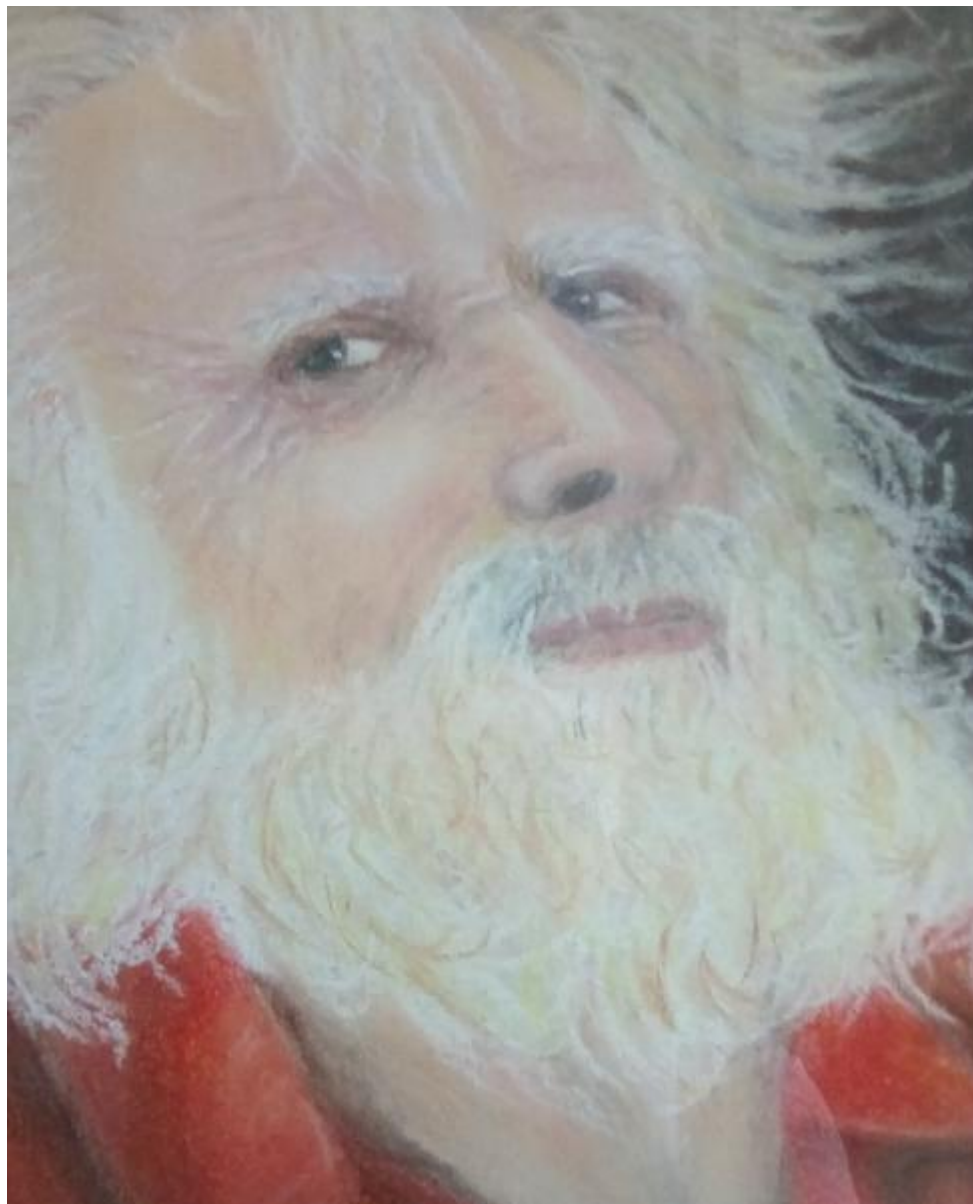


# Hepworth

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# Herald



Patricia Amer

# Christmas Market

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<b>Hepworth Art Group</b>	Every Mon @1000-1300 » Hepworth Pavilion
<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>	3rd December@0930 » St Peter's
<b>Over 65s Christmas Lunch</b>	5th December@1230 » Hep. Pavilion
<b>Festive Coffee Morning</b>	7th December@1030 » Hep. Pavilion. See p20
<b>Suffolk Mobile Library</b>	7th December@1525 - 1605 » See p5
<b>Christmas Market</b>	10th December@1100 -1500 » Hep. Pav. p2
<b>Carol Service</b>	10th December@1600 » St Peter's. See p19
<b>Village Get Together</b>	17th December@1400 - 1700. Hep. Pav. p20
<b>Christmas Holy Communion</b>	25th December@0930 » St Peter's. See p19
<b>Suffolk Mobile Library</b>	4th January@1525 - 1605 » See p5
<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	18th January@1930 » Hep. Pavilion

## Events 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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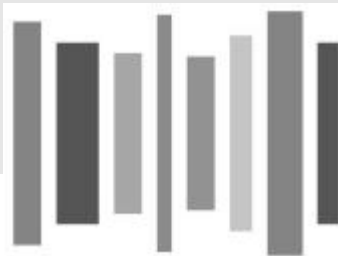
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# SUFFOLK LIBRARIES

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  
Half Moon, The Street between 1545 and 1605

The coming village visits will be on 7th  
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# TRAVELS DOWNUNDER - A REMINISCENCE

## Part 17

Our travellers had been admiring a  
Boab tree in the town of Derby...

Leaving Derby we continued our clockwise circumnavigation of this amazing country and, still in the Kimberley region of Western Australia, we headed eastwards passing through Fitzroy Crossing where we stopped overnight, then on past Halls Creek and eventually arriving at Turkey Crossing. We spent three nights here as it is the nearest place from which to venture off-road into the Purnululu National Park. This area is difficult to get into and should only be attempted in a fourwheel drive vehicle or by air. We did witness a young lad trying his luck in a small saloon car but he only got a few hundred yards down the track before he ruptured his fuel tank and had to be towed out.

