

# Hepworth Herald

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David Fennell

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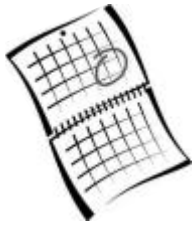
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<b>Hepworth Angels</b>	Every Mon @1930 » Hepworth Pavilion
<b>Hepworth Coffee Morning</b>	1st & 3rd Thu @1030 » Hep. Pavilion. p5
<b>Holy Communion</b>	1st October@0930 » St Peter's
<b>Quiz Night</b>	7th October@1930 » Hep. Pavilion. See p20
<b>Suffolk Mobile Library</b>	12th October@1525 - 1605 » See p5
<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	19th October@1930 » Hep. Pavilion
<b>Suffolk Mobile Library</b>	9th November@1525 - 1605 » See p5
<b>Pudding Club</b>	11th November@1900 » Hep. Pavilion. p20
<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	16th November@1930 » Hep. Pavilion
<b>Over 65s Christmas Lunch</b>	5th December@1230 » Hep. Pavilion. p19

## 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. Please contact Clare (250 660)



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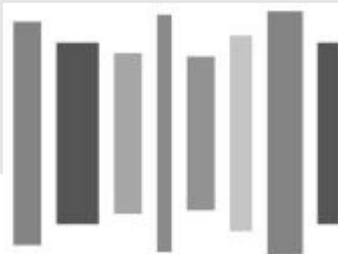
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# SUFFOLK LIBRARIES

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  
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The coming village visits will be on 12th  
October, and the 9th November 2023



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# TRAVELS DOWNUNDER - A REMINISCENCE

## Part 16

Our explorers were in the town of Broome,  
once a centre for pearl diving...

Our last episode had us staying in Broome in the Kimberley region, northern Western Australia. Besides pearl fishing, which we mentioned last time, there are two other notable things about Broome. It is here that the undersea cable is located that gave Australia its first ever link telegraphically to the rest of the world, at the eponymously named Cable Beach. It was laid in 1889 and ran all the way to Java, Indonesia. Quite some achievement 134 years ago. There are beautiful sunsets here and one of the touristy things to do is to take a camel ride along Cable Beach at sunset. We did, and it was spectacular.

The other notable thing that occurs here is also of a planetary nature and is very much time critical, and once again we were hugely lucky to be in the right place at the right time. The Staircase To The Moon is a natural phenomenon that occurs when the full moon rises over the tidal sand flats at Roebuck Bay in Broome. We managed to get an outside table at one of the hotels right at the beachfront. It was already dark and the hotel gardens were well illuminated and there was a band playing. Suddenly without any warning the band stopped playing, all the lights went out and we were plunged into total darkness. Almost immediately a didgeridoo started playing and in the darkness I can honestly say it was one those moments I will never forget, a real hairs on the back of the neck moment. And then, very slowly, the full moon began to rise out on the far horizon and as it climbed into the sky it lit up the sand flats which became horizontal "stairs" leading up to the moon. It was truly spectacular and we felt really lucky to have been there at the right time to see it.

Back on the road we continued on our way heading to Derby, pronounced, irritatingly, by Australians as "Durby", clearly influenced more by America than England. Derby has the highest tides in the whole of Australia, the difference between high and low tides is a whopping 39feet. This gives rise to another natural phenomenon known as the horizontal waterfall, where the extreme tides force a huge volume of water through two narrow gaps which give the illusion of a horizontal waterfall. We took a trip on a seaplane, very exciting, which landed us on the water in a bay further round the coast and then transferred to a speedboat which took us through the waterfalls.

Also, at Derby we had arrived in that part of the country which is home to the boab tree. These ancient trees are really weird looking as they have huge bulbous trunks, often hollow, and branches that extend out in all directions and look more like a root system than branches which many people think makes them look as if they've grown upside down.

The population of Derby is about three thousand, almost half of whom are of Aboriginal descent. Very sadly alcoholism among the aboriginals there is a huge problem and purchasing alcohol is strictly controlled. We had to show identification and sign a register before we were allowed to buy any.

to be continued.....

