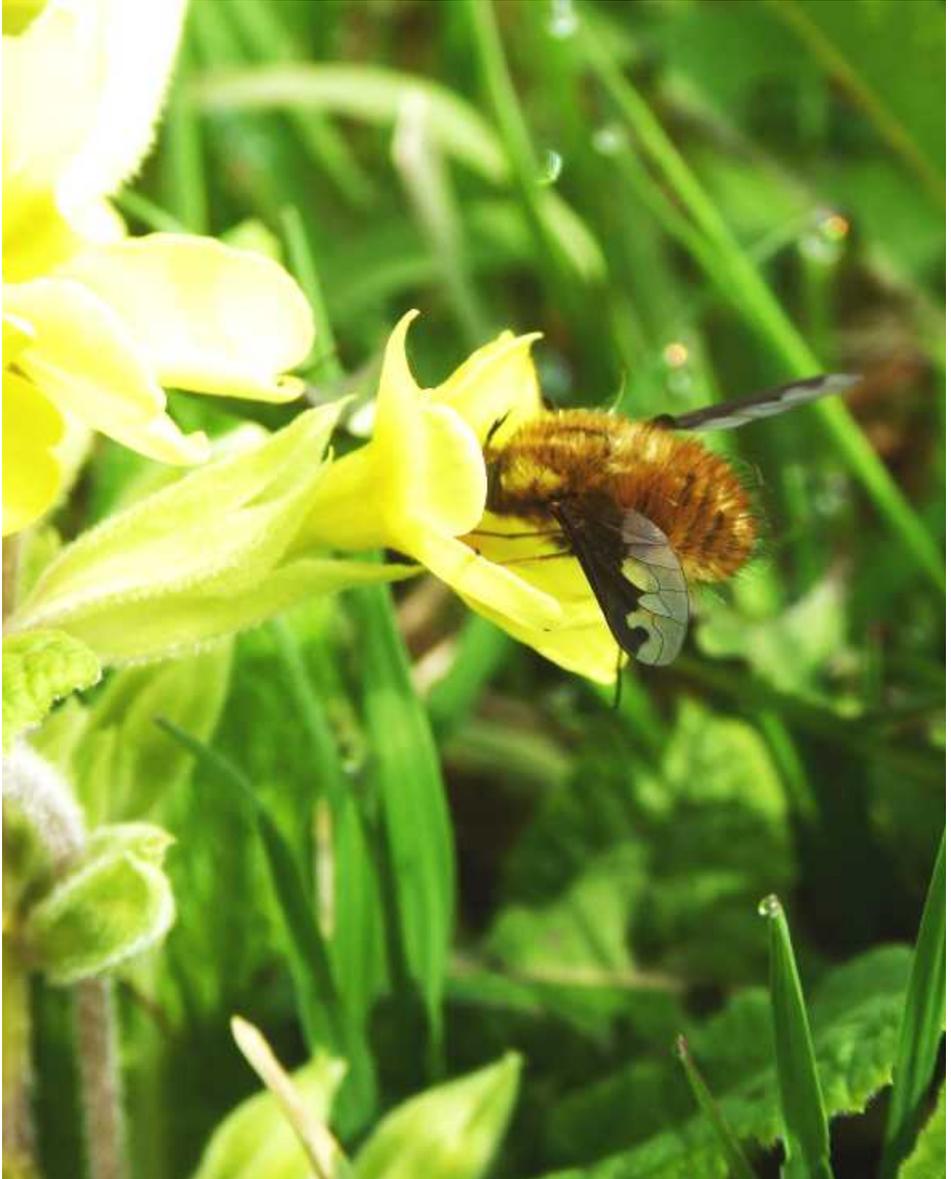


# Hepworth Herald

Issue 5 ~ June 2018



Neel Shearer

'BeeWhal' on Cowslips - Westonbury Lane

# KKR Accountancy

I am a freelance Book keeper / Accountant with a wealth of financial experience which includes property accounting with over 400 property accounts under my remit, having worked as a Finance Manager in many fields all my life including working within a firm of accountants as a Semi Senior. I have been running my own business for over 7 years and have a great client base which I am looking to increase.

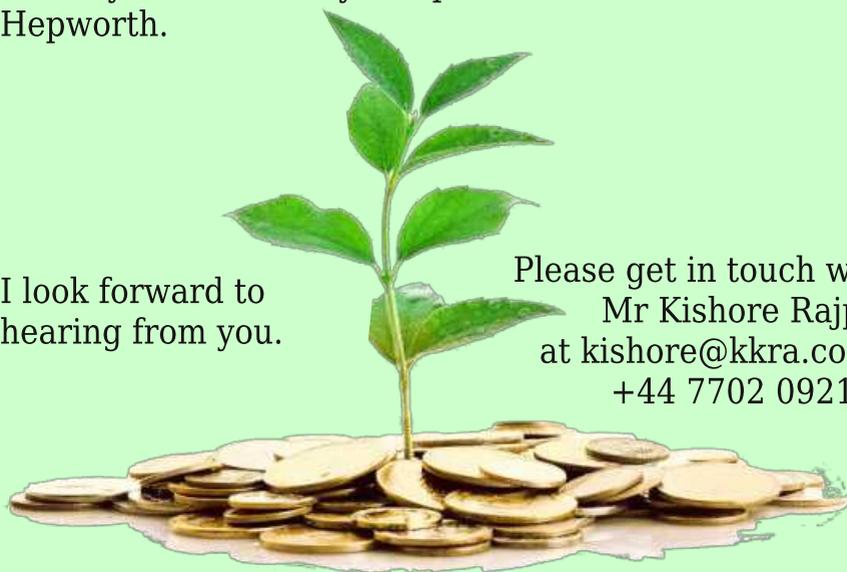
I am able to prepare full sets of management accounts for small, medium & large sized companies and have used many of the well known accounting packages and am a member of the Sage Accountants Club.