Purnululu is designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site where you will find the enchantingly named Bungle Bungles, a range which covers an area of about 175 square miles and is made up of hundreds of huge strange dome shaped towers which look like the old traditional conical beehives. They are striped horizontally with orange and grey layers made up of different types of rock and sandstone. There are also many chasms and gorges which are spectacular. The traditional owners of the area are the Gija aboriginal people who have been in the area for 20,000 years, yet amazingly it was unknown to the rest of the world until as recently as 1982 when it was "discovered" by a documentary film crew who were making a film about the Kimberley region.



We left our caravan at Turkey Creek and set off to drive in, and after quite a difficult drive, including a few creek crossings where I had to get out and wade in to check the depth, we eventually arrived into the central area. We walked some trails and discovered Echidna Chasm and Cathedral Gorge and then came across a helicopter which was offering rides to view everything from the air. We decided it was too good an opportunity to miss so we paid up and went up. The helicopter was tiny, just room for the pilot and us two passengers. There were no doors on it and we were very glad we were securely strapped in. Very exciting. It was a very long and tiring day and by the time we got back to our caravan at Turkey Creek we were exhausted, but elated.

Leaving Turkey Creek we headed further on up the Great Northern Highway and reached the town of Kununara, where we stopped for a couple of nights. It is the last place of any size before you come to the border with the Northern Territory. When we crossed that border and entered the Territory we had now been to every State and Territory in the country. First stop was the town of Katherine which is at the junction of two major highways. There is a huge river gorge at Katherine and we took a boat trip down through the gorge which was once again full of spectacular scenery. Some years previously there had been a huge flood when the Katherine River rose by over 20 metres and the whole town was flooded. Reportedly there were crocodiles swimming down the Main Street past the local supermarket.

