

# HEPWORTH VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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A fun evening to brighten  
the cold winter nights:  
**BURNS NIGHT SUPPER**



Menu: Haggis (or alternative),  
Neeps and Tatties plus pudding!

**Saturday, 28th January, 2017**  
from 19:00  
**Hepworth Pavilion**

Tickets £7.50 from  
Neel - 01359 250 594 or  
Clare - 01359 250 660

Please book in advance so we can cater for all  
Dress code: Tartan (if possible)  
Please bring your own wine/whisky!

**January 2017**

# HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL ABBREVIATED MINUTES

Thursday 3rd November 2016 at the village hall

Attendees Mr David Stannard (Chairman) Mrs R Vernon  
Cllr J Spicer Mr A Yorke Mrs M Beales Mrs K Shearer  
Mrs Sue Yeomans (Parish Clerk) Mrs M MacPherson  
Cllr C Bull

The minutes of the Hepworth Parish Council meeting of 1st September 2016 and the Extraordinary Meeting held 11th October 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record.

Cllr Shearer gave an update on the water lying in the road by Green Acres. Many years ago the council put in a drainage pipe (which was felt at the time to be too small for the job) and the ditch was filled in.

Cllr Spicer advised that on the 4th May there are elections, therefore the May meeting is moved to Thursday 18th May.

Willow Green – Cllr Spicer is still looking into the possibility of a lay-by. Cllr Bull will follow up on the planning application for parking at the rear as it would be preferable to have the work completed before the bad weather.

The following accounts for payment were agreed:-

Clerks Expenses Oct 2016 - £47.50

SALC (Invoice for 6 months payroll to 30 Sep 16) - £27.00

Clerks Salary to 30 Nov 16 was agreed and a cheque for £277.89 raised

Website hosting with Tsohost was agreed and a cheque for £14.99 was raised

The Bank Reconciliation was checked by Cllr McPherson.

It was agreed to move the balance of £2,064.05 from Bank of Scotland to the Barclays Business Reserve Account.

Hepworth Speed Watch session results:

Sep: 17th = 6

Oct: 4th = 5, Oct: 29th = 4

Clerk spoke to the ICO regarding registration (Data Protection). Many Parish Councils do register. They agreed that the type of

information we hold, i.e. Clerks details, Councillors details and Electoral Register do not generally require registration. The meeting is still unsure registration is necessary. Clerk to discuss with SALC and get advice.

Complaints have been received about obstructions on verges outside properties in the village. Clerk to write to the County Council with details of properties concerned.

Request for the addition of a 'Village Hall' sign on The Street at the junction with Church Lane – Clerk to write to Cllr Spicer with request

Barningham PC approach for support for a 7.5 ton restriction through Hepworth from the A143 to the B1111 Barningham was discussed. It was agreed to offer our support, Clerk to write and confirm our decision, we would also support a request for 'Unsuitable for HGV's' signs.

The invitation to join the United Benefice with Stanton Parish News was discussed. It was unanimously agreed it was too costly. Clerk to write and inform them of our decision.

Cllr Vernon reported that the signs are down along Beck Street at the junction with Dunhill Lane, and also outside Dormer Cottage. Cllr M Beales has reported it.

#### 2017 Parish Council Meeting Dates

March 2nd

May \*18th AGM and Annual Parish Meeting (\*please note date amended because of elections)

July 6th

September 7th

November 2nd

**NB:** these are just highlights of the meeting and the full minutes are available from Sue Yeoman's, the Parish Clerk: 01359 250037 or email: sueyeomans52@gmail.com

### HEPWORTH CHURCH SERVICES

January 22nd 9.45am Songs of Praise



There have been frequent instances of dog fouling on the pavements in the village recently. Please be aware that failure to clean up after your dog can result in an on-the-spot fine of between £50 and £80, not to mention the inconvenience for people using the path. Please be a responsible pet owner and clean up after your dog.

## **HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL ABBREVIATED MINUTES**

An Extraordinary meeting of Hepworth Parish Council took place at 7pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at Hepworth Pavilion

Attendees Mr J Beales (Vice Chairman), Mr G Bloomfield  
Mrs M Beales, Mrs R Vernon, Mr A Yorke

Planning Application DC/16/2593/FUL for 1 dwelling at Birchwood, Church Lane, Hepworth, Diss. Mr Marcus Holden

There were no objections.

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### **DO YOU NEED EXTRA SUPPORT DURING A POWER CUT?**

Although power cuts don't happen very often when they do they can be worrying. UK Power Networks is the electricity network and it provides a 'Priority Services Register' for people who might need extra help in a power cut. Older people, families with very young children, and people with specific medical conditions are among the many people who are eligible to register for free support.

