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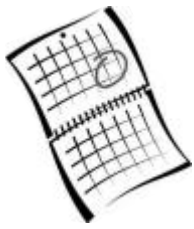
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What's On?

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

Hepworth Art Group	Every Mon @1000-1300 » Hepworth Pavilion
Hepworth Angels	Every Mon @1930 » Hepworth Pavilion
Hepworth Coffee Morning	1st & 3rd Thu @1030 » Hep. Pavilion. p6
Suffolk Mobile Library	1st February@1540 - 1605 » See p6
Holy Communion	4th February@0930 » St Peter's
Parish Council Meeting	15th February@1930 » Hep. Pavilion
Suffolk Mobile Library	29th February@1540 - 1605 » See p6
Sausage Supper	16th March@1900 » Hep. Pavilion. p14
Parish Council Meeting	21st March@1930 » Hep. Pavilion
Suffolk Mobile Library	28th March@1540 - 1605 » See p6
Hepworth Pavilion AGM	23rd April@1900 » Hep. Pavilion
Quiz Evening	May - Details to follow
Annual Parish Meeting	16th May@1900 » Hep. Pavilion
Car Boot Trail	22nd June - Village wide
French Evening	13th July - Details to follow

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)



Do you have a new neighbour?

The Parish Council has prepared a Welcome Pack for people new to the village.

It can be found on the Village Website at

<http://hepworthvillage.co.uk>

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Speed Indicator Devices



Device No. 1 at A143 end of The Street

76 days from 09/11/2023 to 23/01/2024.

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

Total number of vehicles:- **23763**

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- **28.6mph**

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- **6511 (26.31%)**

No. of incidents 50mph and above:- **5** 40mph and above:- **190**

Highest speed recorded:- **55mph**

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

Total number of vehicles:- **17206**

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- **29.8mph**

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- **7270 (42.48%)**

No. of incidents 50mph and above:- **8** 40mph and above:- **318**

Highest speed recorded:- **58mph**

Device No. 2 at the Barningham end of The Street

76 days from 09/11/2023 to 23/01/2024.

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

Total number of vehicles:- **20138**

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

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- **2900 (13.68%)**

No. of incidents 50mph and above:- **1** 40mph and above:- **52**

Highest speed recorded:- **52mph**

Vehicles **leaving** the village toward Barningham:

Total number of vehicles:- **20191**

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

Total number of vehicles speeding above 30 mph:- **4082 (16.8%)**

No. of incidents 50mph and above:- **5** 40mph and above:- **106**

Highest speed recorded:- **68mph**

Do join the Parish Council facebook page "Hepworth Matters" which has up to date information about local matters of interest, village events and Parish Council information.

<https://www.facebook.com/HepworthMatters/>



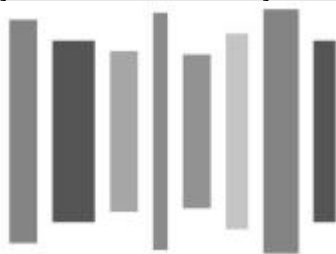
SUFFOLK LIBRARIES

Did you know about the Suffolk Mobile Library Service?
It visits Hepworth every 4 weeks on a Thursday, and stops at:

Half Moon, The Street between 1540 and 1605

The coming village visits will be on 1st February 2024, 29th February and the 28th March.

Do stop in, say hello and borrow a book or two!



DOG WALKING & PET CARE

Dog walking, companion visits,
cat feeding, small animal care.

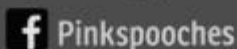


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TRAVELS DOWNUNDER - A REMINISCENCE

Part 18

Our explorers have now been to every state and Territory.
What will they find in the Northern Territory?...

It is nearly the end of May and we have been on the road for seven months and are now in the Northern Territory, having travelled about three quarters of the way around this vast country. From the town of Katherine we headed north towards Darwin stopping off for a couple of nights at the small town of Adelaide River. It is from here that you can go on a river trip to see the jumping crocodiles. Tourist boats ply up and down the muddy waters and the crocs have learned to listen for them approaching as they know they will get a feed. Poles with rope attached and with large hunks of meat tied on are dangled over the side of the boat above the water. The crocs will then jump almost right out of the water to grab the meat. It's quite a spectacle and makes you realise just how big and dangerous these animals are.