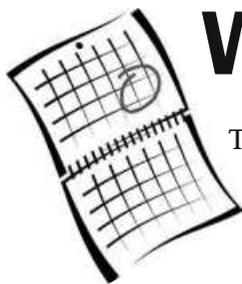
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# What's On?

There are lots of events planned in the village during the year - these are the ones we know about at the moment. Please share any others you have planned.

|                                         |                 |                     |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| <b>Café Hepworth</b>                    | 1st & 3rd Thur. | see page 5          |
| <b>Village Litter Pick</b>              | 9th June        | see page 22         |
| <b>Scarecrow &amp; Strawberry Fest.</b> | 23 & 24th June  | see page 15         |
| <b>Parish Council Meeting</b>           | 5th July        | Hepworth Pavilion   |
| <b>Hepworth Garage Trail</b>            | 8th July        | see page 23         |
| <b>Flower Festival</b>                  | 28 & 29th July  | see page 23         |
| <b>Best Exotic Hepworth Pavilion</b>    | 18th August     | A taste of India!   |
| <b>Car boot Sale</b>                    | 8th September   | see page 4          |
| <b>Autumn Art Exhibition</b>            | 6th & 7th Oct.  | More info to follow |
| <b>Battle's Over</b>                    | 11th November   | see page 8          |
| <b>Over 60s Christmas Lunch</b>         | 14th December   | More info to follow |
| <b>Village Christmas Get Together</b>   | 16th December   | Mince pies & cheer  |

## Would you like to help?

Many of the above events are being supported by **Hepworth2Enjoy**. This is an engaged, friendly collective of 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 are always looking for ideas & volunteers - please contact Clare on 250 660.

Thank you to all who attended and helped at Hepworth's Fish'n'Chip supper. We raised £77 for St Peter's church. Thanks once again.

Maureen Bacon



John and Margaret are pleased to announce that we are restarting our fund raising for the Over 60's Christmas Lunch on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

## **CAR BOOT SALE 2018**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September  
Hepworth Recreation Ground  
from 10.00am till 1.00pm.

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### Did you know?

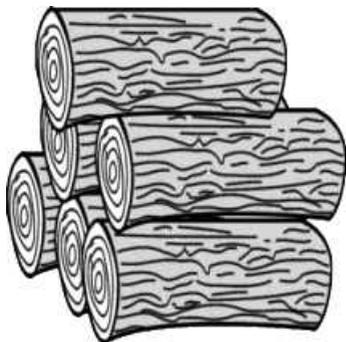
The Parish Council has prepared a Welcome Pack for people new to the village.

Do you have a new neighbour?

Copies from  
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Kath on 01359 250 594  
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### **20th June**

Visit to Cattishall Farm House gardens, Gt. Barton, BSE Evening

### **18th July**

'Propagation Workshop' by Ann Tweddle (Suffolk Plant Heritage, propagation officer). Outside demo and hands on workshop.

### **August 15th**

AUTUMN SHOW, and A.G.M

Growing dahlias by Donny Andrews

### **September 19th**

'The Isles of Scilly, Tresco and Abbey Gardens' by Andrew Goodall + much, much more.

For more information, ring

Ali Carr: 01953 688112 or Val Hobson: 01359 251977



## *reducing loneliness*

Could you befriend someone who feels lonely? If you are a good listener, understanding, sensitive and can spare as little as 1 hour per week to make a new friend and ease feelings of isolation by having a cup of tea and a chat, then we would love to hear from you.

Please contact:

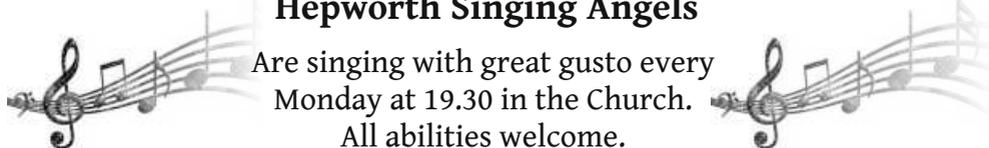
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### Hepworth Singing Angels



Are singing with great gusto every  
Monday at 19.30 in the Church.

All abilities welcome.

We are also looking for willing musicians to accompany!

## Battles Over - 11 November 2018

An international commemoration of the centenary of the end of  
World War I will be held this year on 11 November 2018.

If you have any memories or connections with any of the fallen  
soldiers mentioned on the war memorial, or know any details of  
their connections to the village of Hepworth (especially Major  
Claude Stuart Lyon MC & Bar and Herbert Talbot), we would love to  
hear from you to help us mount a display of our Hepworth Heroes.

If you have any photographs or memories of service in World War I  
that you would like to share as part of our display please contact

**Marjorie MacPherson** on 250 366 or

**Andrew Yorke** on 252 252 or at [andrewyorke69@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:andrewyorke69@yahoo.co.uk).

### Hepworth Walks Leaflet Now Available

Hepworth Parish Council, together with Suffolk County  
Council, have produced a new Hepworth Walks leaflet. The  
leaflet is free to all and can be picked up from a leaflet  
stand at the end of Wood Lane by the noticeboard. The leaflet includes  
three walks of varying lengths around the Parish. Coloured way  
markers along the routes are being installed over the next month.