# Speed Indicator Devices



## Device No. 1 at A143 end of The Street

16 weeks from 01/06/2023 to 24/09/2023.

Vehicles **arriving** into village from the A143:

Total number of vehicles:- **17910**

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- **29mph**

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- **5466 (30.52%)**

No. of incidents 50mph and above:- **17**      40mph and above:- **125**

Highest speed recorded:- **58mph**

Vehicles **leaving** the village toward the A143:

Total number of vehicles:- **3854**

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- **27mph**

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- **1275 (33.09%)**

No. of incidents 50mph and above:- **1**      40mph and above:- **46**

Highest speed recorded:- **55mph**

## Device No. 2 at the Barningham end of The Street

16 weeks from 01/06/2023 to 24/09/2023.

Vehicles **arriving** into the village from Barningham:

Total number of vehicles:- **32241**

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- **26mph**

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- **5104 (15.83%)**

No. of incidents 50mph and above:- **1**      40mph and above:- **82**

Highest speed recorded:- **53mph**

Vehicles **leaving** the village toward Barningham:

Total number of vehicles:- **32504**

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- **26mph**

Total number of vehicles speeding above 30 mph:- **6075 (18.69%)**

No. of incidents 50mph and above:- **3**      40mph and above:- **137**

Highest speed recorded:- **60mph**

## Speedwatch Along The Street:



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

July 2023:            1 session    4 vehicles logged            max speed = 39 mph

August 2023:        3 sessions   11 vehicles logged           max speed = 54 mph

( an insane speed to be driving through our village!)

Please note that the weather, burst water mains and road closures have hampered Speedwatch over the past months!



**HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HEPWORTH PAVILION, THURSDAY 20 JULY 2023@7.30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Nicholas Bennett (NB) (Chair), Councillor Hollie Bloomfield (HB),  
Councillor Marjorie MacPherson (MM), Councillor Louise Robinson (LR)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Andy Osman (Parish Clerk) (AO)

A member of the public was present.

**23/085 APOLOGIES:** Councillors Garry Bloomfield and Perry Penn sent apologies which were accepted.

**23/086 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** NB declared an interest in Item 9 Planning – listed building consent DC/23/1063/LB. It was agreed that MM would take over the Chair for this item.

**23/087 PUBLIC FORUM:** No issues raised.

**23/088 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO BOTH DISTRICT AND COUNTY**

**COUNCILLORS:** No reports received prior to meeting. County and District Councillors arrived during meeting, see minute 23/093.

**23/089 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** Minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 23 had been previously circulated and it was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meetings.

**23/090 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** The Chair commended the work done to publicise the Equation Development Event held on 27 June 23 and thanked residents for attending the event.

Minute 23/080 15 June 23: Traffic Calming Works. The Clerk reported that the speed gates had arrived with Suffolk Highways. It was also confirmed that the works would start on 8 August with a road closure in place 7 to 13 August; access for deliveries and local residents would be maintained during the works.

Minute 23/080 15 June 23: Layby Resurfacing. Suffolk Highways had indicated the layby by the junction of The Street/A143 was part of the maintainable highway. Accordingly, a request to maintain this layby was submitted by the Clerk.

Minute 23/081 15 June 23: Review of Authorised Signatories. The Clerk reported that work was still ongoing to remove Justin Seldis and to add NB in relation to the Parish Council's bank account.

Minute 23/081 15 June 23: Events Noticeboard. This issue was covered later at agenda item 8b.

Minute 23/081 15 June 23: Review of Welcome Pack. This issue was covered later at agenda item 8c.

Minute 23/083 15 June 23: Herald. The Clerk confirmed that he had asked the Editor of the Hepworth Herald to include address information where planning applications are included in the publication.

Minute 23/083 15 June 23: Pollution. No further information was available and the meeting agreed to await the outcome of investigations that Equation were undertaking.

**23/091 HIGHWAYS MATTERS a.** Traffic Calming Works. Update provided at Item 23/090.

**b.** Layby Resurfacing. Update provided at Item 23/090.

**c.** Return of ANPR. The meeting agreed that the ANPR camera should be requested once more and the Clerk was to submit the appropriate application.

