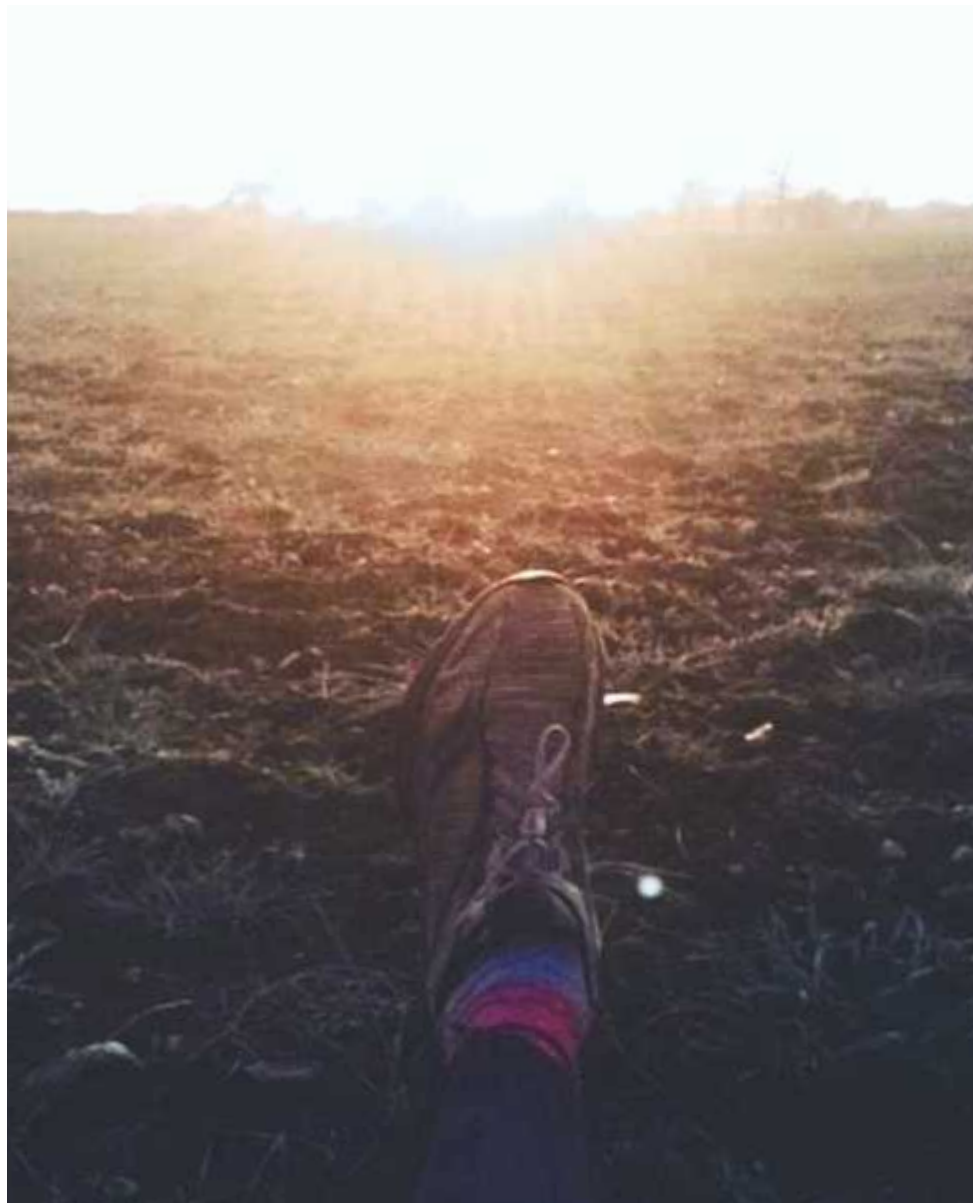


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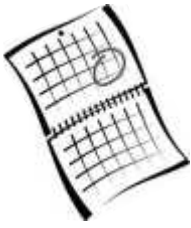
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What's On?

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

Easter Family Communion
Parish Council Meeting

4th April @0930 St Peter's
13th May Venue t.b.d.

Would you like to help?

As we edge gingerly out of lockdown, we can start looking forward to future village events. Many village events have been 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).



Village Hall News

The Village Hall is looking forward to re-opening on the 17th May which is the date we have been advised we can open again.