# Hepworth Speedwatch News



Along The Street.

March 2018: 1 session, 7 vehicles logged. Max speed = 41 mph

April 2018: 1 session, 9 vehicles logged. Max speed = 45 mph

After lengthy discussions we are happy to report that the first Speed Indication Device (SID) has been installed in Hepworth. At the moment it is located at the A143 end of “The Street”, just past “The Maltings” on the right hand side of the road as you are leaving the village.

It is monitoring the road traffic coming into the village from the A143 and from the date of installation it has been achieving its purpose. Many vehicles are approaching the radar at more than the speed limit but before leaving its range they are slowing down to 30MPH.

We have located several positions throughout the village and in time the SID will be relocated to each of these.

We wish to thank Borough Councillor Carol Bull for the generous donation of £739 towards the cost of the machine and to the Hepworth Parish Council who contributed the remaining £1700



Three mounting poles were installed, free of charge, by the Highways Department of the Borough Council and many thanks to them.

We would also like to thank a Kathryn and Phil Clifford who generously donated an Android Phone as an operating device to collect the data accumulated by the SID.

If you are interested in joining the team and helping us slow down traffic through our village, please get in touch with Richard Hinton - 01359 251484

## Hepworth Weather (as measured on The Street)

March 2018: Max. Temp: 14.3C 16th  
Min. Temp: -4.2C 1st  
Total Rainfall: 68.2mm  
Wettest Day: 10.2mm 30th

April 2018: Max. Temp: 28.0C 19th  
Min. Temp: 3.4C 5th  
Total Rainfall: 69.4mm  
Wettest Day: 17.7mm 1st

### March 2018

Overall, a cold, wet sunless month. Exceptionally cold start to the month, max temp. did not rise above -1.3C on the 1st. With 10cm of snow on the ground and strong easterly winds, local roads were constantly blocked by drifting snow. Very cold again on the 17th with a max of 0.0C, unusual for so late in to the month.

### April 2018

Another wet month, (although dry and warm mid month). Very wet start to the month over Easter, followed by a cold and sunless second week. Huge differences in daytime temperatures between weeks two, three and four. Max 8.1C on the 12th to 28.0C on the 19th and back to 8.2C on the 28th. On the 22nd after a fine warm day, there was a 'freak' thunderstorm around 5.30 pm which gave 9.4 mm of rain in 10 minutes (monsoon proportions!) and much hail locally. There were no air or grass frosts during the month.

### 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 have a seasonal painting, drawing or photo you would like to share, please consider submitting it for the next issue to [hepworthherald@gmail.com](mailto:hepworthherald@gmail.com)



## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on Thursday 5th April 2018 at the village hall where the following items were discussed.

Attendees: Mr D Stannard (Chair), Mrs M MacPherson, Mr G Bloomfield, Mrs S Yeomans (Parish Clerk), Mrs K Shearer (Vice Chair), Mr A Yorke, Cllr C Bull, Ms L Robinson, Mrs N Yorke, Mr P Penn (Tree Warden),

Apologies: Cllr J Spicer, Mrs R Vernon

There were 16 members of the public present

Mr D Palgrave gave a very interesting and informative talk on The Origin and Development of Surnames before commencement of the meeting. A donation of £50.00 was made to his chosen charity The Churches Conservation Trust.

1. Welcome by the Chairman of the Parish Council: Mr D Stannard, Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 18 May 2017: The minutes were confirmed as a true record

3. Chairman's Report: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Pleased to report

i. Relaunch of the village magazine, now named The Hepworth Herald

ii. Our digital contribution of the village website which is now up and running, with thanks to Kath and Neel Shearer for setting this up.

iii. Purchase of a Speed Indicator Device which will shortly be operational

iv. Installation of a Defibrillator, kindly donated by Richard Argent of Wup Doodle. Training sessions to take place on Saturday 5th and Thursday 17 May.

Thanks go to the members of the Parish Council. Thanks to John and Margaret Beales, who left the Parish Council this year. Welcome to our new councillors Louise Robinson and Nicola Yorke.

Thanks to Joanna Spicer our County Councillor and Carol Bull our Borough Councillor for their help and advice to the Parish Council and their support and advice to individual members of our parish.

Thanks to Perry Penn, our Tree Warden, and John Horridge who voluntarily keeps our village tidy.

Thanks to Sue Yeomans, our Parish Clerk.

The ongoing problem of flooding at Reeves Hall is being addressed both by the Parish Council and Cllr Spicer and Cllr Bull, and we will all continue to pursue this.

4. Report by Maureen Bacon on behalf of the Parochial Church Council: I am representing St Peter's Church and I am the Parochial Church Council Secretary, and at the present time Treasurer. Financially we are just about holding our head above water but with of £6,000 to pay the diocese each year it is a struggle.

On average we have only 5-7 people in the congregation, more at festive times i.e. Easter, Christmas.

We have two services a month – Morning Prayer or Songs of Praise and Holy Communion on the forth Sunday. At the present time we have no Vicar, so the retired Vicars take Holy Communion

We do need a Church Warden and a Treasurer.

5. Report from Cllr Joanna Spicer, read by Cllr Bull in her absence: Firstly, may I say how sorry I am not to be at Hepworth this evening.

I would like to thank David Stannard and all the Parish Councillors very much for their welcome to me at meetings. Sue Yeomans has been an excellent clerk and I thank her for keeping me in touch with issues in Hepworth. Following county council elections in early May I was honoured to again be elected as your county councillor. The main work I do now involves sitting on fostering and adoption panels and

assisting with constitutional work and scrutinising the increasing outsourcing that the county council is involved with. Last week I was elected chairman of the West Suffolk Community Safety Partnership.