We arrived in Darwin on the 1st June and stayed for ten days. There is plenty to see and do there and we tried to fit in as much as we could. There is a very large night market at Mindil Beach where you can buy a wide variety of things and there are food stalls offering delights from almost every corner of the world. We tried a few of these and ended up watching the sun set over the ocean, very atmospheric.

The city of Darwin has been almost completely destroyed four times. Once by Japanese bombers during World War II and three times by cyclones. The most recent of these was Cyclone Tracy which occurred at night on Christmas Eve in 1974, when 71 people died and 80% of the city was destroyed. There is an exhibition in the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory where you can enter a room in the dark and witness what it sounded like to be in the middle of a category 4 cyclone. We did, and it was terrifying.

Darwin is also the jumping off point for a visit to Kakadu National Park. It really is a must visit place. Absolutely fabulous scenery and wildlife, and full of aboriginal historical sites and caves with cave paintings. It is also where a lot of the scenes in the movie Crocodile Dundee were filmed. There is a river here which is confusingly named Alligator River. Confusing because there are no alligators in Australia. The first English explorer into the area mistook crocodiles for alligators and named the river accordingly and the name has stuck. To get to Kakadu you have to pass through my absolute all time favourite place name in the whole of Australia, the small town of Humpty Doo. We stayed for three nights at a place called Jabiru in Kakadu National Park and on one of the days we went on a day trip with an aboriginal guide into Arnhem Land. This is a vast wilderness area of almost 100,000 square kilometres which is reserved solely for the traditional aboriginal owners and other people are not normally allowed to enter. It was a fascinating insight into their way of life, from the making of artifacts to the throwing of spears. Spears are thrown using a launching stick called a woomera. Using one they can throw a spear huge distances. I now realise why the town in South Australia where the British had their rocket launching test site in the 1950s is called Woomera.

DOG WALKERS

Hepworth Parish Council have noticed an increase in dog fouling in the village, including dog waste bags being left on verges/tress rather than put in the dog bins that are available. Residents are asked to use the dog bins or to take any waste back home for disposal to keep the village tidy and prevent unsightly mess. People who do not clean up after their dog can be given a fixed penalty notice. If they refuse to pay the fine, they can be prosecuted and may face a court appearance with a maximum penalty of £1,000.



We are on the hunt for Covers

Hepworth Herald would love to feature the talents of its residents (of all ages!) on the front cover. If you or your children have a seasonal painting, drawing or photograph you would like to share, please consider submitting to hepworthherald@gmail.com



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.

21st February

GOOD COMPANIONS - Planting Perennial Combinations
By Tim Fuller of The Plantsman's Preference (Plants for sale)

20th March

THE THEATRE AURICULA - By Luci of Wootens Nursery

+ much, much more.

For more information, ring Val Hobson: 01359 251977 or
Ali Carr: 01953 688112

A PASSION FOR PIGEONS

Already I am thinking have I got the right title as they are more of an obsession. It all started as an 11 year old whilst out doing my paper round a fellow paper boy invited me to look at his pigeons. I was hooked. As I peered through the wire of the coop (later to be known as a loft) there sat these funny coloured birds looking back at me. He asked me if I wanted to hold them and from that day I have always been fascinated by them.

Home I ran "Dad, Dad! Can I have some pigeons". On and on I asked constantly that seemed for weeks and finally my Dad relented. I am one of eight children so money was always tight but true to his word my Dad built me a loft. Four old doors nailed together with a bit of wire netting and a door. I can't remember if I bought 4 from my friend or he gave them to me. They were a breed called tipplers and they would fly for hours and very high. I would sit there for ever just watching them fly.

Now on my paper round I would pass proper pigeon lofts that had racing pigeons. When I saw these I wanted some. As my passion increased my Dad had given me part of his workshop/shed at the bottom of the garden and built me a lovely aviary on the front. My first proper racing pigeons were strays that other pigeon fanciers didn't want. I would seek out other pigeon men in my home town of Barking and stand out in the street in awe of these racing pigeons flying round. My paper round money would pay for their feed. In todays money 75p for the morning round 37¹/₂ p for the evening round and that included collecting the paper money on a Sunday morning.

