

# Hepworth Herald

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Katherine Shearer

# food bank

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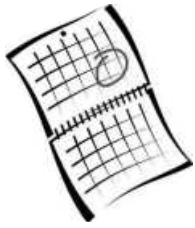
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# What's On?

This is what we know about at the moment. Please share any other events you have planned, or that you hear about. Send them to [hepworthherald@gmail.com](mailto:hepworthherald@gmail.com)

<b>Hepworth Art Group</b>	Every Mon 1000-1300 »Hepworth Pavilion
<b>Hepworth Angels</b>	Every Mon @1930 »Hepworth Pavilion.p16
<b>Hepworth Coffee Morning</b>	1st & 3rd Thu @1030 »Hep. Pavilion. p16
<b>Crafternoon Tea</b>	2nd & 4th Thu @1400 »Hep. Pavilion. p16
<b>Holy Communion</b>	2nd October@0930 » St Peter's Church
<b>Suffolk Mobile Library</b>	13th October@1525 - 1605 » See p9
<b>Sausage Supper</b>	15th October@1900 » Hep. Pavilion. p13
<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	20th Oct@1930 » Hepworth Pavilion
<b>Autumn Leaves Concert</b>	21st Oct@1930 » Stanton. See p19
<b>Suffolk Mobile Library</b>	10th November@1525 - 1605 » See p9
<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	17th Nov@1930 » Hepworth Pavilion
<b>Hepworth Charities Close Date</b>	25th November » See p13

## Would you like to put on an Event in Hepworth?

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 on their way. Please contact Clare (250 660)



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# TRAVELS DOWNUNDER - A REMINISCENCE

## Part 10

We rejoin our adventurers as they cross the border from  
South Australia into Western Australia...

Having successfully crossed the Nullarbor Plain we had now entered Western Australia, the country's largest state. The first place of any significant size was the town of Norseman where we called into the local tourist office and were surprised to be awarded certificates for a successful crossing of the Nullarbor. From there we continued on to Kalgoorlie, a town which exists solely because of a lucky chance discovery of gold.

In 1893 three Irish prospectors were on their way to an already established gold field elsewhere when one of their horses cast off a shoe in the middle of nowhere and they were forced to stop. Whilst there they happened to notice what turned out to be gold, in some rocks lying right there on the surface. This led them to search the immediate area and the rest, as they say, is history. The area became known as The Golden Mile, the richest square mile in the world. The town of Kalgoorlie sprang up and Australia's largest open-cut gold mine was begun. When we were there in 2006 the Super Pit, as it became known, was by then almost two and a quarter miles long by one mile wide and almost half a mile deep. It certainly was an enormous hole in the ground, an awesome sight to see.

From Kalgoorlie we backtracked through Norseman and headed south to the coast at Esperance where most travellers then turn westwards and follow the coast all the way round and then north up to Perth, the State Capital of WA. We, however, were advised that at Esperance we should go in the opposite direction, eastwards, as there is spectacular scenery which hardly anyone ever seems to bother with or know about; we were not disappointed. It is almost uninhabited along that stretch and at Cape Le Grand there are dozens of small islands just offshore. Also beautiful beaches where we saw kangaroos just lolling around on the sand as if they were sunbathing.

We stopped overnight and in the morning returned to Esperance and then on to Albany, a thriving community, once the centre of the whale hunting industry. Next stop was the small town of Torbay where we found a free camping spot right on the beach with just enough space for five or six caravans. We were just setting up camp when excited voices started shouting to get down to the waters edge. We went to see what all the fuss was about and were delighted to see a pod of about a dozen dolphins playing in the breakers no more than twenty yards off the beach. They were there for ages, just surfing the breakers, and really just seemed to be playing for our entertainment. We felt very privileged and very lucky to once again be in the right place at the right time.

to be continued.....

# Speedwatch Recruitment



As you all know we have a speeding problem in our village. The SID devices regularly show over 500 vehicles a month speeding through the village with top speeds often in excess of 60 mph.

Our Parish Council are battling valiantly with Suffolk County Council to install traffic calming measures with some success, but this is a slow and ungainly process so we have to help ourselves. We have recently had some of our volunteers move out of the village and would like to recruit some new people to help. It is only 1 hour/month to help keep speeds in the village down and our residents safe.

If you can spare some time each month please call Richard Hinton on 01359 251484. Thank You.

