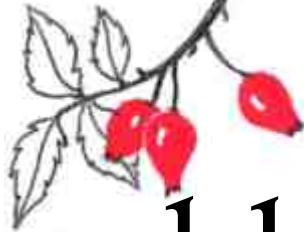


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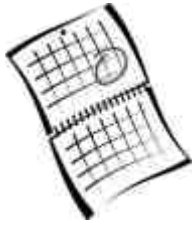
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Hepworth Art Group	Every Mon @1000-1300 » Hepworth Pavilion
Hepworth Angels	Every Mon @1930 » Hepworth Pavilion. p20
Hepworth Coffee Morning	1st & 3rd Thu @1030 » Hep. Pavilion. p20
Holy Communion	2nd June@0930 » St Peter's
Suffolk Mobile Library	20th June@1540 - 1605 » See p6
Parish Council Meeting	20th June@1930 » Hep. Pavilion
Village Service	7th July@0930 » St Peter's
French Evening	13th July@1900 » Hep. Pavilion. See p9
Suffolk Mobile Library	18th July@1540 - 1605 » See p6
Parish Council Meeting	18th July@1945 » 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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Speed Indicator Devices



Device No. 1 at A143 end of The Street

22 days from 24/03/2024 to 14/04/2024.

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

Total number of vehicles:- **10240**

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

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- **3130 (29.7%)**

No. of incidents 40mph and above:- **101** 50mph and above:- **3**

Highest speed recorded:- **59mph**

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

Total number of vehicles:- **8694**

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- **30.2mph**

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- **3987 (45.86%)**

No. of incidents 40mph and above:- **207** 50mph and above:- **5**

Highest speed recorded:- **63mph**

Due to a malfunction, no data was recorded after 14/04/2024 at A143 end, and no data was retrievable for the Barningham end SID.

Speedwatch Along The Street:

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

March 2024: 2 sessions

11 vehicles logged

Max Speed = 42 mph

April 2024: 3 sessions

10 vehicles logged

Max Speed = 44 mph



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Speedwatch
and keep
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village safe

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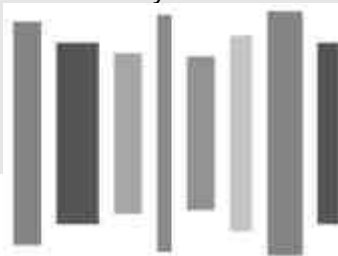
SUFFOLK LIBRARIES

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

Half Moon, The Street between 1540 and 1605

The coming village visits will be on 20th June and 18th July

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Letter from the Rectory

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

This month on 16th June it is Father's Day. For many it's a time to celebrate and be thankful for their father and the father figures in their lives but for others it's a day that some really struggle with ...for all kinds of reasons. Some struggle because it's a reminder of the loss of a father or father figure in their lives, for some it's a painful reminder of difficult and even abusive relationships with their fathers. Whatever your feelings are about Father's Day it does give us a chance to reflect on the nature of fatherhood.



The Bible contains many metaphors and images of God in relationship with humanity. Some of these images are drawn from experiences of mothering, some are drawn from the natural world, and some are abstract, but one of the key images of God in the Christian faith is God the Father.

The last time Jesus' earthly father Joseph appears in the Gospel narrative is when Jesus is about twelve years old... so it may be that Jesus' own experience included the absence of the man who had brought him up as father. As an adult, Jesus referred to God as 'Father' many times exploring the idea beautifully in his parable of the Prodigal Son.

In this parable, the father gives his younger son independence... giving him his inheritance early and allowing him to leave home. The father watches as his son takes off ... and lives a life of extravagance making many questionable life choices. The son sinks into poverty and despair... eventually deciding the only thing he can do is to return to his Father and accept his disgrace. However, when the father glimpses his son returning in the distance, he runs to embrace him; hugging him he draws his son back into a relationship. The Father doesn't just forgive his son but his forgiveness is super-abundant...as he throws a feast to celebrate his return. In this story Jesus gives us a glimpse of what it means to have God as our Father. God is the good Father who is as generous, always looking to welcome us home; He is patient and forgiving and loves us more than we can imagine.

We all need a Father like this; God wants to be OUR Father... He is always waiting for US to come home to Him, He's forever patient... always looking to forgive us... and always abundantly generous in His love and His grace when we return to Him.