The County Council have appointed a new Chief Executive, Nicola Beach, she will start in June.

You may have read in the press about “unitary” councils again being discussed. As with previous reviews I would very much support the principal to save money and create efficiencies – but I am not sure the time is right with the new West Suffolk Council coming in to being next summer

The newly elected Council has had to continue the relentless search for savings with the continuing cut in our grant from Government and with some reluctance we have put up the Council tax this year – the first rise in the basic rate for 7 years. We have made more than £236million savings since 2011 and some of the changes have been tough.

The biggest budget pressures continue to be adult care services and child protection.

Highways - The contract the SCC have with Keir is considered to be working better now but it seems very cumbersome and clunky to get responses. Specifically in Hepworth :

i. I am still trying to get confirmation of replacing the 40 MPH VAS on the A143 which has died.

ii. The biggest worry over the last few months has been the flood near reeves Hall. Firstly I really would like to thank the local farming family who have all worked so hard to try and help clear water in to the ditches. County Council engineers believe there is a broken drain pipe underneath the road. They seem unwilling to do the urgent investigation it needs. Meanwhile flood warning signs are in place and I would be interested to know if people would like the road closed formally?

There is the possibility of a significant development on the Shepherds Grove Park involving houses and light industry and a new spine road to the A143.

6. Report by Carol Bull – Borough Councillor: The parish council has clearly been very busy and working hard on behalf of all its residents.

I know that there are reservations and concerns about the new Data Protection Legislation which all parish councils must get their head around and if you have any questions you would like me to raise for clarification please let me know.

A lot of residents also contact me direct for advice and help and I am always happy to talk or visit if necessary. I am talking to a number of residents on planning and enforcement issues at the moment. Rubbish and fly tipping is another issue that has been raised with me, the Borough council will be installing a litter bin in the lay-by on the A143. With regard to fly tipping – this can be reported on the council website.

Some other successes this year include: getting the car parking improved at Willow Green; the purchase of a VAS sign from my locality budget; discovering that Hepworth has over £3,330 S106 with the Borough which can be released for things like green areas, play ground or sports equipment. Unfortunately, it cannot be used to support the community bus.

I am saddened by the lack of progress on the flooding issue despite Joanna’s sterling efforts with some support from me.

At a Borough level it has been a very busy and interesting year. The council face huge financial challenges as government funds are cut and are looking at alternative ways of balancing their budgets. They have lots of new exciting projects such as Barley Homes and the old Post Office development in the Cornhill. Work on the Waste Hub at Barton Hill has also finally started.

On a personal level I am Chair of the Future Governance Steering Group which is moving forward the coming together of St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Forest Heath District Council to form the new West Suffolk Council and I was invited onto the Cabinet with a new Portfolio - Future Governance. This

new West Suffolk Council will hopefully come into effect in May 2019.

A Ward boundary review is also being carried out. The new council will have fewer councillors, 64 rather than the 72 the two councils now have. St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath after consultation with members and parish councils has prepared a number of warding options which will shortly be submitted to the Boundary Commission. You will be pleased to hear that Barningham ward is very unlikely to change. Could I urge you to respond to the Boundary Commissions consultation if only to say you are happy with it.

Data Protection – Cllr Bull ask if there were any questions we would like her to take forward to a forthcoming seminar

7. Report by Police: No police representative attended and no report was submitted

8. Reports from Hepworth Community Groups

Hepworth Art – Wendy Summerell: The club was formed by me 8 years ago this June. We currently have 21 members with 6 on our waiting list. The club is run on a co-operative basis, there is a semi-formal discussion every quarter when current arrangements are reviewed. Current subscription is £20 a quarter. When funds allow, we commission a guest artist to facilitate a session for us. We hold an annual art exhibition – usually in October. We are also lucky to have one member who, together with her husband, has arranged a couple of trips to Art Galleries in London. One of the very real benefits is the way we coach and encourage each other.

Hepworth Book Club – Katherine Shearer: I set up the group 10 years ago and during that time we have read 100 books. We meet once a month, on a Wednesday evening, to discuss our latest book and catch up over refreshments. We currently have 10 members, so we are full, but will happily take names of interested parties for the future. Call Kath on 01359 250594

Hepworth Angels – Clare Jones-Davies: The Hepworth Angels are singing their little hearts out and enjoying every Monday evening at 7.30 pm in the Church where we sing for about an hour. None of us can read the music but we try and make a good sound, with the help of Olivia on the piano. Do come and join us, just turn up, no pressure just lots of fun.

Bee Co-operative – Kath Shearer: Set up 2 years ago with 3 to 4 sites in the village. Honey has been produced! We have some spare hives available with lots of advice and support.

Hepworth WI – Celia Simms: As in previous years we have enjoyed a full programme of events and also various Federation events. The monthly meetings have been very varied from talks from covering life in Turkey, Thomas Gainsborough, Cigarette Cards, Medical Detection Dogs, to a view of life as a big house gardener in the early 20th century and an emancipated female traveller from the 18th century, Celia Fiennes. (Yes she is a member of that family). The Group Meeting was an enjoyable occasion with an excellent speaker, Sean Hedges-Quinn, well known for his sculptures including Captain Mainwaring. Members also attended the Federation Annual Meeting and had a very good day with excellent speaker Gyles Brandeth. The evening Autumn Meeting was both hilarious and musically and equinely informative. Although we have lost a couple of members this year we have also gained one. We would warmly welcome any woman to our meetings as a visitor to see if the WI is for her.