## Along The Street:

For more information about Speedwatch, or to get involved, call Richard on 07979745990

July 2022:	1 session	NIL Return	
August 2022:	3 sessions	23 vehicles logged	max speed = 43



Julie Radway

A tribute at the  
**Hepworth Coffee  
Morning**

**HM Queen  
Elizabeth II  
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## From the Benefice - Rev. Cathy Bladen

Dear Friends Neighbours,

As we head into Autumn, I'm reminded of the words from Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 that were read at the Queen's Service of Remembrance at Edinburgh Cathedral;

*'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot...'*

For me as a Christian, Autumn with its harvest of crops and fruits is a wonderful reminder that no matter what is happening in the world the seasons keep turning and there is always hope of new things and times to come... even if in the moment we find it hard to feel the hope.

We have been and still are in many ways living through a time of challenge and change; the pandemic, the rising cost of living, strikes, the uncertainty of a change of Prime Minister and now the loss of our Queen. There's much uncertainty and we could find ourselves individually and as a Nation feeling rocked, our resilience waning and perhaps our emotions raw.

So, I found it moving that just as the flags were being lowered and we enter a time of national mourning the media captured images of two beautiful rainbows... one over Windsor Castle and a double rainbow over Buckingham Palace. Since the Biblical time of Noah and the great flood, the rainbow has been a symbol and sign of God's unfailing love and steadfast faithfulness... It gave me a sense of hope that there will be better times ahead.

Now, it might just have been a coincidence... but the thing I know about coincidences is that the more you pray, the more they seem to happen; I like to think of them as God-incidences. And why wouldn't God want to speak through a rainbow at such a moment?

How Wonderful then... that at the end of an era... at the point the Nation was being told of her Majesty's death ...that we see Rainbows. A reminder for us that whatever happens, whatever mountains be shaken, and hills be moved... whatever life throws at us or how ever uprooted we may feel.... *'God's steadfast love won't depart from us, and His peace won't be removed and His compassion will rest on us'*. (Isaiah 54 paraphrased)

The Queen trusted in Jesus and her faith shaped everything she did... He was the source of her Hope. In her 2002 Christmas message she said,

*I know just how much I rely on my own faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning, ....I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God.*

And in August 2022 in a letter to Church leaders gathering at the Lambeth Conference from around the world she wrote,

*"Throughout my life, the message and teachings of Christ have been my guide and in them I find hope. It is my heartfelt prayer that you will continue to be sustained by your faith in times of trial and encouraged by hope at times of despair."*

I think this would be her prayer for us too.

God Bless  
Rev Cathy



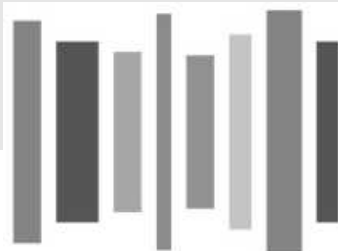
# SUFFOLK LIBRARIES

Did you know about the Suffolk Mobile Library Service?

It visits Hepworth every 4 weeks on a Thursday, and stops in 2 places:

Ivy Nook, Beck Street between 1525 and 1540, and  
Half Moon, The Street between 1545 and 1605

The coming visits will be on 13th October,  
10th November and 8th December



We are a local, informal, friendly garden club. Green Fingers meetings are held at Hinderclay Village Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm in the evening. Annual membership subscription is £15 and our monthly meeting fees are £3 for members (and £5 for non-members) with refreshments

included. You would be most welcome to join us.

## **19th October**

THE ART OF BONSAI - Talk & Demo by Derek Archer

## **16h November**

GARDEN DESIGN - Planning, Landscaping & Planting  
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## **7th December**

CHRISTMAS EVENING SOCIAL EVENT

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PRESENT:Councillor Nicholas Bennett (NB) (Chair), Councillor Marjorie MacPherson (MM), Councillor Louise Robinson (LR), Councillor Perry Penn (PP), Councillor Justin Seldis (JS)

IN ATTENDANCE: Christopher Garman (Parish Clerk) (CG), County Councillor Joanna Spicer (JSp), District Councillor Carol Bull (CB), Nine members of public were present.

22/109 PUBLIC FORUM: The chair agreed that the public could speak later.

22/110 APOLOGIES: Councillor Garry Bloomfield (GB), Councillor Helen Corris (HC) and Councillor Robin Shackleton (RS) had offered their apologies and these were accepted. It was noted that HC has now resigned and thanks and best wishes were sent.

22/111 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

22/112 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS: None.

22/113 TRAFFIC CALMING REPORT: JSp spoke about the traffic calming plans and how they had been developed. JSp apologised for the change of plans and the missing out of the need for street lighting in the previous plan which would have amongst other concerns have made that project too costly.

JSp also spoke about a separate plan to reduce the speed limit on the short stretch of The Street, Hepworth between the A143 junction and the current 30 mph boundary that currently has the national speed limit, to 40mph which should encourage vehicles to travel slower before they reach the 30mph boundary. This will involve a legal process and include consultations and would be managed separate to the traffic calming project.