# Speed Indicator Devices



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

16 weeks from 24/09/2023 to 09/11/2023.

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

Total number of vehicles:- **6324**

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

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- **1749 (27.65%)**

No. of incidents 50mph and above:- **1**      40mph and above:- **26**

Highest speed recorded:- **55mph**

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

No Data

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

16 weeks from 24/09/2023 to 09/11/2023.

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

Total number of vehicles:- **10687**

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

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- **1512 (14.15%)**

No. of incidents 50mph and above:- **0**      40mph and above:- **17**

Highest speed recorded:- **49mph**

Vehicles **leaving** the village toward Barningham:

Total number of vehicles:- **10790**

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

Total number of vehicles speeding above 30 mph:- **2026 (18.78%)**

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

Highest speed recorded:- **60mph**

## Speedwatch Along The Street:



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

September 2023: Nil Return

October 2023:    3 sessions   8 vehicles logged      max speed = 44 mph



**HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HEPWORTH PAVILION - THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2023@7.30 PM**

**PRESENT:**Councillor Garry Bloomfield (GB) (Chair), Councillor Nick Bennett (NB),  
Councillor Marjorie MacPherson (MM), Councillor Perry Penn (PP)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Andy Osman (Parish Clerk) (AO), A member of the public was present.

23/111 **APOLOGIES:** Councillors Hollie Bloomfield and Louise Robinson sent apologies which were accepted.

23/112 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** GB declared an interest in Item 9c Planning – DC/23/1335/CLP lawful development certificate.

23/113 **PUBLIC FORUM:** No issues raised.

23/114 **REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO BOTH DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:** No formal reports received prior to meeting. In response to an update from County Cllr Spicer, it was agreed to wait for 12 months to gauge the effect of the recently completed traffic calming scheme before seeking any further revisions.

23/115 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 July 23 and the Parish Council Planning meeting held on 31 August 2023 had been previously circulated. It was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meetings.

23/116 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** Minute 23/091 20 July 23: Return of ANPR. On agenda at Item 7b and covered at minute 23/117.

Minute 23/092 20 July 23: Village Welcome Pack. On agenda at Item 8b and covered at minute 23/118.

Minute 23/093 20 July 23: Copart and Equation Developments. District Cllr Bull had provided further information on likely vehicle storage and turnover at the proposed Copart development. Two Parish Council Planning meetings to discuss the Parish Council's response to both applications were held on 17 and 31 August 2023.

Minute 23/095 20 July 23: Planning Presentation. The planning presentation used by West Suffolk Council was circulated to councillors by the Clerk on 27 July 23.

Minute 23/095 20 July 23: Openreach Letter. The Clerk sent a letter to BT Openreach on 27 July 23 seeking reassurance of the preventative maintenance of infrastructure in the village.

Minute 23/097 20 July 23: QLS Post. The meeting understood that the final post had been installed and this would allow the signs that had already been collected to be installed. GB agreed to take photos of the installation.

Minute 23/109 31 August 23: Equation Holding Response. The Clerk confirmed that the agreed Parish Council holding response had been submitted to West Suffolk Council and that this had also been posted on the village noticeboard and website. NB had provided notes from the two Parish Council planning meetings to the Clerk that had allowed a final response to be drafted ready for the September Parish Council meeting.

Minute 23/110 31 August 23: S106 Aspirations. On agenda at Item 9d and covered at minute 23/119.

23/117 **HIGHWAYS MATTERS:** a. Layby Resurfacing. This had been completed by Suffolk Highways.



b. Return of ANPR. The Clerk reported that Suffolk County Council had confirmed that Hepworth would be included on the next rota due in October as a priority site.

c. Anglian Water. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Anglian Water to request an on-site visit to discuss the number of water leaks.