I hope that this year you can celebrate Father's Day in a new way... no matter what your relationship with your father is like or was like ...I hope you will be able to celebrate the fact that each one of us has a wonderful compassionate Heavenly Father ...who longs to love us and be Our Father.

If you'd like to join us in Church to celebrate Father's Day there are services at Hopton at 9.30am, Barningham at 11.00am and Market Weston at 11.00am ...We'd love to see you.

Have a great June. God Bless. Rev Cathy x

PASSION FOR PIGEONS

Questions questions questions! I would ask the top pigeon men in my area - I must have been a complete pest. As money was tight I would spend hours breaking up red brick and mortar for the birds. Cabbage water from the kitchen was saved and given to the birds as an iron tonic. I could not afford to join the local pigeon club but would attend Friday night to help basket the birds for Saturdays race. I did not have a timing clock but was asked if I would like to send to the race as trainers. I accepted the offer to club secretary, a respected Mr Minns.

All week I could not sleep and finally Saturday arrived. In those days pigeons were released to arrive home after 1 o'clock as most people worked Saturday mornings. I was probably scanning the skies before they were actually released and finally spotted a pigeon sky high, folding its wings back "Come on, Come on" I shouted as it dived into the loft looking at me as if to say "What's all the fuss about". I was jumping up and down running around the garden shouting "I got one" I was that excited I had to tell someone, I ran to the nearest



A Champion Racing Pigeon

fancier, Mr & Mrs Potter. The front door opened. "I got one" I blurted out. "What time have you got" asked Mr Potter. "10 past 3" I replied, excited. I then came back down to earth with a bang "I had all of mine home by then" came the reply.

I never sent to any other races for quit a few years due to other interests: Girls, Rugby, Career; probably in that order. The pigeons were always at the bottom of the garden.

Next time. My first proper race. John

[Many readers expected this article in the last edition - the magazine editor takes full responsibility for the absence, and sends apologies to all, especially to author, John]



*Invitation to our
French themed café evening*

Saturday 13th July , 7.00pm, at the Pavillion

*Advance tickets £10.00 per person from Christine on
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opportunity to meet with others whilst supporting one of our
fund raising events in aid of the village Christmas lunch on 3rd
December.*



Menu to include:

*Cheese sampling, French bread and butter,
chicken chasseur*, potatoes and a light
dessert*



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requirements we may be able to accommodate.*

**HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HEPWORTH PAVILION - THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2024@7.30 PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Andy Osman (Parish Clerk) (AO), Four members of the public were present.

24/25 APOLOGIES: None.

24/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

County Cllr Spicer (JS) arrived at 7.35pm

24/27 PUBLIC FORUM: Jaynic Planning Application. The meeting commended the attendance of the Parish Council Chair and two members of the public at the March 2024 West Suffolk Council Development Control Committee and noted concerns raised by a member of the public over representations made by JS at the same meeting.

Flooding. Concerns were raised about flooding between Model House and Hepworth Hall. LR also highlighted flooding further down The Street that had been reported using the Highways Reporting Tool. The Clerk forwarded the Highways Report on The Street flooding to JS who agreed to follow up with Suffolk Highways and ask them to write to landowners to clear debris from ditches they were responsible for. LR agreed to complete a Land Registry search to confirm ownership of the parcel of land where village sign was located.

SpeedWatch. The impact of the recently completed traffic calming measures was questioned as information from SIDs indicated speeding was still an issue. The Parish Council had previously agreed to review these measures in August 2024; this was to be confirmed at the May Annual Parish Council meeting and relevant SID information would be provided to Suffolk Highways to inform any subsequent review.

24/28 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

Footpath. JS briefed on the outcome of the 2017 claimed footpath that had been determined by the County Council following appeal and which now required some elements to be implemented. It was noted that the approved footpath had to be installed before an application for diversion could be made.

Weston Lane. The resurfacing of Weston Lane was still waiting for the weather to improve.

Streetlight. JS reported that she had followed up a broken streetlight on The Street opposite Wood Lane that required the power supply repairing to enable a fix. The power supply had been disrupted during ditch clearing.

24/29 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 February 2024 had been previously circulated. It was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meeting.