JSp then talked about the revised traffic calming plans which had been explained to some councillors at an informal meeting on 9 August 2022. The new plan involved increased signage and road markings and construction of picket fencing to create a village gateway. The desired impact is to reinforce the speed limit, slow down traffic with pinch points and emphasise that this is a residential area. To facilitate funding, the project would be divided with SCC dealing with the highways aspects and the Parish Council dealing with the fencing at the gateways. Whilst the Parish Council would manage the gateways, JSp confirmed that she would source the funding and so there would be no impact on the Parish Council's budget. JSp said there was no need to have a public consultation and councillors considered that the proposed plans would probably have no negative impact on any individual properties.

There was discussion about including a 7.5 tonne weight restriction along The Street, Hepworth into the project in anticipation of expected increase in vehicles as a result of the proposed Shepherds Grove development. JSp said she would not support a request for this restriction at the moment. NB suggested that the Parish Council should look into the SCC policy and requirements for weight restrictions.

It was noted that JSp said SCC would proceed as soon as possible but it could take around 12 months to deliver. It was noted that SCC would conduct a traffic survey within 12 months of completion to ascertain the impact of the traffic calming project.

JSp said she would be meeting the SCC officer on 30 August 2022 to take matters forward and NB asked for confirmation when contractors had been appointed.

During the course of the discussion NB allowed the public to intervene with their thoughts. NB summarised the discussions.

- a) It was agreed that the Parish Council was supportive of the revised plans for the traffic calming and speed limit reduction.
- b) It was agreed that the Parish Council would manage the purchase and installation of the village gateways with funding coming from JSp and possibly CB and be responsible for them thereafter.
- c) Information will be gathered on SCC's policy on weight restrictions and if need be ascertain using a FOI request.
- d) CG will research the purchase of gateways and liaise with JSp and CB in respect of funding.
- e) There were expectations that the project would be completed in 12 months.
- f) CG will obtain from JSp an electronic version of the traffic calming plans for publication on the website.

22/114 PROPOSED SHEPHERDS GROVE DEVELOPMENT There was discussion about forming a working group to focus on the proposed Shepherds Grove development possibly working with neighbouring parish councils prompted by an email received from a resident. CB pointed out that neighbouring villages had differing concerns about the proposed plans and the level of impact on their villages.

Thought was given to employing a planning consultant to assist in the consultation response bearing in mind it will probably be a complex application and professional guidance should enable the important aspects to be drawn out and so presented in the consultation response. It was noted that professional guidance will come with a cost and thought would need to be given on how this would be funded.

Also, in preparation, it was suggested that approaches be made to other villages in the location of existing Copart operations to learn from their experiences.

During the course of the discussion NB invited the public to share their thoughts.

A member of public shared their experiences of Copart and in preparation suggested councillors should visit one of their sites. Others expressed their concerns about the impact of such a business adjacent to the village.

22/115 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

a) JSp asked to speak about the situation with the suggested removal of trees to the rear of Church Close, Hepworth adjacent to the footpath. JSp explained the situation and confirmed that no contracts had been placed. JSp said she would arrange a meeting with PP, residents, the landowner and the SCC officer to explore the options.

b) CB mentioned that there were some possible funding sources to assist community premises with the increased energy costs.

22/116 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 15 September 2022 at 7.30 pm. The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Christopher Garman

Parish Clerk

29 August 2022

# Hepworth Recreation Ground Management Committee

Minutes of AGM on Tuesday 12th April 2022 at 7pm at Hepworth Pavilion

Present: Linda Walsh (Chairman) LW Anne-Marie Thomas (Committee member) AMT Marjorie MacPherson (Treasurer, Acting Secretary) MM Frances Gibson (representing Art Club) FG Ann Flint (representing Coffee Morning) AF Maggie Morrison (representing Hepworth Angels) MMor Irene Beckitt IB Clare Jones-Davies CJD Perry Penn PP

LW welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave her report on the last year activities - it had been a very productive year including the upgrading of the hall to comply with COVID regulations, and installing new appliances and equipment in the kitchen. She thanked all outgoing committee members for their hard work and support in achieving all the upgrades, and members of the public who had given help during various spates of vandalism. She then handed over the meeting to the general public

3.1 Apologies for absence: Jane Duffield, Sarah Duncan and Tama Haddock

3.2 Election of Chairman, Officers and Members: Following extensive discussion the following members were elected to the Committee: Marjorie MacPherson Treasurer, Sarah Duncan Secretary, Clare Jones- Davis Committee Member, Linda Walsh Committee Member, Perry Penn Committee Member.

