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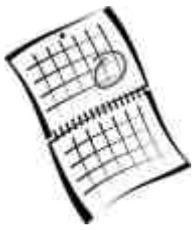
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# What's On?

Events are starting up again now, but are still few and far between. This is what we know about at the moment. Please share any others you have planned.

<b>Hepworth Angels</b>	Every Mon @1930, St. Peters, Hepworth
<b>Hepworth Coffee Morning</b>	1st & 3rd Thu @1030, Hep. Pavilion. See p8
<b>Songs of Praise</b>	3rd Oct @0930 St. Peters, Hepworth
<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	21st Oct @1930 Hepworth Pavilion
<b>Hepworth Rec. Ground Meeting</b>	26th Oct @1900 Hepworth Pavilion
<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	18th Nov@1930 Hepworth Pavilion
<b>Closing date for Hep. Charities</b>	26th November Last date for applications
<b>Mince Pies and Carols</b>	19th Dec @1430 Hepworth Pavilion. See p10

## Would you like to help?

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 events on their way. Please contact Clare (250 660) or Sue (250 037).



## HEPWORTH CHARITIES

Any pensioner's who have lived in Hepworth for 2 years or more are eligible to apply for the annual grant, which is available from the Charities Trust and distributed during December in time for Christmas. Where a married couple is both of pensionable age only one payment can be made.

Please be aware that we have to comply with GDPR regulations therefore we will require a standard form to be completed with brief contact details by all recipients. Closing date : Friday **26th November 2021**

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

7 weeks from 8th July to 25th August 2021.

Vehicles arriving into village from the A143:

Total number of vehicles:- **22280**

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- **33mph**

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- **7526 (33.78%)**

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

Highest speed recorded:- **69mph**

Vehicles leaving the village toward the A143

Total number of vehicles:- **19738**

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- **35mph**

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- **9533 (48.30%)**

No. of incidents of 50 mph and above:- **44**

Highest speed recorded:- **57mph**

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

7 weeks from 8th July to 25th August 2021.

Vehicles arriving into the village from Barningham

Total number of vehicles:- **18235**

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- **32mph**

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- **4046 (22.19%)**

No. of incidents of 50mph and above:- **12**

Highest speed recorded:- **63mph**

Vehicles leaving the village toward Barningham

Total number of vehicles:- **18815**

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- **32mph**

Total number of vehicles speeding above 30 mph:- **5053 (28.87%)**

No. of incidents of 50 mph and above:- **29**

Highest speed recorded:- **57mph**

### **Along The Street:**

July 2021:	1 sessions	1 vehicles logged	max speed = 36 mph
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for people new to the village.

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It can be found on the Village  
Website at

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# TRAVELS DOWNUNDER - A REMINISCENCE

## Part 4

We left our intrepid travellers in Tamworth, the heart of the Australian country music scene, along with a BIG guitar...

It is estimated that there are up to 250,000 grey nomads travelling around Australia at any one time and by now we were beginning to feel that we had genuinely joined them and become accepted, albeit as Poms. It's quite a community and it soon became apparent that you are expected to wave to all the other caravans you pass going the other way. If others don't wave to you, you feel snubbed! It's also an accepted ritual that wherever you're camped for the night, if there are others there then at around 5.00pm it's Happy Hour. Some people don't even wait for an invitation! We were camped overnight one time and were just starting to prepare our evening meal when this old fella wandered over, brought his own chair and a beer, introduced himself and plonked himself down and proceeded to engage us in conversation. He wanted to know where we were from, where we'd been and where we were going. All very normal apparently!

We left Tamworth in NSW and headed further inland and ended up at Narrabri where we stopped for four nights as it seemed quite a nice little town. Turns out it's the centre of the cotton growing industry of Australia. I didn't even know they grew cotton in Australia.