Hepworth Speedwatch Team – Richard Hinton, Co-ordinator: Our team is overseen by Suffolk Police with a liaising Community Police Officer, who deal with the information we provide to them. We have 7 active members, all civilians and volunteers. We hold one hour speedwatch sessions once or twice a month using a radar gun. We would welcome, and need, new members. To join there is a short training session and some forms to fill in. A Speed Indicator Device has been purchased (on display) for the village and will be installed along The Street in the next few weeks. I would like to thank Cllr Bull for her

donation of £739 from her Locality Budget and Hepworth Parish Council for their donation of £1700 towards the purchase. If you would like to join our team contact me on 01359 251484 or Sue Yeomans, Clerk.

Café Hepworth – Jenny Webster: We meet every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon in the Village Hall. We have proper filter coffee and nice biscuits and good company. Everyone is welcome.

Hepworth Herald – Katherine Shearer: The Editor is Neel Shearer. The magazine is currently distributed every 2 months. Content always welcome – stories and news, and advertising space is available. We are also looking for your pictures to use on the front cover. Contact Neel Shearer on 01359 250594.

Tree Warden – Peregrine Penn: It is over a year now since I took on this title, in this time I have attended two events, the annual East Anglia Tree Warden regional forum at Cockfield and a Forestry Commission Tree Health event at Sapiston village hall. From my article in the Hepworth Herald issued in March, I received several correspondent's, one a suggestion to replant the Oak trees in Wood Lane, the land owner Stephen Hatten had previously granted permission for the original plantings some time ago to Russel Kemp, this has now been completed. Other plantings with smaller trees supplied by OVO energy 'I Dig Trees' free, have also taken place in lands at North Common, Westerbury Lane and Dunhill Lane. I hope this report will show that we are making a little progress in improving Hepworth's green infrastructure and hope this work will continue in the years to come.

9. Parishioners Comments: The following ideas were collected from our 'Post-it Suggestion Board':-

- i. Internet in the Pavillion please
- ii. More storage facilities in the Pavillion for clubs (selfish request from Art Club)
- iii. Pathway down Market Weston Road for walkers and dogs
- iv. Centrally placed notice board to advertise village events
- v. New play equipment – but please keep swings
- vi. A raised wooden walkway built over the stream by the bus shelter to act as a safe place to walk off road
- vii. Extend and renovate the Pavillion
- viii. Lets have some allotments
- ix. Cut the trees behind the Pavillion to give light to the playground
- x. More flowers along verges
- xi. Mobile phone mast on church

The Parish Council will be reviewing all the above suggestions over the next few months.

Defibrillator update– Louise Robinson: Thank you to Richard Argent for supplying the defibrillator for use by his staff and everyone in the village. The defibrillator is situated inside the entrance to Stimsons Yard, The Street in a locked box. Our thanks to Stuart Turner, who works as ambulance crew, for giving up his time voluntarily to provide training sessions on the activation and use of the defibrillator. The free session will take place in the Pavilion/Village Hall on Saturday 5th May and Thursday 17th May both starting at 1.30pm and lasting about 1.5 hours. To book onto a session contact the Clerk on 01359 250037.

Cllr Bull informed us that she has funds in her Locality Budget for any local organisation planning a special project. Contact her direct or through the Clerk for more details.

A request was received for an internet connection in the Pavilion. Cllr Bull may be able to help with installation of the internet but not the running costs.

10. The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

# HEPWORTH SCARECROW FESTIVAL AND STRAWBERRY TEA

**Weekend of the 23rd and 24th June**

Competition for the best scarecrow.

Please use the Entry Form below to register your scarecrow.

Judging will take place on the morning of the 24th June.



Announcement of the winner will be on Sunday afternoon, alongside an extravagant Fresh Strawberry and Cream Tea at the Pavilion.



**All Welcome!**

## Scarecrow Festival Entry Form

We are looking for inventive, amusing and interesting Scarecrows.  
Please display your creation in your front garden for all to see.

**23rd and 24th June from 10am-5pm**

Judging will take place on Sunday morning and the winner will be announced on Sunday afternoon at the Pavilion, during the fresh strawberry and cream tea between 3pm - 5pm.

**The winner will receive the much coveted Worzel Gummidge Cup!**

Name: .....

Address: .....

Postcode: .....

Name of Scarecrow: .....

Please send your entries to Louise Robinson

Bakery Cottage, Church Lane, Hepworth IP22 2PU

All entries must be received by 15th June at the latest.

A map of all the entrants' displays will be available on the day.

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**Sunday  
30  
September  
2018**

10am - walks finish 3pm

Glemham Hall  
Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP13 0BT

The Annual General Meeting of the Hepworth Parish Council took place on Thursday 3rd May 2018 at the village hall where the following items were discussed.