Needleworkers wanted

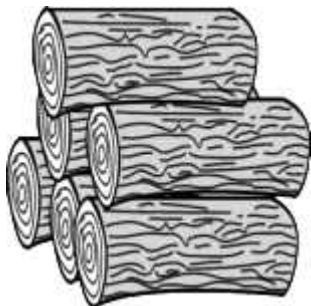
Are you good at sewing? If so, would you be able to help make some new curtains for the village hall? We will provide all the materials and measurements. Please contact Louise Robinson by email fioremundi50@gmail.com or tel. 251066



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Village Website at

<http://hepworthvillage.co.uk>

Dear People of Hepworth,

We here at numbers 11&13 The Street would like to thank you all for your generosity and help when we found ourselves flooded out on December 24 2020.

The rugs and bits of furniture were, and still are, very very much appreciated. The amount that was donated to the gofundme page set up for us by Louise just blew us away and has come in very handy replacing things we lost.

We are also very thankful to all for the on going work to make sure it never happens again.

Thank you once again,
Karen, JD, Josh, Sue and Stuart



HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES 3rd Meeting of 2021

A meeting of the Hepworth Parish Council took place on Thursday 4th March 2021 at 7.30pm. The meeting was conducted via video link and the following items were discussed.

Attendees: Ms L Robinson (Chair), Mr P Penn, Mr G Bloomfield, Mrs M MacPherson, Ms H Corris (Clerk), Mr R Shackleton, Cllr Spicer, Cllr Bull

No members of the public present.

1. Apologies: There were apologies from Cllrs N Yorke and A Yorke.

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 7.1.21 & 11.2.21 were agreed to be a true record.

5. Progress reports:

A) We now have the village sign, post and metal collar in our possession and are waiting on the availability of the builder.

B) Ditches and flooding letters have been written and are being distributed across the village this week. Suffolk County Council have been written to for clarification on ownership of the ditch in The Street alongside the bus stop/Hepworth House field. The Chair met with the owner of the old Fairholme site and extensive ditch work is being completed there including installation of large bore pipes. Some landowners have cleared their ditches already. Thank you.

C) Quiet Lanes is progressing. Hepworth is at the point of the traffic survey however, it looks like Market Weston Road and North Common have average speeds that are too high. The exception at the moment is Clay Lane. Traffic surveys will have to be completed by Suffolk County Council prior to consultation meetings with the villagers. Signage is being agreed with our neighbouring villages where our lanes cross into theirs. More funding has been made available so signage should be covered.

D) Wayleave agreement unlikely to reap any significant benefit for the Parish. Clerk will contact Eastern Power Network regarding an increment in the current rental agreement and its legitimacy.

E) Allotments; A letter will be written to a local landowner in Church Lane. The Land between Clay Lane and The Street does not belong to West Suffolk Council but may be owned by Suffolk County Council farms as Hedgerow is to be planted along the footpath bordering this field by Suffolk County farms. Some of the field is currently rented by a Farmer. Chair will follow up on one more land owner.

F) Hepworth Recreation Ground; Enquiries are on-going in relation to any further grants that may be available, otherwise it is progressing well. Fire extinguishers, alarms and assembly point etc are being obtained. Signage has been installed. The hall is clean and COVID compliant. Still waiting on the electrician and Plumber. Hope to be ready for the May elections. Thank you to committee members for their hard work.

6. Cllrs Reports

Cllr Spicer; Unsuitable for HGV signs should now be going up on the 17th March. The officer responsible for the traffic calming plans proposed for the village is still off sick. Shepherd's Grove development is progressing, planning consent has been given for the link road. Plans are now being drawn for the spine road to the junction of the A143.

Cllr Bull; West Suffolk Hospital have a community engagement group and we are encouraged to get involved in order to shape the future of the Hospital and services. The census is on the 21st March 2021.

7. Review of Code of Conduct, Standing Orders RA Internal Controls, complaints procedure: Still fit for purpose. We work to a code of conduct set by West Suffolk this is due for review and we will be updated if there are changes.
8. Repair to fencing around culvert in The Street: Preliminary costings established of approx. £350. Cllr Bloomfield to explore sourcing the materials. It may be a repair we can do ourselves.
9. Clerks/RFO report: Bank Balances 19/02/21; Community account: £9270.50; Business Saver Account: £1837.28.
Receipts: Cheque 973 £45.00 shown as refunded; Cheque 980 £72.00 shown as refunded
Payments: Cheque 1007 £216.07 Clerks Dec pay & expenses; Cheque 1008 £124.60 HMRC; Cheque 1009 £56.97 JB Croft (Barrell locks); Cheque 1010 £443.13 Clerks January Pay & expenses including extra hours; Cheque 1011 £30.00 N. Shearer website hosting; Cheque 1012 £54.00 SALC Payroll services; Cheque 1013 £199.13 Clerks February pay & expenses; Cheque 1014 £2610.00 H Signs (Village sign, post & collar)
B) Appoint Auditors: SALC were appointed as auditors for 2021.
10. APM 2021: This year's APM will not take place as hoped due to the remaining COVID restrictions.
11. Planning Application DC/21/0219/FUL: Two dwellings with parking, landscaping and associated works Duke of Marlborough Hepworth. Parish council oppose this application; Outside of settlement boundary of the village and sets a precedent if granted. Comments to be submitted on planning portal.
12. Questions to the Chair: Nil