24/30 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Minute 24/15 15 February 2024: Flooded Ditch. LR confirmed that this flooded ditch had been reported on the Highways Reporting tool.

Minute 24/18 15 February 2024: Events Noticeboard. GB confirmed that a letter had been hand delivered to Justin Seldis in relation to the proposed installation of an events noticeboard. However, given the recent sale of the property (The Rectory), GB agreed to approach the new owners to seek permission for the new noticeboard. Pending the outcome of this request, the purchase of the events noticeboard was to be paused and any events notices to be placed temporarily on the Parish Council noticeboard.

Minute 24/18 15 February 2024: Mud on North Comon Road. It was noted that mud was still an issue on the road but that reported potholes had been filled.

Minute 24/18 15 February 2024: Bus Shelter Damage. GB confirmed a replacement window had been procured and was due to be fitted soon.

Minute 24/19 15 February 2024: Highways Reporting Tool. The Clerk confirmed a request to publicise this tool in the Hepworth Herald had been passed to the editor.

24/31 HIGHWAYS MATTERS: None

24/32 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: a. Finance Report. The meeting noted the finance report (current account balance £5,147.48, savings account balance £7,000.00 and the projected outturn at the end of the FY of approx. £3,500 current account and £7,000 savings account). The following payments were authorised: Garry Bloomfield £61.40; Clerks Salary & Exps £946.79 The Clerk was to seek counter authorisation from NB for BACS payments.

b. Hepworth Pavilion. The Clerk briefed that the ownership of the Pavilion was unclear as both the Parish Council and Recreation Committee had been involved in past planning applications. Clarity was needed to inform future lease renewal work and to correctly list the building on the Parish Council asset register. It was agreed that the Clerk would complete a Land Registry search to clarify ownership of the building and grounds.

24/33 PLANNING MATTERS :Jaynic Application. GB reported that further information had been requested from Jaynic that might affect when the application came back to West Suffolk Development Control Committee meeting. [Clerks Note: It was confirmed on 22 March that the application would go to the 3 April meeting]. GB introduced 12 key points to be covered at the next Development Control Committee meeting and these were agreed. NB highlighted concerns over the proposed Liaison Group referenced in the conditions and it was agreed to add this to the key points. LR highlighted ongoing traffic issues when Compiegne Way closed due to flooding and in relation to Great Barton air pollution. Any additions to the agreed list of key points would be covered by out of meeting email circulation through the Clerk.

County Cllr Spicer left the meeting at 9.12pm

The meeting discussed concerns over gaps and omissions in the papers presented to the Development Control Committee by West Suffolk Council officers. It was agreed that the Clerk would seek advice from the Suffolk Association of Local Councils on the proper and appropriate method of reflecting these concerns. It was agreed that GB would approach the Chairs of the Parish Councils to determine whether there was any support for seeking a meeting with the Chief Executive and Leader of West Suffolk Council to discuss the meetings concerns about the administration of the application.

24/34 CORRESPONDENCE: a. Flooding Concern. Covered in minute 24/27.

b. Footpath. Covered in minute 24/28.

c. Portrait of HM the King. It was agreed that the Clerk would request a free portrait of HM the King.

24/35 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIR: Dog Bin. MM reported that complaints had been made about the overflowing dog bin at the recreation ground. It was agreed that the Clerk would clarify bin emptying arrangements with West Suffolk Council. Dog Waste, The Street. The meeting noted continued reports of dog fouling on The Street and reiterated that incidents should continue to be reported to West Suffolk Council so that appropriate action can be considered.

24/36 DATE OF NEXT MEETING It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 18 April 2024 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Andy Osman - Parish Clerk

25 March 2024

HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HEPWORTH PAVILION - THURSDAY 18 APRIL 2024@7.30 PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Andy Osman (Parish Clerk) (AO), District Cllr Carol Bull (CB), One member of the public was present.

24/37 APOLOGIES: Councillor Louise Robinson (LR) sent apologies which were accepted.

24/38 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

24/39 PUBLIC FORUM: None

24/40 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO DISTRICT AND COUNTY

COUNCILLORS: CB highlighted the following:

Warm Homes Suffolk. This grant scheme is to help insulate and make properties more energy efficient. It is aimed at homeowners or private tenant without mains gas central heating and a total gross income under £36,000.

