionally has to make minor time keeping adjustments as heat and cold and damp can all affect its accuracy. Indeed if there is a lot of rain and then a big freeze ice can form on the rod that the hands are mounted on and can stop the hands from turning. He also says he always keeps a can of WD40 handy!!

So in future I hope those of you

who see and hear St Peter's Church clock will appreciate all the efforts that have gone into it over the years and let's hope that it continues to give us good time for many years to come.

I'm very grateful to Chris Anderson for inviting me to witness his weekly winding and for the opportunity to take photos, and also to Perry Penn for information and photos of his Uncle Gerald.



An Extraordinary meeting of Hepworth Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on Thursday 3rd December 2020. This meeting was held remotely. The following items were discussed:

Persons Present: Ms L Robinson(Chairman), Mr G Bloomfield, Ms H Corris (Clerk), Mr A Yorke, Mrs N Yorke, Mr R Shackleton, Mrs M MacPherson, Member of public, Mr R Horne(Groundwork)

1. Apologies: None
2. Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest
3. Hepworth Recreation Ground: Mr R Horne has expertise in Village Hall management, Lease agreements and the running of Village Halls as a Registered Charity. He had examined the existing lease agreement between HRG and Hepworth Parish Council. He gave advice and guidance clarifying the PC position. It was established that Cllr Nicola Yorke and Cllr Marjorie MacPherson were trustees of the HRG as they had been appointed by the PC and PCC respectively. Together with the remaining members of HRG they should co-opt two further members onto the committee. The interim committee will then be able to make progress towards the re-opening of the hall. At the AGM in April 2021 a formal election of members can be held and roles established within the committee. Suggested that the PC enquire if the land is vested with the Charities Commission. Clerk
4. Receipts and Payments: Clerks November pay and expenses: £214.78 Authorised.
5. Questions to Chair: None

The meeting closed at 8.38pm

**Sincere thanks to Margaret and John Beales
from Hepworth Parish Council**

On behalf of all the residents of the village, Hepworth Parish Council would like to give a heartfelt vote of thanks to Margaret and John Beales as they resign from their positions on the Hepworth Recreation Committee. They have spent many years on that Committee contributing their time and effort to the day to day running of the Pavilion and all its associated fundraising, and especially organising the Annual Over 60s Christmas Luncheon - well done to you both on such a fine record of voluntary service to the village

Marjorie MacPherson
Hepworth Parish Council

A meeting of the Hepworth Parish Council took place on Thursday 7th January 2021 at 7.30pm the meeting was conducted via video link and the following items were discussed.

Attendees Ms L Robinson (Chairman), Mrs N Yorke, Mr A Yorke, Mr G Bloomfield, Mrs M MacPherson, Ms H Corris (Clerk), Mr R Shackleton, Cllr Spicer, Cllr Bull One member of the Public was 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 Meetings held on 5.11.20 & 3.12.20 were agreed to be a true record.

5. Public participation/Cllrs Reports:

Cllr Bull: Policing & Crime Commissioner has forwarded a public survey regarding funding required to increase Police numbers, Clerk will circulate. There will be a local council grant towards the village precept application to try and counter the reduction in the tax base this year. Hepworth will receive £63.00. Has been liaising with the Parish Council, flood victims and Havebury Housing regarding last months incident.

Cllr Spicer: Report Suffolk County Council can obtain details of who owns ditches etc if necessary. It's a lengthy process but if the PC need help she could assist. The recent floods were widespread and more "Flood" warning signs will be purchased by Cllr Spicer. Hepworth currently have two. Not aware of any accidents Clay Lane/A143 junction but there is a website www.crashmap.co.uk where incidents can be checked. Reiterated that an application for planning has now been submitted for the "Link Road" on the Shepherd's Grove development, this has previously been delayed as the land-owner has not been identifiable. She has serious concerns for Hepworth, there would be a new roundabout on the A143. Her main concern is still around what use will be made of Shepherd's Grove; small businesses would have a significant impact on the traffic through Hepworth. Larger businesses not so much as they normally have a traffic management order on any HGV's restricting their routes to the main roads. There is still no formal planning application for the development as a whole. 6. Hepworth Traffic calming plans are still with the engineers, the proposals are still ramps, sharks teeth white lining, gateways and rumble strips.

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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/>

Land for allotments

The Parish Council is desperate to find land to provide allotments to residents of Hepworth. We are asking landowners in Hepworth if they have any land that they are willing to rent out as allotments. We have 6 people waiting on our allotment list. Please email Helen Corris, Parish Council Clerk on clerk@hepworthvillage.co.uk. to discuss.



Although the Parish Council do not have to be consulted by Suffolk County Council she would prefer it if they were and will contact the Clerk once she has the plans. Unsuitable for HGV signs are still awaited. Clerk will circulate traffic calming details to the Speedwatch working party.