Meeting concluded 2045hrs. Next meeting AGM 13/05/21

Hepworth Lottery

Hepworth will be resurrecting the Village Lottery once lockdown is over. The lottery is a fun way of raising funds which provide for the upkeep and improvements to your village hall. Are you interested in becoming a co-ordinator to promote the lottery, or a volunteer to collect contributions in your area, or you could take your chances in the draw by becoming a regular contributor? If you can spare an hour or so per week, please contact Nicola Yorke email nicolayorke@rocketmail.com





A Letter from Reverend Cathy Bladen

Dear Friends & Neighbours,
I don't know about you, but I find mazes fascinating. Particularly those mazes where you begin in daylight and then walk through the paths in semi darkness until you emerge in the centre back into the daylight. Then you embark on the return journey! It feels to me that over the last year we have been in some kind of maze as we have negotiated our way through the pandemic with all the twists and turns that it has brought upon us. Yet as I write at this time of year, it feels to me that we are on that return journey out of the maze towards the light in more ways than one.

We are slowly beginning to emerge out of the maze of winter into brighter lighter days and there are signs of spring appearing all around us.

We are beginning to slowly emerge from the maze of lockdown. The road map out of lockdown has been given to us, and we are negotiating the twists and turns of that maze each day... looking forward to a new freedom and a new way of living.

As the Church, we have been journeying through Lent and the maze of reflecting and thinking about our faith and relationship with God, and now we're preparing for the light of Easter. We're looking forward to celebrating Easter Sunday in our church buildings. A time when we will celebrate Jesus' victory over death and celebrate His great love for each one of us. It will also be a time when we will give thanks to God that, when we ask Him, ...He's always there, prepared to walk with and alongside us through the maze of our lives.

'Easter Reflections' is a beautiful poem by Helen Steiner Rice that tells us how God blesses us through the beauty of the spring season and also reflects on the Easter season and what it offers us. For the poet, Easter is the time when earth wakes up from a deep slumber and the beginning of new life in nature. A time to feel the real blessings of God and thank him for his eternal gift that he has given us from that first Easter Day.

Easter Reflection

With OUR EYES we see
The beauty of Easter
as the earth awakens once more...

With OUR EARS we hear
The birds sing sweetly
to tell us Spring again is here...

With OUR HANDS we pick
the golden daffodils
and the fragrant hyacinths...

But only with OUR HEARTS
can we feel the MIRACLE of GOD'S LOVE
which redeems all men...

And only with OUR SOUL
can we make our 'pilgrimage to God'
and inherit His Easter Gift of ETERNAL LIFE.

So in this Easter season I pray that you experience the grace of God as you go through the maze of life.
God Bless,
Cathy

Device No. 1 at the A143 end of The Street

8 weeks from 31st December to 26th February.

Vehicles arriving into village from the A143:

Total number of vehicles: - 23927

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- 33 mph

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:-

7128 (29.79%)

No. of incidents of 50 mph and above:- 13

Highest speed recorded:- **55mph**



Vehicles leaving the village toward the A143

Total number of vehicles: - 25958

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- 35 mph

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- 10983 (42.31%)

No. of incidents of 50 mph and above:- 26

Highest speed recorded:- **59mph**

Device No. 2 at the Barningham end of The Street

8 weeks from 31st December to 26th February.

Vehicles arriving into the village from Barningham

Total number of vehicles: - 18002

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- 31 mph

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- 3730 (20.72%)

No. of incidents of 50mph and above:- 15

Highest speed recorded:- **59mph**

Vehicles leaving the village toward Barningham

Total number of vehicles: - 18540

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- 33 mph

Total number of vehicles speeding above 30 mph:- 5085 (27.43%)

No. of incidents of 50 mph and above:- 21

Highest speed recorded:- **71mph**

Along The Street:

Sessions suspended during lockdown.