**23/092 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:** a. Finance Report. The meeting noted the finance report (current balance £18,979.79 and the projected outturn at the end of

the FY of approx. £8,900). Payment of £197.66 for the Coronation Event from the Events Reserve was authorised, subject to provision of receipts to the Clerk.

b. Events Noticeboard. The meeting agreed in principle to procure an events noticeboard subject to confirming ownership of the area it was due to be positioned.

c. Review of Village Welcome Pack. LR reported that review work was ongoing. It was agreed that the reviewed Welcome Pack would be added to the next meeting agenda to allow sign off.

County Cllr Spicer and District Cllr Bull arrived at 7.45pm

23/093 Layby. JS noted the update previously provided on ownership of the layby. It was agreed to await the outcome of any maintenance work prior to approaching West Suffolk Council about bin provision.

Copart and Equation Developments. No further information was available on the reconsultation of the Copart planning application. The meeting noted concerns over how Equation had conducted their consultation on their proposed development. CB agreed to forward information on vehicles to be stored and turnover at the proposed Copart development. Considering the impending re-consultation of the Copart application, it was agreed to hold a specific planning meeting open to the public on 17 August 23 at 7.30pm if the revised planning application documents were available by the end of July/early August.

Weston Lane. JS reported that a June update on Weston Lane resurfacing indicated a July start. As this work had still not started, JS agreed to hasten.

Events Noticeboard. CB agreed in principle to provide a contribution of £250 from her locality budget towards the purchase of an events noticeboard.

County Cllr Spicer and District Cllr Bull left at 8.18pm

23/094 PLANNING MATTERS: a. DC/23/0984/FUL. Agreed to support application.

c. DC/23/1063/LB. Agreed to support application.

23/095 CORRESPONDENCE: a. Planning Presentation. The Clerk was to circulate the presentation used at the recent West Suffolk Council development planning training attended by NB and AO.

b. Trees. The meeting discussed the ongoing situation of where issues are reported to the Parish Council for action. It was noted that there is a balancing act that requires the Parish Council to act lawfully while fulfilling its remit to support and assist the community it serves. It was agreed that the Clerk would draft a letter from the Parish Council to Openreach reminding them of their responsibilities with regards to cables passing between trees and to encourage them to look at the local issue that had been identified.

23/096 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN: a. Quiet Lane Signpost. The Clerk was to check progress with the installation of the final post needed for Quiet Lane Signs to be installed.

23/097 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: It was agreed to hold a specific planning meeting on Thursday 17 August at 7.30pm to discuss the re-consultation of the Copart planning application; this meeting would only take place if the required information had been provided in time for this date. The next full Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 28 September at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.52 pm.

Andy Osman

Parish Clerk

July 2023

**HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL - PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING  
HEPWORTH PAVILION, THURSDAY 17 AUGUST 2023 @7.30 PM**

PRESENT: Councillor Garry Bloomfield (GB) (Chair), Councillor Nicholas Bennett (NB), Councillor Hollie Bloomfield (HB), Councillor Marjorie MacPherson (MM), Councillor Perry Penn (PP), Councillor Louise Robinson (LR)

IN ATTENDANCE: Andy Osman (Parish Clerk) (AO), County Cllr Joanna Spicer (JS),  
Five members of the public were present.

23/098 APOLOGIES: None.

23/099 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

23/100 PUBLIC FORUM: None.

23/101 PLANNING MATTERS: a. DC/23/1154/OUT. The meeting discussed the outline planning application and noted the following:

- The application had a significant amount of documentation for an outline planning application.
- It was more than just demolition of existing buildings as it included seeking approval for a development of 115,000sq feet of floor space of mixed class of use.
- The status of the 2019 Shepherds Grove Masterplan was unclear and yet formed a key part of the planning statement.
- It was unclear whether the traffic assessment information accounted for the potential cumulative impact should both the Equation and Copart developments be approved. JS agreed to confirm that Suffolk County Council would assess the cumulative impact of assumptions made for traffic, drainage, and flood documentation.
- The application referred to a previous Ikea planning application and yet this was for a single use facility with planning conditions restricting overnight activity.
- Little reference has been made to the potential concurrency of the proposed Copart development.
- Economic benefits and noise assessments are aspirational rather than based upon robust evidence.
- The scale of the development seems incompatible with the current rural context of the site.
- Proposed landscaping does not appear to be integral to the design layout.
- The application was a shopping list of aspirations with no firm clarity on future use that made understanding impact on local community difficult to judge.