You can find more details and register by visiting [ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority support](http://ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority-support) or calling 0800 169 9970.

## Word Search

There are 40 'Winter' type words in the word search.  
How many can you find without referring to the list on page 14



A rabbit and a lion come into a bar together and order martinis. The bartender puts out a bowl of peanuts, a bowl of popcorn, and a bowl of pretzels, which the rabbit begins eating. The lion just sips his martini.

"What's the matter?" asks the bartender of the lion.  
"Aren't you hungry?"

"Don't be silly," the rabbit answers. "If he were hungry, do you think I'd be sitting here?"

## HEPWORTH LOTTERY RESULTS

### 22nd Oct

1<sup>st</sup> Charlotte  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nobbs  
3<sup>rd</sup> 10 Church Close

### 12th Nov

1<sup>st</sup> Turner  
2<sup>nd</sup> 39 The Street  
3<sup>rd</sup> 12 Church Close

### 29th Oct

1<sup>st</sup> Roberts  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah, 17 The Street  
3<sup>rd</sup> 1 Church Close

### 19th Nov

1<sup>st</sup> Willowdown  
2<sup>nd</sup> 24 Church Close  
3<sup>rd</sup> Hunt

### 5th Nov

1<sup>st</sup> 9 Church Close  
2<sup>nd</sup> Willowdown  
3<sup>rd</sup> 10 Church Close

### 26th Nov

1<sup>st</sup> Sarah, 17 The Street  
2<sup>nd</sup> Poplars  
3<sup>rd</sup> Willowdown

## Café Hepworth



Drop in any time between  
10.30am and 12 noon  
on the first and third Thursday  
of every month in the Village Hall

If you would like help in getting there  
please ring Gill Penley-Martin on 01359 250352

## THE TOUGHEST TIME OF MY LIFE



First, I got angina pectoris and then arteriosclerosis. Just as I was recovering from these, I got tuberculosis, double pneumonia and phthisis. Then they gave me hypodermics. Appendicitis was followed by tonsillectomy.

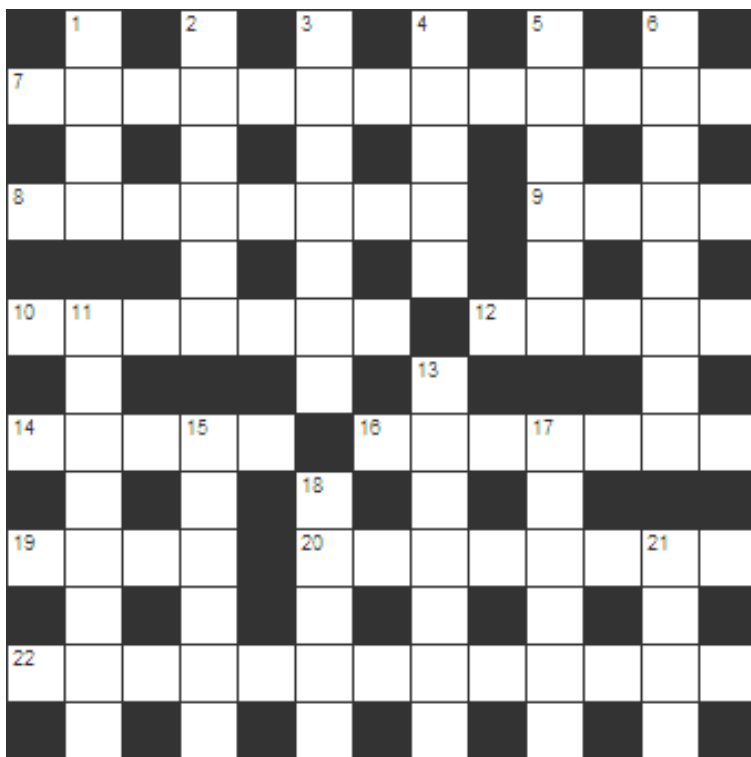
These gave way to aphasia and hypertrophic cirrhosis.

I completely lost my memory for a while.

I know I had diabetes and acute ingestion, besides gastritis, rheumatism, lumbago and neuritis.

I don't know how I pulled through it. It was the hardest spelling test I've ever had."