None of the above wished to stand as Chairman, and as MM had foreseen this possibility she had previously asked the advice of the Clerk to Hepworth Parish Council regarding this, and had been advised that this office could be on a rotating basis so she offered to take on the first couple of months as Chairman.

3.3 Minutes of the last AGM Meeting on 21st July 2021: After the insertion of the date in item 3, the minutes were agreed as correct on the proposal of MMor, seconded by MM and signed and dated as such

3.4 Financial Report as at year end 31st March 2022: MM presented the unaudited Annual accounts to 31st March 2022 where the balance stood at £14,185 available in the Lloyds Current Account, and £25,106 in the CCLA account. These figures were only achieved (even after making payments for upgrading the hall and installing CCTV) because of grants, applied for and received, totalling £10,667. The normal trading of the Hall from income from hirings over routine expenditure including fuel and grass cutting MM estimated at an annual loss of approximately £2,000 so that restarting the Village lottery as regular income was considered a future necessity.

MM thanked Heather Shelley who had kindly audited the previous year's Accounts and was willing to carry on with the Audit. She also thanked our cleaner for her hard work and village residents and Committee members who had unselfishly cleared the rubbish, bottles and graffiti etc after the continued attacks of vandalism suffered during the year. The financial report was accepted on the proposal of FG, seconded by AMT

3.5 Any Other Business: There was no other business but MM thanked all the outgoing members for their continued support and to all the members of the public who had taken the trouble to attend and contribute to the meeting. Without support, the Hall could not run

3.6. Date of Next Meeting: To be arranged



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## Hepworth Weather (as measured on The Street)

July 2022:	Max. Temp:	38.8°C	18th
	Min. Temp:	7.8°C	6th
	Total Rainfall:	3.3mm	
	Wettest Day:	1.2mm	30th

August 2022:	Max. Temp:	33.9°C	13th
	Min. Temp:	8.4°C	6th
	Total Rainfall:	9.1mm	
	Wettest Day:	7.0mm	24th

**July 2022:** Exceptionally dry and very warm month with 2 days of extreme and unprecedented heat. 38.8°C on the 18th and 38.1°C on the 19th. The temperature on the 19th was already at 33.4°C at 10 am but a fresh breeze slightly east of south by the afternoon ‘checked’ the temperature rising any further than 38.1°C. Rainfall was virtually non existent (only 7% of the average) and by the end of the month all vegetation was suffering from extreme dryness and being sun scorched. The average temperature for the month (day and night) was 20.1°C, although very warm , was not as high as July 2018 (20.8°C).

**August 2022:** Another very warm and exceptionally dry month. (13% of average rainfall). There was no measurable rain from the 1st to the 16th. 4 consecutive days when the temperature reached or exceeded 32°C. Viz: 32.1°C, 11th; 32.1°C, 12th; 33.9°C, 13th; 33.2°C, 14th . The average temperature for the month was 20.5°C, the warmest August in my record (2009). There were extreme drought conditions by the middle of the month until some welcome thundery rain fell on the 24th. The ‘meteorological’ summer of 2022 (June, July and August) was the warmest and driest in my record going back to 2009.

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

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From now until the end of October the Church will be open  
Daily 10 - 4  
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## Jubilee Corner

Team Hepworth have continued their work of clearing brambles and weeds from the footpath leading to the recreation ground. However due to the heatwave we have had a break, but we will resume our work once it gets cooler.

We are delighted to see the Jubilee Bench installed at Jubilee Corner, thanks to the hard work of Terry Andrews and David Medlar. And a special thank you to Terry for making the beautiful commemorative Jubilee sign and for providing us with a large bag of Daffodil bulbs which we will plant in September.

Thanks too to Hepworth Parish Council for funding the bench.

We would also like to thank Justin Seldis for providing us with a place to put the large pile of organic waste that has accumulated since we started work along the path.

Jubilee Corner will eventually be covered with bark chips to prevent weeds and Team Hepworth will be planting suitable shrubs there in the near future. It is very different from what it used to look like.

We wish we had taken photographs of the area before we started. It was filled with nettles, brambles weeds and a lot of rubbish. We are really pleased with how it looks and now it's a lovely place to rest and watch the cows.

Clare, Marion, Linda and Louise (Team Hepworth) get tremendous satisfaction from clearing paths, trimming the verges, cutting back hedges and planting. If you enjoy being outside and you don't mind getting grubby, come and join the team. We meet every Thursday morning from 10am till 12 midday, weather permitting, and we often have coffee and cake at each other's houses afterwards. Marion and Linda are excellent cakemakers. Don't worry if you can't come every Thursday. Just turn up when you can.

Please contact Louise Robinson on 251066 if you wish to join.



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**Hepworth Pavilion and Recreation Ground**  
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