Attendees: Mr David Stannard (Chairman), Mrs M MacPherson, Mr G Bloomfield, Mrs K Shearer, Mrs R Vernon, Mrs Sue Yeomans (Parish Clerk), Mr A Yorke, Mrs N Yorke, Cllr C Bull, Ms L Robinson

There was one member of the public present

1. Apologies: Cllr J Spicer
2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair: The Parish Council accepted the resignation of Mr D Stannard as Chair. Mr Stannard was unanimously re-elected as Chairman. Mr A Yorke was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman. Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms signed by both.  
Address by Cllr Stannard: Cllr Stannard gave a potted history of his many years on the Parish Councillor for new members of the PC. He went on to voice his concerns about the increased use of technology, i.e. emails and the fact people are no longer actually speaking to each other, and problems which can arise. He also raised concerns about the amount of bureaucracy now being imposed on Parish Councils and the increased work load on both the Chairman and Clerk, the latest being Data Protection. Clerks are now advised to take the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CILCA) qualification, and the Chairman and Clerk foresee this being a requisite of taking on the post of Clerk in the future. In summary Cllr Stannard advised that this would be his last year as Chairman and Parish Councillor and that he would be resigning at the next AGM in May 2019.
3. Declarations of Interest: The following Councillor declared an interest - Item 13 - Hepworth Parochial Church Council, Mrs M MacPherson
4. Appointment of other bodies: Trustees of Hepworth Charities – Mrs N Yorke; The Hepworth Recreation Ground Committee – Mrs R Vernon; Hepworth Parochial Church Council – Mrs M MacPherson
5. Minutes of previous meetings: The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18 May 2017, and the Parish Council Meeting held 15 March 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record.
6. Public Participation: A member of the Speedwatch Team gave a presentation on the new Speed Indicator Device on behalf of the Speedwatch Team. See attached.
7. Matters arising from previous meetings: A large metal construction has been noted at the rear of Mill House. Cllr Bull to look into. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Clerk has details of setting up a scheme. Cllr Robinson to put note in Hepworth Herald asking for volunteers.
8. Councillor Resignations: Cllr Stannard advised the council that regrettably Cllr K Shearer had resigned due to family and work commitments. Cllr Shearer said she had really enjoyed her time on the PC. Cllr Stannard thanked Cllr Shearer for her hard work, enthusiasm and dedication during her time on the PC. The Clerk also thanked Cllr Shearer for all the advice and

support she had given her. Electoral Services have been informed and a Notice of Vacancy published on the notice board. If no request for an election is received the post will be filled by a Casual Vacancy.

9. Clerk's/RFO Report:

- i. Bank Balances @ 12 Apr 2018; Community (current) account - £2,339.11; Business Saver account - £1,829.48
- ii. A VAT claim for refund of £612.27 was submitted 15 April 2018.
- iii. Speed Watch Sessions - March 2018: 22.03.18 = 7 April 2018: 16.04.18 = 9
- iv. Workplace Pensions – On 6th April 2018 the minimum amount employers must pay into workplace pensions is going up. No eligible employees.
- v. Clerk's contracted hours 1 Apr 17 – 31 Mar 18 were 234. Actual hours worked 255.45 + 45 minutes holiday owed. Total hours worked above contracted hours 22.30.

10. Data Protection Compliance by 25th May 2018: Registration with the Information

Commissioners Office (ICO) was discussed and agreed. Clerk to attend a GDPR Awareness Session at SALC on 10th May.

11. To the following accounts for payment: HMRC Qtr to 5 Apr 18 - £34.40; Clerks Salary Feb – Mar 18 - £337.94; Suffolk Preservation Society Annual Subscription - £30.00; SALC 6 months payroll to Mar 18 - £27.00; Sandy Lane Nurseries, Trees - £126.00; The Churches Conservation Trust (donation to Mr D Palgrave for APM talk) - £50.00; Clerks Expenses Mar – Apr 18 - £111.66; Speedar Ltd – 2xSpeedar Batteries £71.22; SALC Annual Internal Audit 31 Mar 18 - £170.40; SALC Subscription for 2018/19 - £249.05; Cllr Shearer to be removed as signatory on the Bank Accounts and Cllr Yorke to be added; The receipts and payments account for the year 2017/18 was reviewed and signed; The Annual Governance Statement was reviewed and signed; The Annual Accounting Statement was reviewed and signed; A discussion was held about setting up a Petty Cash Account but it was agreed the requirement was too small at the present time.
12. Planning Application: There were no planning applications to consider
13. Donations to voluntary organisations: Donations to the following organisations were agreed: Parochial Church Council - £200 (under Charities Act 1993 sect. 79); Hepworth WI - £50 (Section 19 Local Government (Misc provisions) Act 1976); Suffolk Accident and Rescue - £50.00 (S137 Local Government Act 1972)
14. Review and approve updated Risk Assessment Document: The updated Asset List was reviewed and approved. Cllr McPherson to oversee. The Risk Assessment (V4) was approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman. Cllr Yorke appointed as Risk Assessment Officer.
15. Review updated Standing Orders. Review Financial Standing Orders: The Standing Orders (Version April 2018) have been updated according to NALC guidelines. They were reviewed and approved. The Financial Standing Orders (Version Feb 2016) are unchanged, these were reviewed and approved.
16. Installation of new litter bins: A parishioner has requested additional installation of litter bins on The Street. Wood Lane was agreed as a site. Cllr Bull will provide information and possibly funding. It was suggested a litter pick to be organised. An advertisement will be put in the

Hepworth Herald and on the community Facebook page asking for volunteers. Cllr Robinson to coordinate.

17. Reports from Cllr Spicer and Cllr Bull:

- i. Cllr Spicer (report sent in her absence) - Little progress re the flood as I took Mark Stevens (Assistant Director of Highways) to see it a week ago. Although not too bad then (only covered half the road) he absolutely got the problem. He is not convinced the “broken drain” version is correct but agreed it is not a question of landowner responsibility and said he will ensure investigation work starts this year. I think I have won the argument about the solar powered sign (on the A143) but cannot confirm yet.
- ii. Cllr Bull report - The One Council proposal was debated and went through unanimously, it will go to the Lords next week (which is merely a formality), should be in place by May 2019. The Warding Review went to the Boundary Commission today, there is no change for Hepworth. Cllr Bull is liaising with Mark Stevens (Assistant Director of Highways) about a “Public Statement” re the flooding.