## Crossword



### Across

- 7 Chances (13)
- 8 Opening (8)
- 9 Hurry (4)
- 10 Broken up (7)
- 12 Blood vessel (5)
- 14 Boggy soil (5)
- 16 Precisely (7)
- 19 Heavenly body (4)
- 20 Ideas (8)
- 22 Situations (13)

### Down

- 1 Not closed (4)
- 2 Gets on the bus (6)
- 3 Amazed (7)
- 4 Beneath (5)
- 5 Go without food (6)
- 6 Relating to you (8)
- 11 Big hill (8)
- 13 Hopes for (7)
- 15 Straight (6)
- 17 Loving (6)
- 18 Postal necessity (5)
- 21 Veer (anagram) (4)

Answers on page 13

## **POLICE APPEAL** following series of burglaries across west Suffolk

There have been 26 burglaries across Forest Heath, St Edmundsbury, Mid Suffolk and Babergh over the past two weeks (since 21 November) which are similar in nature and detectives are exploring how many of them may be linked.

These crimes have typically taken place in rural locations, between the early afternoon and evening, at properties where the occupants have not been at home, and involved the offenders forcing entry. The items that are mainly being stolen are cash, jewellery and electrical items.

As the majority of the burglaries in this series involve houses being entered by force rather than because of insecurities, police are urging members of the public to be their eyes and ears and 'See it, Hear it, Report it'.

Detective Inspector Andrew Smethurst, of Western Area CID, said: "We are appealing for local communities to be on the look-out for any suspicious behaviour in their villages and neighbourhoods and not to disregard persons or vehicles that appear unusual or out of place. This could include a suspicious vehicle outside your neighbour's house or hearing the sound of glass smashing nearby.

"Note down the car registration number or description of any suspicious persons you may have seen and report it to us if you believe it to be unusual. These criminals may present themselves as genuine callers, so if their behaviour seems odd then let us know."

Anyone with any information about these crimes, or who believes they may have witnessed any suspicious activity in their local community, is asked to contact Western Area CID on 101, or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

The burglaries have taken place in the following locations: Badwell Ash; Bardwell; Barking; Bradfield St Clare; Brandon (x2); Bury St Edmunds; Clare (x3); Culford; Fornham All Saints; Forward Green; Great Cornard; Hundon; Kedington; Lavenham (x2); Long Melford; Mildenhall; Moulton; Needham Market (x2); Nowton; Pakenham; and Ringshall.

By following a few simple steps, you can reduce the chances of becoming a victim of burglary.



1. Lock all doors and remove the keys before leaving the house. This limits the amount of escape routes available to burglars. Keep front doors locked even when you are at home and especially if you are in the back garden.

Close all windows fully before you leave the house, lock downstairs windows and remove the keys.

Use window limiters to allow air in instead of keeping windows fully open, even when you're at home.

Install window locks on upstairs windows that can be easily accessed by a flat roof.

Lock back gates using a sturdy lock such as a closed shackle padlock to no less than CEN 3-4 security grade or 5 lever lock.

2. Leave low-energy lights on timers around the house and keep a radio on to make it seem as though someone is home.

'Dusk-to-dawn' sensored security lighting is a cheap, low cost way of making sure the front of your home or shed/outbuilding is well-lit. Burglars often prefer to work in the dark to avoid detection. Stop burglars from hiding in your driveway and paths by installing an ambient security light that will not disturb neighbours.

Visible burglar alarms can make burglars think twice; get specialist advice and consult your insurance company.

Hedging and shrubs to the front of your property should be pruned to no higher than 1m and trim trees up from the ground to 2m. This will allow a clear line of sight across your property and will stop the garden being used as a hiding place.

3. Keep your valuables, jewellery, cash, passport and deeds to your property in a safe.

Never leave spare keys in an open place. Hide away to prevent them being stolen.

Keep dustbins and wheelie-bins away from fencing/gates as these can be used by thieves to climb into windows or used to escape.

Make sure valuables are property marked. Take photographs and keep a note of any serial numbers.

Don't leave equipment and tools lying around that can be used by burglars to break into your home, such as hammers, shovels or gardening tools. Keep ladders locked away and out of sight.

For further crime prevention advice please visit the Suffolk Constabulary webpage [www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk) or contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team on 101.

Jo Moore, Safer Communities Officer - West Tel: 01284 774041

## BILLY'S BLOG



Hello, my name is Billy. My friend Pip was well known and used to write a page in the last village newsletter. Pip is no longer with us so me and my girlfriend Molly have asked management if we could write a page in this magazine. Me and Moll argued who was going to write it so management said we could take it in turns and it is my turn this month. Unfortunately one of the conditions management made was that I have a haircut! Now, I love my hair, it is so long it hides my crinkles, wrinkles and 'comfort curves'. By the way, have you noticed that Management 'Marg' has grown her hair recently - but it will need to grow a lot more yet – have you SEEN her 'comfort curves'??? Management John stands no chance – he just keeps moulting.