23/118 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: a. Finance Report. The meeting noted the finance report (current balance £18,507.13 and the projected outturn at the end of the FY of approx. £8,900). The following payments were authorised: Gallagher Insurance £440.69 West Suffolk Elections £81.91 Hepworth Hall Hire £72.00 Clerks Salary & Exps £906.48 The Clerk was to seek counter authorisation from Cllr Robinson for BACS payment.

b. Sign Off Village Welcome Pack. The meeting agreed to sign off the updated Village Welcome Pack as revised by Cllr Robinson subject to minor amendments: • NB agreed to provide the Clerk with details of changes to address and contact number for AA a NA. • GB agreed to provide the Clerk with revised email address. • It was agreed to add contact details for the Coop in Stanton. The Clerk was to forward the completed document to the Hepworth Herald editor for publication on the village website.

23/119 PLANNING MATTERS: a. DC/23/1154/OUT – Equation Application. The meeting agreed a final response OBJECTING to the Equation application. The Clerk was to submit this to West Suffolk Council.

. DC/22/2190/HYB – Copart Application. The meeting noted that not much seemed to have changed in the new documents recently issued by the developer. Traffic modelling was still viewed as unreliable and unrepresentative of the likely volumes of traffic at this type of business. The Clerk was to update the February holding objection based upon comments made during the meeting and circulate a draft final response prior to the October Parish Council meeting.

c. DC/23/1335/CLP. The meeting agreed to provide a NEUTRAL comment. d. S106 Aspirations. The meeting expressed concern that S106 discussions were taking place prior to the resolution of the West Suffolk Development Control Committee. It agreed to reserve its position on S106 aspirations until such time that the position of the Development Control Committee was known. The Clerk was to draft a suitable response to reflect this position to West Suffolk Council planning.

23/120 CORRESPONDENCE: a. Barclays Complaint Outcome. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had been awarded £75 compensation by Barclays Bank following the complaint made over handling of anti-money laundering correspondence.

b. Town and Parish Council Forum Letter. The meeting noted the letter.

c. Thermal Imaging Cameras Loan Project. The meeting noted the project and agreed for the Clerk to pass details of the website to the Hepworth Herald editor.

d. Mobile Post Office. The meeting noted that the Post Office had declined a request to provide a mobile Post Office for the village.

23/121 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN: None.

23/122 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 19 October at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.11 pm.

Andy Osman - Parish Clerk - 3 October 2023

**HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HEPWORTH PAVILION - THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 2023@7.30 PM**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Andy Osman (Parish Clerk) (AO), County Councillor Joanna Spicer (JS), District Councillor Carol Bull (CB), A member of the public was present.

**23/123 APOLOGIES:** Councillor Garry Bloomfield sent apologies which were accepted.

**23/124 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

**23/125 PUBLIC FORUM:** No issues raised.

**23/126 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO BOTH DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:** JS reported that there was still no start date for the Weston Lane works following the recent site meeting. The Parish Council's decision to wait 12 months to review the effectiveness of the recently completed traffic calming works had been noted. JS would be emailing the Clerk soon with details of funding available to repair existing road signs. CB highlighted ongoing consultations relating to proposed changes to the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme and a Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places.

**23/127 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28 September 23 had been previously circulated. It was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meeting.

**23/128 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** Minute 23/117 28 September 23: Anglian Water. The Clerk had written to Anglian Water and the response had been previously circulated

. Minute 23/118 28 September 23: Village Welcome Pack. Actions to finalise the updated Village Welcome Pack had been completed and the updated document was available on the village website.

Minute 23/119 28 September 23: Equation Application. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council's final response objecting this this development had been submitted to West Suffolk Council.

Minute 23/119 28 September 23: Jaynic Application. On meeting agenda at Item 9a. Minute 23/119 28 September 23: S106 Aspirations. The Clerk wrote to West Suffolk Council seeking clarification of S106 discussions and the response had been pre circulated.

Minute 23/120 28 September 23: Thermal Camera. The Clerk confirmed action complete.