The meeting agreed that the Clerk was to:

- Seek urgent clarification on the status of the 2019 Shepherds Grove Masterplan from West Suffolk Council.
- Draft a Parish Council response to DC/23/1154/OUT based upon the comments made at the meeting and circulate prior to next meeting.

23/102 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN: a. Mobile Post Office. The Clerk was to investigate whether a mobile Post Office could visit the village.

- b. Star Cottage Footpath Sign. MM agreed to report the fallen footpath sign on the Highways reporting tool.

c. Blacksmith Cottage. The Clerk was to contact West Suffolk Council to seek an update on the future of Blacksmith Cottage.

d. The Bungalow, Beck Street. It was agreed to add the re-consultation of the planning application for this property to the agenda for the next meeting.

23/103 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: It was agreed to hold a further planning meeting on 31 August at 7.30pm. It was agreed to hold the next full Parish Council meeting on Thursday 28 September at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.28 pm.

Andy Osman

Parish Clerk

21 August 2023

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## **HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL - PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING HEPWORTH PAVILION, THURSDAY 31 AUGUST 2023@7.30 PM**

PRESENT: Councillor Garry Bloomfield (GB) (Chair), Councillor Nicholas Bennett (NB), Councillor Hollie Bloomfield (HB), Councillor Marjorie MacPherson (MM), Councillor Perry Penn (PP), Councillor Louise Robinson (LR)

IN ATTENDANCE: Andy Osman (Parish Clerk) (AO), County Cllr Joanna Spicer (JS), District Cllr Carol Bull (CB)

23/104 APOLOGIES: None.

23/105 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

23/106 PUBLIC FORUM: None.

23/107 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the planning meeting held on 17 August 23 had been previously circulated and it was resolved that these were an accurate record.

23/108 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Minute 23/101 23 August 23: Cumulative Impact. JS confirmed that Suffolk County Council would assess the cumulative impact of the Equation and Copart planning applications for traffic, drainage and flooding.

Minute 23/102 23 August 23: Mobile Post Office. The Clerk indicated that this was work in progress. [Clerks Note: A request for a visit by a mobile Post Office was submitted to the Post Office on 1 September].

Minute 23/102 23 August 23: Star Cottage Footpath Sign. MM confirmed that the fallen sign had been reported.

Minute 23/102 23 August 23: Blacksmith Cottage. CB confirmed that West Suffolk Council planning enforcement was now investigating this issue.

Minute 23/102 23 August 23: The Bungalow, Beck Street. Covered in Minute 23/109 Planning Matters.

23/109 PLANNING MATTERS: a. DC/23/0984/FUL. The meeting discussed the re-consultation of the planning application and agreed no change to the previously resolved position to support the application.

b. DC/23/1154/OUT. The meeting discussed the draft holding objection response to the outline planning application. It was agreed to incorporate the minor changes submitted by MM and then the final version of the holding

response that the Clerk was to submit to West Suffolk Council. It was decided that the Parish Council would organise a public meeting on 19 September to allow residents to provide their views on the outline planning application that would be used to produce a final Parish Council response. After the public meeting had taken place, NB agreed to adapt the holding response into a draft final response that would be discussed at the 28 September Parish Council meeting. Finally, it was agreed that the Clerk would post the holding response on the village noticeboard and arrange for it to be posted on the village website.

23/110 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN: a. Weston Lane. JS reported that a meeting with potential contractors to repair Weston Lane was due in a couple of weeks. PP agreed to be present at this local meeting.

b. S106 Aspirations. It was agreed to add S106 aspirations to the agenda for the next meeting.