I agreed to a haircut so I could write my Blog, but they will have to catch me first and neither of them are that quick now, unless they sneak up when I'm asleep. All I need to do is to bribe Molly and she will keep watch for me. She will do anything for one of her chews, I will save mine up for her but hiding them where she won't find them will be a challenge. She's got a nose like a bloodhound. Speaking of bloodhounds, we had a visit over Christmas from the Basset family, Fred and Betsy. Betsy's got a bit of a hip problem at the moment and isn't allowed to walk too far. Me and Fred went a wandering for a while. Molly reclined on her sofa saying she would keep Betsy company. She used to be scared of them, she is so small, a "pedigree" Yorkie as she keeps reminding me. I don't have a pedigree but have been told that I am 'one of a kind', a kind of what I am not too sure, but I am one of them!

The Basset management brought us our favourite chews for Christmas saying they were from Fred and Betsy – don't believe that for one minute, they wouldn't have made it here if those two had brought them, they'd have scoffed them.

We all had a wander around the garden; Fred decided to have a drink out of the bird bath. That was soon emptied, he may have little short legs but has such a long body so there isn't much he can't reach. He makes such a noise when he is drinking and he drinks so much I think he's related to a camel. Then he slobbers everywhere,

gives everyone a free shower when he shakes his head, I think Moll was in fear of drowning..hee hee. Anyway it was nice to see them again but peace was restored once more. After they left we scooped the chews and management scooped the chocs (more comfort curves for all of us eh?) Hope you all have a good New Year.

Billy 

## Hepworth Pavilion - Hall Hire Charges

£25.00 for an evening session (£30.00)

£15.00 for an afternoon or morning session (£20.00)

£40.00 for an afternoon & evening session (£45.00)

£50.00 for all day (£60.00)

Prices in brackets are for Non Hepworth Residents.

All prices include the cost of heating, electricity etc..

Special prices available for regular or short hirings.

Bookings/enquiries  01359 250048

The Recreation Ground Committee reserves the right to decline a booking.

### Sudoku - 1 easy - 1 not so easy (solutions on page 14)

						7	1
5			3				
6	8			9	1		
	4	8				6	
3	1			6		7	
7		6	8			3	9
	6	3	9		2		
			1				7
4					3		6

				8			6	
			9			8		1
	1							2
2		3						7
4				2			5	
		5		6		3		
			8				4	6
			1			7		
	7		4					3

## **HERITAGE CIRCLE**

### **Pip Wright, The Whistlecraft Family of Rickinghall**

The November meeting of the Heritage Circle at Rickinghall Village Hall had a captivating talk by Pip Wright where he told a series of stories from the life of Joe Whistlecraft, a 'wrong'un' who lived in Rickinghall.

Joe was born in the Hartismere Workhouse in 1876. He was part of a large family who moved to Rickinghall and came to live in Rose Cottage, Water Lane. His father, William, was notorious in the village as he was often in and out of prison for poaching on the estate of the Wilson family. He taught his sons how to shoot a gun, how to set a snare and how to train a dog. It was a rough upbringing during which Joe learned when to run and when to fight.

When Joe went to school, the family's reputation was well established and he was continually in trouble. It was not a surprise that he would eventually end up in court. His first offence was being drunk and disorderly, and swearing at and threatening a police officer. He was fined 15/- but was unable to pay and so he had 8 days in prison. Here he learned that prison was not that bad as you were given a bed, three meals a day and a haircut. A number of other prosecutions followed, including assault, robbery, failure to pay a dog licence, and arson for which he served three years in Chelmsford Gaol. In total, Joe spent over 20 years in prison. He and his family seemed to have been in a continual battle with the authorities and those who were wealthy. This intensified when his elder brother, Solly, died in Ipswich Prison from what appears to have been neglect in 1904.

In February 1914 two of Joe's brothers, Herbie and John, emigrated to Canada but they returned to Europe almost immediately when World War I broke out. Joe found himself the only member of the family at home as all of his brothers went to war and his sisters were in service. Joe was 38 years old but the major reason for not

enlisting was his loss of two fingers in a shotgun accident. During this period, Joe committed an offence that he claimed he was not proud of, he shot his father. There had been a major argument between the two men as Joe was accused of 'grassing' on one his friends who had broken a window in the church. This ended in Joe firing shot into his father's back. Fortunately for Joe, the charge of attempted murder was reduced to unlawful wounding.