West Suffolk Council Cabinet Visits. Visits are aimed at looking at areas for growth. Meeting noted the intent and would await any further information in relation to the village.

Changes to Domestic Waste Collections. Government has confirmed that all local authorities in England will be required to collect paper and card, plastic, glass, metal, food waste, and garden waste. West Suffolk Council will be implementing a weekly kerbside collection of food waste from 1 April 2026.

24/41 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 March 2024 had been previously circulated. It was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meeting.

24/42 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Minute 24/27 21 March 2024: Flooded. County Cllr Joanna Spicer was not present to update on progress with Suffolk Highways writing to landowners to clear debris from ditches. LR was not present to update on ownership of the land where the village sign was located.

Minute 24/32 21 March 2024: Ownership of Pavilion and Grounds. The Clerk reported that he was still working with HM Land Registry on confirming ownership.

Minute 24/33 21 March 2024: SALC Advice. The Clerk confirmed previously circulated advice from SALC in relation to the Parish Council's concerns over the handling of the Jaynic planning application by West Suffolk Council (advice was to use the formal complaints system). After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would make a formal complaint, and NB agreed to draft a list of specific issues ready for agreement at the May meeting.

Minute 24/34 21 March 2024: HM King Portrait. The Clerk confirmed the portrait had been obtained and was now hung in the Pavilion.

Minute 24/35 21 March 2024: Bin Emptying. Information on bins emptied by West Suffolk Council had been previously circulated by the Clerk.

24/43 HIGHWAYS MATTERS: None

24/44 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: a. Finance Report. The meeting noted the finance report (current account balance £4,163.12, savings account balance £7,000.00 and the projected outturn at the end of the FY of approx. £4,200 current account and £7,000 savings account). The following payments were authorised: SALC Payroll Service £22.80; SALC Annual Membership £270.78. The Clerk was to seek counter authorisation from NB for BACS payments.

24/45 PLANNING MATTERS: a. Re-consultation DC/24/0159/HH. The meeting agreed to support the re-consultation.

b. DCON(A)/23/0984 – Application to Discharge Conditions. The meeting agreed to support the application, noting that Suffolk Highways had objected to some of the application.

- c. DC/24/0437/FUL. The meeting noted and agreed with concerns raised by a member of the public: • Harmful to setting of church and churchyard, including remembrance bench overlooking field. • Sporadic tourist site on its own with no monitoring in place. • Adverse effect on openness of area. • Conflicts with DM5 and DM34 • Land isn't in agricultural use but appears to be an ad hoc dog exercise area. The Parish Council agreed to object to the application on the above grounds.
- d. Jaynic Application. GB's speech at the 3 April Development Control Committee had been previously circulated. GB confirmed that the application had been refused.
- 24/46 CORRESPONDENCE: a. West Suffolk Council Civic Dinner. Invite to dinner previously circulated noted by meeting.
- b. Town and Parish Forum. Information update previously circulated noted by meeting.
- c. Norwich to Tilbury Consultation. Ongoing consultation on route of pylons noted and people encouraged to complete consultation if strong views held.
- 24/47 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIR: None
- 24/48 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: It was agreed that the Annual Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 16 May 2024 at 7.45 pm. This will follow the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm.
- The meeting closed at 8.25pm.
 Andy Osman - Parish Clerk
 23 April 2024

**HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL - DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
 ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

HEPWORTH PAVILION - THURSDAY 16 MAY 2024@7.45pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Andy Osman (Parish Clerk) (AO), Two members of public were present.

24/49 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR: It was unanimously agreed that GB would remain as Chair and NB as Vice Chair.

24/50 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None declared.

24/51 APOLOGIES: Cllr Hollie Bloomfield sent her apologies which were accepted.

24/52 PUBLIC FORUM: No issues raised.

24/53 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO BOTH DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS: Reports from County and District Cllrs has been previously circulated.