**23/129 HIGHWAYS MATTERS:** None

**23/130 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:** Finance Report. The meeting noted the finance report (current balance £17,131.05 and the projected outturn at the end of the FY of approx. £8,900). The following payments were authorised: SALC Payroll Service £22.80 Microsoft 365 subs £79.99 The Clerk was to seek counter authorisation from NB for BACS payment.

**23/131 PLANNING MATTERS:** DC/22/2190/HYB – Jaynic Application. The

meeting noted the withdrawal of Copart from the Jaynic planning application, email previously circulated. CB indicated that West Suffolk Council planners had advised that the application could still proceed. The Parish Council highlighted the reliance of Copart related detail in the planning statement and traffic and noise studies. It was agreed that the Clerk would: 1. Send the agreed final response to the re consultation of DC/22/2190/HYB. 2. Draft a supplementary comment for out of meeting agreement that would reflect the Parish Council's view that the Copart withdrawal was a significant material consideration, that the Copart red line site should be deleted from the application and highlight the lack of an audit trail for the change in description for sites A-D.

23/132 CORRESPONDENCE: a. Review of Polling Stations. Agreed to send no comment.

b. Temporary Road Order. The meeting noted the letter.

23/133 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN: PP agreed to represent the Parish Council at the Church Memorial Service. MM agreed to confirm the Parish Council's wreath was still available.

23/133 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 16 November at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Andy Osman, Parish Clerk - 24 October 2023

**HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL - DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING  
HEPWORTH PAVILION - THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2023@7.30 PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Andy Osman (Parish Clerk) (AO), County Councillor Joanna Spicer (JS), District Councillor Carol Bull (CB), A member of the public was present.

23/134 APOLOGIES: NB sent apologies which were accepted.

23/135 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: GB declared an interest in Item 9, DC/23/1754/FUL planning application and it was agreed that LR would chair this item.

23/136 PUBLIC FORUM: The role of the stream next to The Street in contributing to the recent flooding during Storm Babet was highlighted. The stream had become blocked over the years hence reducing the amount of water it can hold. CB agreed to look at what grants might be available to support community self-help activities to clear such waterways. It was also confirmed this flood had been reported on the Suffolk Highways Reporting tool and thus will be picked up as part of future investigatory work by Suffolk County Council.

23/137 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO BOTH DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS: CB reported that:

- The Jaynic application is unlikely to be considered until New year as West Suffolk Council were awaiting final Highways comments and an updated air quality strategy.
  - The unsecured door at Blacksmith Cottage had now been secured. LS reported that:
    - West Suffolk Council Development Control Committee had been asked to include Hepworth (The Street) when conducting site visit for Jaynic planning application.
    - The remedial work on Weston Lane was due to commence on 20 November 23.
    - Any photos of missing or damaged road signs on local roads (not A roads) need to be sent to Suffolk County Council. It was agreed that the Clerk would coordinate and forward any photos.
- 23/138 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19 October 23 had been previously circulated. It was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meeting.
- 23/139 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None
- 23/140 HIGHWAYS MATTERS; Storm Babet. JS attended Willow Green with the Suffolk Highways Community Engineer the day after flooding. This flooding, along with flooding along The Street, will be investigated by Suffolk County Council Floods Team as the lead local flood authority. It was noted that 60 flooding incidents across the county following Storm Babet meant some prioritisation would take place to ensure those incidents affecting the most people were investigated first. The Parish Council would be notified and involved when the Hepworth flooding was investigated. It was also noted that the Village Hall had been opened as an emergency rest centre. It was agreed that the Clerk would:
- Obtain sufficient numbers of emergency information Z Cards, produced by the Suffolk Resilience Forum, for distribution to all Hepworth households.
  - Provide the Hepworth Herald editor with the link to this information for the website. PP agreed to:
    - Contact local farmers to highlight the importance of keeping ditches clear.
    - Discuss clearance of the ditch by the village sign using community assets.
- 23/141 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: a. LGA Pay Award. The meeting noted the LGA pay award and its effect on the Clerks salary.
- b. Finance Report. The meeting noted the finance report (current balance £17,108.25 and the projected outturn at the end of the FY of approx. £10,750). The following payments were authorised: Suffolk CC(Traffic Calming) £4,000 Village Hall Hire £120 Payment of Clerks salary inc backdated pay to be paid in December once expenses finalised £972 + exps. The Clerk was to seek counter authorisation from LR for BACS payments. The meeting agreed to open a savings account and to place the identified reserves into it; the Clerk was to action. c. Draft Budget 24/25. The meeting considered the draft budget for FY24/25 previously circulated. This was based upon a no increase to the precept, and it was