In 1929 Joe faced a much more serious charge, murder. There was a longstanding enmity between Joe and the family of a local gamekeeper, Ernie Cornwell. Joe went poaching to Stubbing's Wood with his youngest brother, Ernie. They arrived separately on this dark, wet night. Joe fired his gun into a tree hoping to hit a roosting bird but this only attracted the attention of the game keeper and his assistant, Mike Scott. Joe had reloaded his gun by the time he was caught in a bright light. He seems to have shot at the light and Ernie Cornwell was killed. Mike Scott had not witnessed the shooting but found Ernie before he died and was given Joe's name as the assailant. Joe disposed of the gun but was arrested and held in Norwich for trial. He was fortunate that his barrister was able to undermine the evidence presented against him and he was acquitted. However, he was shunned by the village as he was known to be guilty of the murder. Soon after this, Joe moved to live with one of his sisters in Hinderclay. During the Second World War he got an honest job as gamekeeper for the Wilson family at Hinderclay Hall. He was able to use his knowledge to raise birds and manage the woodland. He finally died in 1960 at the age of 84. This was the end of an eventful life.

[www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net](http://www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net).

### **Crossword Answers** from page 7

**Across:** 7 opportunities, 8 entrance, 9 rush, 10 smashed, 12 veins, 14 muddy, 16 exactly, 19 star, 20 theories, 22 circumstances.

**Down:** 1 open, 2 boards, 3 stunned, 4 under, 5 starve, 6 personal, 11 mountain, 13 expects, 15 direct, 17 caring, 18 stamp, 21 ever.

## THE CHRISTMAS DINNER by Peggy Lee

Thank you all so much for a super dinner,  
 It certainly was a great winner.  
 Happy faces all around, laughing, joking, having fun,  
 We all went home with a full tum.  
 Hot soup and then our dinner, then a dessert followed by  
 cheese and biscuits.  
 Carols from a great choir,  
 I could have listened for another hour.

Love, Peg.

### Word Search Word List

Arctic	Exposure	Ice	Slush
Avalanche	Flu	Icicle	Squall
Blizzard	Forecast	Melting	Storm
Blowing	Freezing	Meteorologist	Temperatures
Bobsled	Frost	Season	Umbrella
Boots	Frozen	Skating	Warmth
Chilblain	Fuel	Skiing	Weather
Coats	Gloves	Sleet	Wind
Colder	Hail	Slide	Wintry
Crystals	Hat	Slip	Wrapped

### Sudoku Solutions - from page 8

2	3	9	6	5	4	8	7	1
5	7	1	3	2	8	6	4	9
6	8	4	7	9	1	5	2	3
9	4	8	2	3	7	1	6	5
3	1	5	4	6	9	7	8	2
7	2	6	8	1	5	3	9	4
1	6	3	9	7	2	4	5	8
8	5	2	1	4	6	9	3	7
4	9	7	5	8	3	2	1	6

7	3	4	2	8	1	5	6	9
5	6	2	9	7	4	8	3	1
9	1	8	6	5	3	4	7	2
2	8	3	4	1	5	6	9	7
4	7	6	3	2	9	1	5	8
1	9	5	7	6	8	3	2	4
3	5	1	8	9	7	2	4	6
6	4	9	1	3	2	7	8	5
8	2	7	5	4	6	9	1	3

## HEPWORTH OVER 60'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH

For the 22nd year, we had a wonderful time at our Christmas Lunch. From the moment people started to arrive, the atmosphere was just alive with chatter and laughter. We had quite a few people attending for the first time this year. They were made most welcome and we do hope they made new friends as well.

We hope those who had to cancel due to illness are on the road to recovery.

We once again began with our wonderful little Carol Singers from Hopton School, they entertained us, made us laugh and we had a 'sing along' too. What more could we ask from a choir!

When lunch arrived, Chris kindly said grace for us, which was very much appreciated. Lunch was then served and silence reined for a short time only!! This was followed by the Christmas Raffle draw. The wonderful hamper was won by Jackie Rix from Hepworth. Other prizes included a £25 Marks & Spencer voucher, a very large sack of bird seed, a cat basket and 25 cash prizes.

We have so many people to thank; to everyone who donated prizes; to our 'post boxes' for the return of our raffle tickets; to Terry and Mel for trimming up the hall. To Chris and Pat for their help in getting out the tables and chairs and setting them so perfectly. To all those who acted as 'taxis' and to everyone who 'mucked in' and helped with the washing up and tidying the hall afterwards.

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you all in 2017.

John and Margaret.



A young college girl came running in tears to her father.  
"Dad, you gave me some terrible advice!" she cried.

"You told me to put my money in that big bank, and now that big bank is in trouble."

"What are you talking about? That's one of the largest banks in the world," he said. "Surely there must be some mistake."

"I don't think so," she sniffed. "They just returned one of my cheques with a note saying, 'Insufficient Funds'."

## OVER 60'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH



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