18. Correspondence: There was no correspondence that has not been circulated.

19. Questions to the Chair: Cllr Robinson asked if the PC could supply a poppy wreath for the Battles Over Centenary on 11 Nov. Cllr Yorke advised a wreath is laid by him every year on Remembrance Day. Cllr Robinson asked if the list of suggested items for the village put forward by parishioners at the APM would be discussed. Clerk advised they will be on the agenda for the next meeting. The APM in 2019 in the same format last year as this year. It was unanimously agreed to do so. Date of next APM is 4 April 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Dates of next meetings: 2018 – 5 Jul, 6 Sep, 1 Nov; 2019 – 3 Jan, 7 Mar, 4 Apr Annual Parish Meeting, 2 May Annual General Meeting, 4 Jul, 5 Sep, 7 Nov

## Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Would you be interested in joining a neighbourhood watch scheme in Hepworth?

The aim of a NWS is to look out for each other, keep in touch with policing news and any crime issues that can help raise awareness.

Please contact Cllr Louise Robinson if you are interested on 01359 251066 or by email at [fioremundi50@gmail.com](mailto:fioremundi50@gmail.com)



## THE REAL HOUSEWIVES OF HEPWORTH VILLAGE

( A tongue in cheek, long-suffering farmer's wife view of  
life on the farm, inspired by the busy ladies of  
'The Real Housewives of New York City' )

Romona, Lou-Ann and friends have such a busy social life, lunches, dinners, gatherings, the list of functions goes on and on. I seem to be able to cram all of mine into one event, namely the Farm Sale.

There are very few social events in the farming diary, wasn't that a television programme? Perhaps some of you can remember the programme, not to mention the theme tune; anyway I digress and I don't really want to show my age. There are very few social events in the diary, but one event in the farming fraternity always anticipated with mixed feelings, is that of the Farm Sale.

I say mixed emotions as, on one hand, for one reason or another a farmer has decided to throw in his wellies, and is selling a lifetime's (or two, or even three) generations of work, or the grim reaper came knocking, swiftly followed by the tax man. On the other hand, this is a rare chance for a get together, a gossip, a mardle and, in a male dominated industry, a woman-free zone.

Sale catalogues are downloaded, yes even this stoic bunch has joined the twenty-first century, or their wives have more to the point. The Sale Catalogue is studied for days beforehand and, once satisfied with the lots, and, in the case of "Him Outdoors" a plan of attack is hatched; two different criteria, he wants to know what so-and-so will make, and, more importantly what to bid for, and then whether he will get his cheque book out and buy! This once pristine printer-generated delight has become tatty and battered, and is tucked into the jacket pocket and he is almost ready for the off.

However, not before donning the uniform. There is a strict dress code to be adhered to; green, dark blue or, for the really racy "with-it" farmer, the light blue "Designer Dickies" or "John Deere" overalls; flat cap or woolly hat, depending upon the age of the wearer, rigger boots, complete with mud, and ostentatious paddle issued by the auctioneer on arrival. There is the added accessory of the dog as an optional extra, but in our case not a good idea, as one has personality issues and the other is too much the lady to go trotting about in a muddy field.

To be continued...



## Hepworth & District

A very busy evening this month with our annual meeting and reports on the past year, a vote on our national resolution and a session on hanging baskets with John Hewson. John brought a lovely selection of plants with him and also a style of basket which many of us had not seen before and which seemed much easier to plant. We receive lots of tips on planting and caring for the baskets and at the end some of us treated ourselves to some beautiful plants.

Also there was a report on our Federation annual meeting at the Apex where besides the small amount of time spent on business we enjoyed two very good speakers in Julie Summers and Lady Carnarvon and time to circulate meeting up with other WI friends and seeing all that is going to be happening in the coming year including a visit to Denman College for some taster courses. It was good to admire the beautiful stage flower arrangements which had been lent by our local nursery, Hillcrest Nurseries.

The following week we had our group meeting in Coney Weston VH which we organised for our local five WIs. An enjoyable evening with the Haughley Hoofers and much fun with a puzzle competition and a cake one where we all made the most of the latter lovely entries.

If you want more information about Hepworth and District WI please ring me or for information about the WI look online at either the national federation web pages (<https://www.thewi.org.uk>) or the west suffolk one (<http://j.mp/WI-suffolk-west>).

Brenda Last 01359 221307

### Hepworth Lottery

| Date    | First Prize     | Second Prize    | Third Prize     |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 3.3.18  | 24 Church Close | Autumn Cottage  | Gerry Stannard  |
| 10.3.18 | Hunt            | D Stannard      | Autumn Cottage  |
| 17.3.18 | 15 The Street   | Adrian          | Davis           |
| 24.3.18 | Turner          | Autumn Cottage  | Roberts         |
| 31.3.18 | 20 Church Close | 17 The Street   | 22 Church Close |
| 7.4.18  | Ward            | 11 Church Close | Shelley Kids    |
| 14.4.18 | Hunt            | Randall         | 39 The Street   |
| 21.4.18 | 7 Church Close  | D.Stannard      | Roberts         |

For more information about Hepworth Lottery, call 01359 250 048

# Litter Pickers Needed

We are calling for volunteers to do a  
litter pick in the village on

**Saturday 9th June @ 0930**



Please contact Louise Robinson on 01359 251066 or Garry Bloomfield on 01359 251998 if you are interested. Equipment will be provided, but please bring your own gloves. You never know, it might be fun!