resolved to adopt the budget for FY24/25. d. Hepworth Recreation Ground Lease Arrangements. It was noted that the lease for the Recreation Ground expired in November 2024 and that clarity was needed from the Recreation Ground Committee as to their intentions. MM agreed to obtain a formal indication from the committee and report back by the 24th February Parish Council meeting.

23/142 PLANNING MATTERS: DC/23/1754/FUL – Star Cottage. The meeting agreed to support this application.

23/143 CORRESPONDENCE; a. Suffolk Police Operating Model. Noted.

b. West Suffolk Carol Service. Invitation to the Carol Service had been previously circulated and councillors were to respond individually as appropriate.

c. Suffolk County Council Maintenance and Repair of Road Signs. Covered in Minute 23/137.

d. West Suffolk Review of Grass Cutting and Wider Grounds Maintenance. Noted, no comments.

23/144 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN:• North Common. MM highlighted the increased mud on roads due to beet traffic. GB agreed to discuss issue outside of meeting with the relevant farmer.

- Water Courses. HB indicated that Equation was doing more tests on local water courses in conjunction with the EA following indications of pollution.

- Trees. PP reported that trees were being made available from the Woodlands Trust and would be planted along Market Weston Rd in due course.

- Quiet Lanes. The Chair thanked MM for her work on delivering the Quiet Lanes scheme in the village.

- New Councillors. The Chair highlighted the 2 vacancies for Parish Councillors and asked for any interested persons to contact the Clerk for further information.

23/145 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 18 January 2024 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Andy Osman, Parish Clerk - XX November 2023

Planning Issues Discussed above:

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

DC/23/1335/CLP - Star Cottage, North Common

DC/23/1754/FUL - Star Cottage, North Common

## Hepworth Weather (as measured on The Street)

September 2023:	Max. Temp:	32.8°C	9th
	Min. Temp:	8.3°C	30th
	Total Rainfall:	51.4mm	
	Wettest Day:	20.4mm	12th

October 2023:	Max. Temp:	24.8°C	9th
	Min Temp:	0.2°C	16th
	Total Precipitation:	179.3mm	
	Wettest Day:	45.8mm	20th

**September 2023:** Exceptionally warm month. Mean temperature of 18.5°C was warmer than any of the previous summer months. (Jun, Jul, Aug) The warmest September in my record (2009) beating Sep. 2016 by +1.0°C. Maximum temperatures from the 6th to 10th consecutively were 30°C or above.

**October 2023:** A mild but unprecedented wet month. Flash flooding was widespread and serious on the 20th and again on the 28th. Rainfall totals were as follows: 72 hours 11th to 13th = 35.0 mm; 72 hours 18th to 20th = 93.3 mm; 24 hours on 28th = 29.8 mm. The month's total of 179.3 mm was 300% of the month's average rainfall!