24/54 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the meeting held on 18 Apr 24 had been previously circulated and it was resolved that these

- were an accurate record of the meetings.
- 24/55 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Minute 24/42 18 Apr 24: Ownership of Land – Village Sign. LR confirmed that the land where the village sign was located was not registered to anyone.
- Minute 24/42 18 Apr 24: Ownership of Land – Pavilion and Grounds. The Clerk highlighted difficulties in identifying the location of the pavilion and grounds on the HM Land Registry system. The meeting agreed to continue the work to identify ownership of the grounds and building as clarity was needed for the Asset Register.
- 24/56 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES: The meeting reviewed the Hepworth Parish Council Standing Orders, Policies and Procedures and agreed to leave unchanged.
- 24/57 RISK ASSESSMENT: The financial and asset risk assessment, previously circulated, was considered. It was resolved to approve this assessment.
- 24/58 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: a. Finance Report. The meeting noted the finance report (current account balance £11,724.54, savings account balance £7,000.00 and the projected outturn at the end of the FY of approx. £4,200 current account and £7,000 savings account). The following payments were authorised: Village Hall Hire £96.00 The Clerk was to seek counter authorisation from LR for BACS payments.
- b. Asset Register. The meeting noted the contents of the Asset register which had been previously circulated.
- c. Donations. It was resolved to make the following donations: £250 to the Parochial Church Council of Hepworth for the churchyard.; £200 to support the Hepworth Herald magazine. ;£150 to SARS.; £25 to the Royal British legion.
- d. Extension of Lease for Recreation Ground. MM confirmed that the Hepworth Recreation Ground Management Committee at their recent AGM had agreed to request an extension to the lease. The Parish Council agreed to accept the request and to commission work to extend the lease by 25 years. The Clerk was authorised to work with Ashton’s solicitors within the agreed budget to produce a revised lease by late summer for consideration by the Parish Council.
- 24/59 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES: It was resolved that PP would be the representative for Hepworth Charities and that NB would be the representative for Hepworth Recreation Ground.
- 24/60 PLANNING MATTERS: a. DC/24/0475/FUL. The meeting agreed to SUPPORT this application subject to the bus shelter location and use being resolved with Suffolk Passenger Transport by the applicant.
- b. DC/24/0510/VAR. The meeting agreed to SUPPORT this application.
- c. DC/23/0984/FUL. The meeting agreed to SUPPORT this application.
- d. Draft Planning Complaint. The meeting agreed a draft text previously circulated with minor changes setting out the concerns of the Parish Council in relation to DC/22/2190/HYB. It was resolved that the Clerk

would send this list of concerns to the Director (Planning and Growth), West Suffolk Council along with a request to meet to discuss the concerns and the recommendation for an independent peer review of the council's work on the application. Once sent, the email covering the list of concerns would also be copied to the Parish Councils that were consulted on the planning application.

24/61 HIGHWAYS MATTERS: The Parish Council agreed to request traffic surveys from Suffolk Highways to allow an evaluation of the impact of the traffic calming measures installed last year. The Clerk was to action in conjunction with County Cllr Spicer and Suffolk Highways.

24/62 CORRESPONDENCE: None

24/63 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIR: None

24/64 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 20 June 24 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Andy Osman - Parish Clerk

20 May 24

Planning issues discussed above:

DC/24/0159/HH - Aspen Parva, The Street

DCON(A)/23/0984 - The Bungalow, Beck Street

DC/24/0437/FUL - Land West Of Birchwood Farm, Church Close

DC/24/0475/FUL - Land Adjacent To Duke Of Marlborough, Bury Road

DC/24/0510/VAR - The Bungalow, Beck Street

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

DC/22/2190/HYB - Land At Shepherds Grove Bury Road

Suffolk Resilience Forum Emergency Preparedness Guide

The Suffolk Resilience Forum is a multi-agency group that provide guidance and support on the planning for emergency response within the county. As part of this arrangement, it has produced a guide for householders has been produced to assist with preparedness. The guide is free and a copy is included within this edition. The guide is designed to be placed on a fridge so easily found. For more information about Suffolk's preparedness for emergencies head to:

<https://suffolkprepared.co.uk/>.