## **FLOODING ON BARNINGHAM ROAD BY REEVES HALL HEPWORTH UPDATE**

As all who use this road will be aware for many years there have been intermittent flooding problems here but since before Christmas there has been a major flooding issue. The Parish Council and local landowners have made every effort to resolve this problem, from practical things like ensuring drainage ditches are clear to lobbying their local councillors and the County Council. It has become very clear that there is no local quick fix and there is need for the Suffolk Highways Drainage Team intervention to investigate, identify and find a solution.

Suffolk County Council is now well aware of the flooding problem being experienced and its effect on the local community. However because of the backlog of work and the fact that this winter has been the worst and most costly for some 10 years, further strains have been placed on limited resources and this in turn has severely impacted on the speed with which repairs can be effected.

Suffolk County Council has apologised for the inconvenience that has been and continues to be caused by the flooding but would like to reassure everyone that Suffolk Highways will nevertheless tackle the flooding problem at Hepworth as quickly as it realistically can and we will continue to press for this.

In the meantime can we urge road users to exercise caution when using the road and confirm that the flood signs will remain in place.

Joanna Spicer - Suffolk County Councillor  
Carol Bull - St Edmundsbury Borough Councillor



**St Peter's, Hepworth**

# **Annual Flower Festival**

**28/29<sup>th</sup> July  
10:00 – 16:00**



**This year's theme is  
"Wedding Anniversaries"**

**Songs of Praise is at 16:00 on the Sunday**

**(home made refreshments)**

**(If anyone would like to do a display or help with refreshments  
please call Maureen on 01359 254054)**



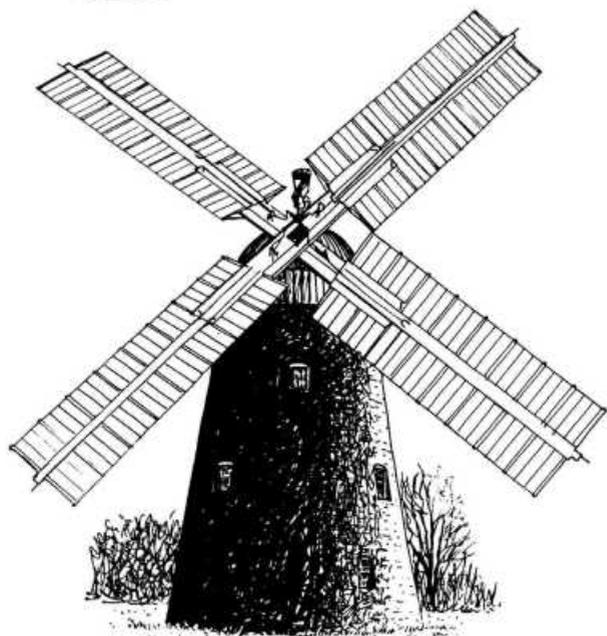
## **Hepworth Garage Sale Trail**

The Sale for 2018 is on:

**Sunday 8th July  
09:30-13:00**

To book and be included on the map  
please contact Nicola Yorke  
nicolayorke@rocketmail.com or 01359 252252

# Thelnetham Windmill



## OPEN DAYS 2018

The mill will be open between 11am and 4pm (last admission for a mill tour 3pm) on the following days and wind permitting the sails will be turning:

Sunday 17 June  
*(Father's Day)*

Sunday 15 July

Monday 27 August  
*(Bank Holiday)*

Sunday 16 September  
*(Heritage Open Weekend)*

Sunday 14 October



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for more information go to [thelnethamwindmill.org.uk](http://thelnethamwindmill.org.uk)

Thelnetham windmill.  
Charity number: 249981

# Hepworth Parish Council

We currently have a vacancy for a member of the public to become a Parish Councillor

If you feel you would like to get involved in making decisions about your local community, local issues and make a significant contribution to the area in which you live or work, then this is the position for you!

- You must be aged 18 years and over, eligible to vote and have lived or worked in the parish of Hepworth for 12 months or more, or within 3 miles of the parish boundary
- Any Elector can identify a potential councillor and nominate candidates for election and has the right to elect a councillor who represents their interests
- The vacancy will be filled by co-option after the closing date for applications

For further details, or to express an interest please contact Sue Yeomans, Clerk to Hepworth Parish Council on Tel: 01359 250037 Email: [clerk@hepworthvillage.co.uk](mailto:clerk@hepworthvillage.co.uk)

**The deadline for applications is Friday 20th July 2018**



**FoBHC**

## **BOTESDALE HEALTH CENTRE NEW BUILD EXTENSION**

**SATURDAY 28 JULY 2018  
10.00 – 12.00**

Patients are invited to the Health Centre to see the plans, talk to Dr Tim Cooke and find out how the new building will be used, especially in relation to Hospice facilities, new clinics and other groups.

Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of Botesdale Health Centre.

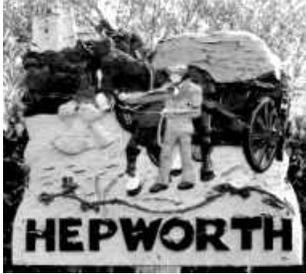
We hope you will all take this opportunity to come along.

**Deadline for all copy (contents and adverts) for the August edition of Hepworth Herald is 20th July 2018. Please email all requests to [hepworthherald@gmail.com](mailto:hepworthherald@gmail.com)**

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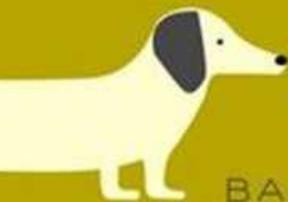
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