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

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# The Oxen

BY THOMAS HARDY

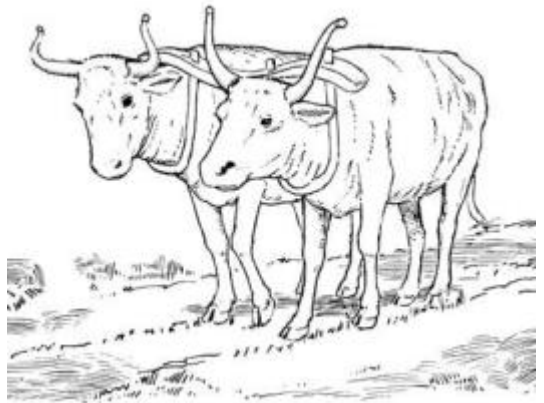
Christmas Eve, and twelve of the clock.  
“Now they are all on their knees,”  
An elder said as we sat in a flock  
By the embers in hearthside ease.

We pictured the meek mild creatures where  
They dwelt in their strawy pen,  
Nor did it occur to one of us there  
To doubt they were kneeling then.

So fair a fancy few would weave  
In these years! Yet, I feel,  
If someone said on Christmas Eve,  
“Come; see the oxen kneel,

“In the lonely barton by yonder coomb  
Our childhood used to know,”  
I should go with him in the gloom,  
Hoping it might be so.

Source: 1915



This poem was specially requested by a villager

# Hepworth Happenings

The Pensioners' Christmas Lunch will take place on Tuesday 5th December – please note the date, as there was an error in the last Parish News. The Pudding Club in November was a fund raiser for this event and we shared a fine range of puddings, with plenty of custard and cream!

The village Carol Service will take place on Sunday 10th December at 4pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Please come along and get in the mood for Christmas.

We are delighted to host a Christmas morning service in Hepworth this year, so please join us for the service on Monday 25th December at 10.00am.

Jane Duffield

## Table Top Sale

There is a possibility that in the early spring of 2024 there will be a table top trail in Hepworth, so perhaps start putting some things aside!

Clare Jones-Davis

## Hepworth Pavilion

On behalf of the above committee we would like to wish all the residents of Hepworth

**“Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year”**

Also, we would like to thank all that have supported us during 2023 which has seen a variety of bookings and the hall enjoyed by many. Looking forward to 2024 we would like this to continue and hope to provide more social activities for residents and friends.

**But we need your help!**

With this in mind please save the 2024 date AGM – 23rd April at 7pm.

To keep our hall, we must have a committee and helpers.

Linda Walsh

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**Hepworth Pavilion and Recreation Ground**

Church Lane, IP22 2PU



Time	Residents	Non-residents
Hourly	£8.80	£11

Bookings and Enquiries should be sent to Sarah at [pavilionhepworth@gmail.com](mailto:pavilionhepworth@gmail.com) or 07763 720 591

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St Peter's Church, Hepworth

## Carol Service

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

4:00 pm

Followed by mulled wine and  
mince pies.



## Christmas Morning Service

St Peter's Hepworth

10 am

food  
bank

**If you need help with food... Please ask!**

Many folk are struggling with food prices being so high. So please if you need help, let us know. You don't need to be on benefits or have vouchers. For a confidential request please contact either:

**Rev. Cathy Bladen on 01359 250 239  
revcathybladen@gmail.com**

or

**Mrs Angie Burrows 01359 250008**


**This is a Church and Community Project**



## **Hepworth Village Christmas Get Together**

All villagers (young and old!) are invited to Get Together

**Sunday, 17th December  
1400 - 1700 in the Pavilion**




Drop in and join us for refreshments including drinks and mince pies and see our Christmas decorations.

Free Childrens Activities between 3 &4

**All refreshments free of charge**

**No need to book - just join us on the day!  
We look forward to seeing you there**



## **Hepworth Coffee Morning – Christmas Special**

Come along and see our hall decorated for the season  
and join us on:

**Thursday 7th December, 10.30am – 12.30pm**

Enjoy a chat with friends. new & old, only **£3.00** for  
plenty of tea & coffee BUT best of all, seasonal  
refreshments as well!

**EVERYONE WELCOME**