The Suffolk Resilience Forum can be contact on 01473 260588
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Hepworth Weather (as measured on The Street)

March 2024:	Max. Temp:	16.6°C	14th
	Min. Temp:	-0.1°C	4th
	Total Rainfall:	36.7mm	
	Wettest Day:	6.0mm	1st
April 2024:	Max. Temp:	21.2°C	13th
	Min Temp:	-0.7°C	26th
	Total Precipitation:	54.6mm	
	Wettest Day:	15.8mm	27th

March 2024: The mildest March since 2017 in my record with precipitation slightly below average. Southerly winds were frequent. Overall, a dull month with no prolonged periods of 'settled' weather, with low pressure often close by. The apparent 'high' mean temperature for the month (9.1°C) was tempered by the lack of sunshine.

April 2024: A mild, dull wet month, dominated by low pressure throughout. On the 9th a wind gust of 56mph was recorded during passage of low pressure north eastwards into the North Sea.

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



Sausage Supper on Saturday, 16th March 2024



It was lovely to see just over 40 people at the sausage supper. It really was worth while holding the event.

It all started with a tasting session of four various sausages for people try. They got to vote on which one they preferred.

Then the meal of sausages, colcannon and onion gravy was supplied to the hungry attendees. This was followed by the most delicious ice cream of all various flavours from Criterion.

It was a very happy evening, with villagers getting to know and meet each other - surely what any successful village evening is all about!



Anon



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TRAVELS DOWNUNDER - A REMINISCENCE

Part 20

Our adventurers are moving on from Banka Banka Cattle Station...

Leaving Banka Banka cattle station we continued heading south on the Stuart Highway, past Threeways Roadhouse which stands at the junction of the Barkly Highway, and eventually arrived at the town of Tennant Creek where we stopped for a couple of nights. What is now a town was originally only an overland telegraph station built in the late 1800s, but when gold was discovered it attracted a lot of prospectors to the area. It also became a major junction for cattle drovers moving cattle across Australia. It only has a population of around 3,000, of which about half are of aboriginal descent. We used our time there to go a further 100 kilometres south without our caravan to visit Karlu Karlu, known as the Devils Marbles. It is an area of huge granite stones piled up on top of each other and shaped like marbles in an otherwise flat landscape just outside the town of Wauchope. Local aboriginal legend believes the boulders are the eggs of the Rainbow Serpent. They are certainly impressive as the way they are piled on top of each other they seem to defy gravity.

Back in Tennant Creek we were once again reminded of the alcohol problem with the indigenous population as alcohol is strictly controlled and drinking it is banned in all public spaces.

Next day back on the road we returned to Threeways and joined the Barkly Highway heading east. Yet again it soon became clear to us just how remote the outback can be as there was absolutely nothing for well over a hundred miles until we reached the Barkly Homestead Roadhouse. These roadhouses are oases in the outback and you need to plan your journeys carefully to make sure you have enough food and water and fuel so that you can be sure to reach the next one without running out of anything. That night we camped out in the bush, which I much preferred to staying at caravan parks. Next day we crossed the border out of the Northern Territory and into Queensland, through the town of Camooweal and ending the day at the city of Mount Isa, or The Isa as it is usually known. It is designated as a city but only has a population of around 18,000, less than half that of Bury St Edmunds so not actually that big as cities go, although ironically it is the largest city in the world by area, covering over 43,000 square kilometres. Air pollution makes it the most polluted place in all of Australia as it only exists because of the rich abundance of metals and minerals found there. The Mount Isa Mining Company boasts the worlds most productive mine as it is the largest single producer of copper, silver, lead and zinc. Despite all attempts to limit emissions there is a palpable smell of sulphur dioxide which hangs over the city. There is big money to be made working in the mines and there is no shortage of workers prepared to put up with the conditions for the big pay packets. Personally we couldn't wait to leave!

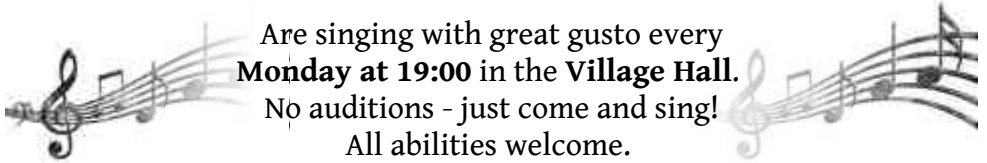
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This was a joyful afternoon tea with a hint of the sea. You could say that Stanton “pushed the boat out” to ensure that their guests enjoyed themselves.

Stanton WI meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at the village hall. New members are always welcome.

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