Progress Reports:

Allotments: Three landowners around the Village have been approached by the Parish Council and asked if they would be willing to provide allotments. All three have declined. Proposed to put a request in Hepworth Herald and approach a couple more landowners. Discussion around possibility of utilising the land at the Recreation Ground for allotments seeing as there is no Hepworth Football team and a significant cost in keeping the existing pitch. It may be that the cost of maintaining this pitch is outweighing the income from hiring it out. All other possibilities to be explored first. Village sign should have been completed in December. There have been difficulties in sourcing the oak post, the first was not of a suitable quality and so a second is now on order. The plinth for the sign will be constructed by a local builder for free, PC to pay for materials only. Clerk to contact builder and advise him of the delay.

Hepworth Recreation Ground Management Committee: Parish Council have received the formal resignations of the Chairman and Secretary. The treasurer will remain in post for a short time whilst the interim Committee is established and a handover completed. There will be a meeting of the interim committee on the 14th January.

Quiet Lanes: This project has involved a substantial amount of time and work. Contrary to initial information, the project does come with a cost to the Parish Council. Every Village that is participating will receive a budget of £600 towards the cost of signage. However, each sign requires a post at a cost of £380 so the £600 is quickly used. Consequently, Cllr MacPherson is planning to utilise existing posts wherever possible. She is working with the other villages where possible although none of our surrounding villages have actually registered for the project. Cllr MacPherson is awaiting decisions from the Parish Councils of the three neighbouring villages regarding the parts of the lanes that terminate in their parishes and their decisions could impact on the cost of the project with a possible projected shortfall to the Parish Council in the region of approximately £500. Parish Council resolve to continue with the project for now and will re-visit the topic at a later meeting.

Cllr MacPherson will try and find out if the PC can supply and fit their own posts.
Eastern Power Networks: Clerk has established that there is a Wayleave agreement in place for electricity pole on recreation ground. The annual rent is nominal.

Clerk to explore options available around increasing the rent or cancelling the wayleave agreement via a company that deals with these issues.

Village Website: The Village website has been re-arranged and updated so that the Parish Council documents both past and present should now be easier to access.

7. Accidents: Clay Lane/ A143 and Summer Road. Cllr Yorke hasn't received any further information regarding accidents from the residents.

8. Ditches and Flooding: There was severe flooding in Hepworth during December. Three Bungalows were flooded out. Parish Council contacted Havebury housing and they promptly dredged the stream on Willow Green. However, the culverts that feed into the stream and out the other end are both blocked. The owners of the old "Fairholme" site have been contacted regarding dredging and clearing the culvert on their land. The residents on The Street appear to have dug their ditch by the letterbox on Willow Green. The large ditch that runs alongside the Bus stop on the Street also needs clearing. Enquiry to be sent to establish the owners and follow up with a request to clear the ditches. Thank you to the Chairwoman for all of her hard work regarding the flood victims and also to Cllr Shackleton for his assistance with delivering furniture.

9. Clerks/RFO report: Bank Balances Dec Community account: £10.141.27 Business Saver Account: £1837.28 Receipts: 0.05p Interest (Business saver account) Payments: £40.00 Information Commissioners Office Nov Clerk pay & expenses: £196.08 Dec Clerk pay & expenses £214.78 Clerks additional hours incurred April-Dec: 29. Agreement to reimburse for hours owed. Budget and Precept Application Budget and Precept application presented and agreed.

10. Planning Applications: Nil

11. Questions to the Chair and Items for next Agenda: The Christmas lights in the village were prolific and attractive this year. Santa made some doorstep deliveries to some properties this year. Formal thank you to go into the Hepworth Herald to the former Chair and Secretary of Hepworth Recreation Ground Management Committee. Consideration of purchasing Premium Bonds with PC savings. Post Covid celebration maybe combined with a VJ Day celebration.

Meeting concluded 2123

Date of next meeting 4/3/2021

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)

November 2020:	Max. Temp:	17.7°C	1st
	Min. Temp:	-1.0°C	26th
	Total Rainfall:	34.9mm	
	Wettest Day:	11.9mm	14th

December 2020:	Max. Temp:	13.1°C	21st
	Min. Temp:	-2.8°C	31st
	Total Rainfall:	110.3mm	
	Wettest Day:	34.4mm	23rd

November 2020: A mild, dry month. Apart from a strong squall on the 2nd with a wind gust of 55mph, the month was rather cloudy and benign. There were 4 days of morning mist and fog. Light winds predominated with little frost.

December 2020: Exceptionally wet month with temperatures around average. On the 7th there was freezing fog with thick 'rime' on vegetation and a windchill factor of -6°C at 9am. On the 23rd, periods of persistent heavy rain led to extensive flooding with the ground already waterlogged. The stream along The Street rose quickly and burst its banks in many places over the road, in the south of the village with major flooding in the north of the village by the end of the day. Christmas and the New Year ended the month on a drier note.