Until next time, John



An example of a Tippler Pigeon. They come in many colours and patterns

**Hepworth Weather
(as measured on The Street)**

November 2023: Max. Temp: 14.9°C 14th
Min. Temp: -4.8°C 30th
Total Rainfall: 71.6mm
Wettest Day: 15.8mm 2nd

December 2023: Max. Temp: 14.2°C 25th
Min Temp: -4.1°C 2nd
Total Precipitation: 66.54mm
Wettest Day: 17.3mm 20th

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

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STANTON'S MEN'S BREAKFAST



Every 2nd Saturday of the Month

8.30 am to 10.00 am

AT THE CHURCH ROOMS IN STANTON

You are welcome to come for all or some of the time.

Have a bacon roll with a tea or coffee and a natter.

Newspapers available.

Dogs welcome so pop in on your dog walk.

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of
Mr Bernard Howlett of Beck Street, Hepworth.
He died in West Suffolk Hospital following a short illness
on the 27/12/23 at the age of 87.

He was a regular at the village coffee mornings,
and was known to many in the village.
Bernard was a prolific writer of poetry, which he kindly
allowed us to publish in this magazine.
His daughter has chosen the following poem.

THE SKYLARK

Sing out your praises far up into heaven,
Your body flung high like a stone from a sling;
Into the morning the songs of the shepherds
Will roll from your tongue as you quiver and sing.

Your music will stir the angels of glory,
They will render to God your sweet melody;
Wild minstrel so mighty, wizard of fortune,
O, what is it like to be happy and free?

And how does it feel to have conquered the earth,
To fall like a bolt, like a star from the sky?
You, who can talk with the angels of glory,
And walk with us mortals and lie where we lie.



This poem is reproduced in memory of the author, Bernard Howlett,
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Hepworth Pavilion – “The Future”

The lease with the Parish Council is due for renewal in December 2024, we need your views on how you would like this venue to continue. Help is always needed in many ways – just a couple of hours in helping on activities, committee members or running social events.

**Our ANNUAL AGM is on
Tuesday 23rd April at 7pm**

Tea & Coffee provided.

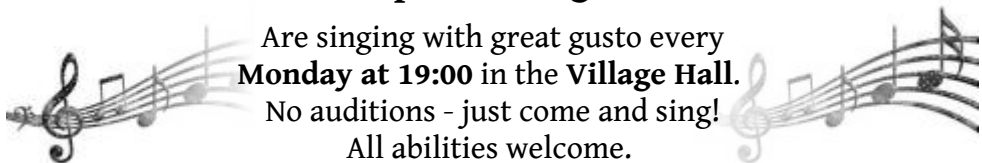
ALL welcome – come along and let us know what you would like to see and also hear what we would like to see happen with the Pavilion for the future.

Hepworth Angels

Are singing with great gusto every **Monday at 19:00** in the **Village Hall.**

No auditions - just come and sing!

All abilities welcome.



LOST BIKE

A teenager's bike has been found behind the Pavilion in early January. We have advertised this on the facebook page with no response. Please contact us if you have any information or if this could be yours !! If it has not been claimed by Friday 23rd February it will be disposed of. Contact : Linda (01359 250014)



SAUSAGE SUPPER



Saturday 16th March
Hepworth Pavilion
7pm



Try a Variety of Sausages along with Colcannon

Please bring your own drinks and glasses

Booking Essential by the 12th March

Contact Clare for more details:

Phone 01359 250660

Please let us know if a Vegetarian option is required



ALL SAINTS CHURCH
STANTON

SALE OF CHURCH PEWS


During January 2024 most of the church pews will be sold as the first stage of the re-ordering project - 'Church at the Heart of the Community'. This will then enable new chairs to be used creating flexibility when using the nave. Following a period of consultation, the Diocese have given permission for this to happen.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PURCHASING ONE OR MORE OF THE PEWS?

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