23/111 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: It was agreed to hold the next full Parish Council meeting on Thursday 28 September at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.49 pm.

Andy Osman

Parish Clerk

September 2023

Planning Issues Discussed above:

DC/23/0984/FUL - The Bungalow, Beck Street

DC/23/1063/LB - The Old School The Street

DC/23/1154/OUT - Shepherds Grove Industrial Estate East Sumner Rd.

### Letter to the editor



It is really lovely for the last two Sundays the recreation ground has been used for some football matches. It is so lovely that it is being used again and quite a few people go up there to watch. I am writing this on the 7th August, so really do hope the pitch will be used for football matches every weekend.

- Anon

DOG OWNERS. The amount of dog poo that is being left on the foot paths is TERRIBLE, it certainly is NOT nice to tread on someone else's dog poo left on the path.

Do be reasonable and PICK UP YOUR OWN DOGS POO. Not difficult. There are poo bins around the village.

- Anon

## Hepworth Weather (as measured on The Street)

July 2023:	Max. Temp:	29.8°C	8th
	Min. Temp:	8.4°C	26th
	Total Rainfall:	73.8mm	
	Wettest Day:	21.1mm	4th
August 2023:	Max. Temp:	27.9°C	10th
	Min Temp:	7.4°C	31st
	Total Precipitation:	72.6mm	
	Wettest Day:	13.6mm	27th

**July 2023:** A dull, wet and windy month. The windiest summer month in my record (2009). The antithesis of July 2022, although the mean temperature was around or very slightly below average.

**August 2023:** August was a cloudy, unsettled month with low pressure always nearby. Precipitation was either bands of rain or heavy showers, although total precipitation was around average for August. Mean temperature was the average 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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# October's Church Letter by Ken Smith a Lay Elder

By the time we are adults most of us have learned that it is often the little things people do for us that mean so much. When we are young, we are thrilled with the big, showy presents like a new phone or even a car which enhanced our street-cred. However, as we mature, we begin to see these things in perspective and we learn to value the small, genuine and sincere gifts. This is because they show us that the person who gives them cares about us. The giver can be a child, a partner or a friend – it's not about age it is about the fact that the thought behind the gift means we matter to them, and they genuinely love and care about us!

Of course, it is easy to do little things to show kindness towards family and those people we know but what about strangers? Here's a true story I came across during the summer:

The only possessions an old homeless man had were an old shoe box and an old stubby pencil. Each day he sat outside a convenience store and would say 'Hi' to people entering the supermarket and ask them what their names were. Since he was homeless people just took one look at him and walked by into the store. One day a busy man stopped and actually answered his question rather than ignore him. 'My name is Jim' he said and the homeless man said: 'Nice to meet you Jim, my name is Howard'. Jim went into the store and got his morning cup of coffee. He thought about the old man sitting outside and decided it would be nice if he got Howard a cup of coffee as well, so he did. When he came back outside, he handed Howard a cup of coffee, smiled at him and simply said: 'Have a great day'.

The following week Jim came back to get his coffee expecting to see Howard but he noticed a team of paramedics outside the store. Sadly, Howard had been hit by a car and had died. Jim went over and told the paramedics that the man's name was Howard. As Jim was the only person who seemed to know the man the paramedics decided to give him Howard's only possessions - the shoebox and the old stubby pencil. Jim went back to his car, sat down and opened the shoebox. Inside he found a single piece of paper that had 'My friends' written on it. He unfolded the paper and saw it had just one name on it - it said 'Jim'.

Too often we are in danger of thinking that the little things we do don't really matter, so we tend to undervalue them. Our Lord once said that the day will come when he will thank his followers for giving him food, drink and clothes, or visiting him when sick or in prison - at a time when he was in need. He told them that they would be mystified at the time. However, each time they did some small thing for someone in need, it was just as if they did it for Him.

The truth is that each day we all have the opportunity to be somebody's Jim. We never know what a small act of kindness means to someone, but we will find that for each act we perform, we will be blessed.

God Bless Ken

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