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

George Wyatt 1930-2021

Sadly George past away in Brandon Park nursing home, at the age of 90

George has been part of Beck Street and in our lives as long as I can remember. When we were children we would come across George either digging his ditches or pigeon shooting in a hide. We learned to tell the time due to the roar of George's motor bike, either going or coming home from work.

In latter years, I inherited the "task" from another neighbour Peter Rudge to take George to get his weekly supplies and pension. He would amuse me with his one liners, I would ask, "How are you today George?" "Have been better," he would reply.

On our trips I would hear stories...how George walked to Hepworth school in all weathers, amounting to about thirty children by the time they got to Hepworth crossroads, as Weston Hindle children were also going that way, (Wood Lane was over grown and impassable). I don't know at what key stage, George was in math's at that point in his life.

His first job when he left school, at the age of fourteen, was to take a horse and cart to Hopton, where upon meeting a bus near Market Weston church, the horse, took fright, leaving George hanging on for dear life, he had never been in charge of a horse before!

I also learned about bombs dropping on the road in Market Weston and where planes crashed in World War II.

Another interesting story was the huge Giro-tiller which was brought in by the War-Ag to cleared the scrub land (full of Gorse bushes etc.) to make fields at the bottom of Beck Street,

Later he worked on Barney Rumberlow's farm and this involved many other anecdotes and stories, one of which was unearthing Roman pottery kilns from the previous inhabitants of this area.

When George retired, being a keen gardener, gardening became his main occupation and his much-admired garden was where he would pass the time of day with his neighbor's.

As George became less independent he had the good fortune to be cared for by Elaine, I'm sure all who knew George would like to thank her for her dedication together with his nephew Michael.

We will miss George he was a countryman and character you are unlikely to find these days. I'm sure when George arrives at the golden gate and St Peter asks "how are you?" George's reply will be "this looks better"

R. I. P.

Perry Penn

A Personal Recollection of Margaret and John's contribution to Hepworth village life

As Margaret and John step down from the Recreation Ground Committee I feel this is a perfect opportunity to highlight all the multitude of events and functions that Margaret and John have voluntarily organised over the years that have enriched our village life.

They have been servicing the Pavilion for probably getting on for thirty years with John and fellow members contributing to the everyday maintenance and upkeep, and Margaret on the administration side including taking and organising all the bookings and, at one time, the cleaning of the interior. To help fund the running of the Pavilion they both oversaw the Committee's regular events such as the weekly Lottery, bingo evenings and caravan camping weekends .

At one time Margaret and John took over the running of the Youth Club, originally started by Linda and Ian Walsh, which was popular with village youngsters but which they eventually had to close due to lack of volunteers to help with its running.

They spearheaded the Social Club for the running of the much loved Over 60s Christmas Luncheon which was mainly funded by their Car Boot sales for which they grew plants, the Christmas Newsletter and raffles they organised, and a contribution from the Parish Council. I know from speaking to people of the gratitude they felt to Margaret and John and their helpers for the fun they had at these festive lunches with being collected and joining in with a wonderful meal and entertainment. For some older people, it was the only outing in the year that they actually had where they could enjoy meeting up with village friends.

John was Editor of the old Four Gazette for some years and they were both active Parish Councillors over a period of years. I remember John taking over 'Vice' from me and he oversaw such events such as bulb planting and the Annual Litter Pick (now headed by Garry). I too remember it being his initial suggestion that Hepworth entered the Suffolk Small Village Competition and with the hard work of everybody in the village we actually won and the village still has a certificate to prove it! Well done Hepworth

A long while ago Margaret and I spent a happy day together visiting the Ikea head office Midlands site on behalf of the Parish Council to see the running of their organisation there and its implications on Hepworth when Ikea made its application to take over part of the Shepherds Grove

Industrial site. Ultimately, Ikea did decide to withdraw this application which sadly meant that the village then lost the possibility of a path up to the A143, erection of a bus shelter there and a roundabout on that road which were proposals associated with the application

Margaret and John were always involved in the village Jubilee celebrations and the issue of commemorative coasters for the children.

All the above are my own recollections of their voluntary and dedicated work to the enrichment of Hepworth village life and apologies, Margaret and John, if I have forgotten anything.

Finally, I remember some years ago when the Parish Council was invited to nominate two people to represent Hepworth at a Buckingham Palace Garden Party based on service to the village and it was an obvious choice for all of us that it should be Margaret and John that Hepworth should send. I think that beautifully sums up the expression of thanks for their dedication to the village through the years.

Marjorie MacPherson

January 2021

Census Day 21 March 2021

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