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

TRAVELS DOWNUNDER - A REMINISCENCE

My wife and I have two children, a girl and a boy. Our daughter, the eldest, lives in France and our son, the youngest, lives in Australia. I'm not sure what we did to upset them so much that they both decided to move so far away. My wife prefers to think that we brought them up to be independent and to spread their wings. Well they certainly did that.

Our daughter lives in Normandy in a 17th century farmhouse with her partner, along with four alpacas, a horse, a donkey, six chickens and a rooster, two dogs and a cat. Our son and his wife live in Brisbane and he's been there since 2002 and he is the reason why my wife and I ended up joining the other 250,000 grey nomads travelling around Australia. Let me explain.

Our son didn't take a gap year before going to university, and at the age of 26 decided he'd missed out, so he bought himself a round the world ticket and set off from London, on his own, with the intention of circumnavigating the globe which he expected to take about a year. All went well and we got emails every so often until about seven months in we got a rare phone call. He told us he was in Brisbane, it was the middle of their winter, and he was dressed in shorts and a tee shirt. Apparently that's all it took to make him decide he wanted stay permanently, and he rang to say he had decided that he wasn't going to be coming home after all. My wife cried everyday for a fortnight!!

Decisions were required. If we wanted to see our son again then we needed to make a trip to Australia. Now, we've been quite lucky in life and have travelled quite extensively all over the world but never to Australia. I must admit it was not even on my list of must visit places. I blame my teachers. I left school in the 1960s believing that Australia was pretty much a vast desert with a few towns and cities dotted around the outside. How wrong can you be!! Sure, there are indeed vast deserts but there is so much more. It has got the lot, mountains, tropical islands, waterfalls, beautiful rainforests and of course stunning beaches, and wildlife not found anywhere else on earth, and best of all sunshine. Weatherwise Australia doesn't do things by halves, when it's hot it's HOT, and when it rains it RAINS (they don't deal in drizzle!!) and when it doesn't rain there can be prolonged severe drought, sometimes for years.

We eventually made our first trip out in September 2004 and went for five weeks. Well, we fell in love with the place. We packed so much in to that five weeks, from a visit to the Whitsunday Islands (I likened it to the Caribbean) a road trip to Cairns in North Queensland and the Great Barrier Reef, a flight out to the red centre and Uluru (Ayers Rock) and a road trip down to Sydney which included a night at the opera in the famous Sydney Opera House. We soon realised if we wanted to see more we needed to come for a lot longer.

So after a very tearful goodbye at Brisbane airport we arrived back home in the UK and set about making plans to take early retirement from full time work. A year of planning and preparing took place and in October 2005 we shut up our house here and set off for a year downunder. Neither of our children had, at that time, shown any inclination to get married so we decided to use the money we had set aside for two possible weddings and on arrival in Australia went shopping for a suitable car and a caravan. We ended up with a nice little Korean fourwheel drive wagon, and a caravan with a permanent large double bed (no converting seats into beds every night for us!) Having never owned a caravan before we embarked on a very steep learning curve. Before long I soon had the hang of towing and manoeuvring the van and, if I do say so myself, became very adept at backing it into even the smallest spaces.

At that time our son was living in the charmingly named Cotton Tree Pocket, an area in the town of Maroochydore (a lot of Australian place names do take a bit of getting used to) which is on the Sunshine Coast just north of Brisbane. We set off from there at the end of October 2005 which is the start of spring downunder. Our plan was to go right around the whole country in a clockwise direction and to complete the journey in the twelve months allowed on our visa; we had to be out of the country by the end of September the following year. Other than that we didn't really have a plan or timetable, just keep going and stopping wherever we fancied. If we liked somewhere we'd stay a while, if not we moved on. This was our first mistake.....

to be continued.....

Hepworth Weather (as measured on The Street)

January 2021:	Max. Temp:	12.0°C	19th
	Min. Temp:	-3.0°C	9th
	Total Rainfall:	83.9mm	
	Wettest Day:	16.mm	27th

February 2021:	Max.Temp:	16.8°C	24th
	Min. Temp:	-4.3°C	10th
	Total Rainfall:	41.2mm	
	Wettest Day:	9.8mm	6th

January 2021: 8th - 10th: freezing fog, haze and ice at morning observation. 16th: 1cm of lying snow at morning observation. 21st: active cold front gave 60 mph gust during squall at 01:40. A cold, wet month. Frequent frosts, though not severe.

February 2021: Short cold spell during the 2nd week. Warm, sunny spell during the last week of the month. 8th: 'Ice Day' Max. Temp -1.2°C with snow and strong Easterly winds. 9 cm of snow by the 9th. Complete change of 'pattern' from the 17th to much milder weather.

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

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