Moving on we arrived at Coonabarabran which is very close to the Warrumbungles National Park which has a mountain range with some great walking trails. We stayed a few days and set out to walk the Breadknife trail. It's a pretty steep climb but well worth it for the stunning views at the top. It's called the Breadknife because that's just what it looks like, a very long, thin jagged peak. For us it was notable as the first place where we drank rainwater. On the way back down we had run out of water but came across a small hut which had a rainwater tank. We'd been told that everybody drinks it and it's quite safe but we couldn't help feeling that there must be all sorts of dirt and detritus in it, it's not filtered or treated in anyway, but needs must and we refilled our water bottles and had a good drink, all to no ill effects I'm pleased to say.

To be continued...

# Hepworth Village Christmas Get Together

All villagers are invited to a festive  
Christmas Get Together

**Sunday, 19th December  
1430 - 1700 in the Pavilion**

Come along and share some  
tea, coffee, squash, mince pies,  
and Christmassy songs!

**All refreshments free of charge**

Everyone (young and old) welcome  
No need to book - just join us on the day!

**We look forward to seeing you there**

*Prayer* 

### **Benefice Prayer Evening**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm

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\*An optional interactive or craft-oriented activity

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Before the service from 10.30am there will a time for refreshments  
and chat with Coffee/tea, cake/biscuits, water/juice.

**We would love you to join us...**

## HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES 9th of 2021

A meeting of Hepworth Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on Thursday 2nd September 2021. This meeting was held in the Pavilion, Hepworth Recreation Ground. The following items were discussed:

Persons Present: G Bloomfield (Chair), Mr P Penn, Ms L Robinson, Ms H Corris (Clerk), Cllr Spicer, Cllr Bull, Mr R Shackleton (Vice Chair), Mrs M MacPherson, Mr J Seldis.

There were 2 members of the public present

1. Apologies: None
2. Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest
3. Dispensations: None
4. Minutes of previous meetings: Minutes of 8th July 2021 and 22nd July 2021 were signed as being a correct record
- 5 Welcome to New Councillor: Justin Seldis was officially welcomed to the Parish Council
6. Public participation and District and County Councillors reports: Support was received from a member of the public regarding the proposed traffic calming plans that have been displayed by the Parish Council.

Cllr Bull update: Parish Councils are being encouraged to nominate a Tree Warden. Hepworth already has one;

Cllr Perry Penn. The Queen's green canopy is a scheme that is being promoted to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Councils are being encouraged to plant trees. The celebrations will be tied in with the Festival of Suffolk and it is anticipated that more details will be released soon. Any donations to Afghan refugees are not required at the moment as it is unlikely that Suffolk will be receiving many relocations. If donations are required then there will be a specific website with details of how to donate. An anti-idling of cars campaign is being promoted. This is to raise awareness of the negative impact of idling a vehicles engine unnecessarily has on the environment. Leaflets to follow. Confirmation and reassurance was given in relation to concerns that Durrants had submitted plans to develop an area of land on North Common. This is a situation that has arisen due to the annual "call for land" that West Suffolk makes. There are NO plans to develop this area. Any submissions have been purely speculative and the area would be considered as unsuitable for numerous reasons. West Suffolk Council have a five- year housing plan and this area does not feature on the local plan either. Hepworth is, and remains an "infill village"

Cllr Spicer report. There haven't been any further updates in relation to the traffic calming proposals. There may be an issue with street lighting but at the moment she is waiting for a response around this. Costings so far are acceptable but not confirmed pending any alterations. Parish Council will assess the comments received from the community regarding the plans and discuss them further in the November meeting. There are no further updates regarding any progress the Floods team may have made and the ditch alongside the bus stop remains overgrown. Cllr Spicer will chase this up. Weston way

byway is being dealt with. Liaison is taking place between Suffolk County council, the British Horse Society and the ecology team to establish the best type of surface. The Queens Jubilee 2022, some villages are already planning. Parish Council will discuss at the November meeting.

7. A) Village sign Planning consent is likely to be obtained very soon. However, the builder that was to complete the project for free is now unable to do so. Another quote will be obtained so that we have three to compare as we currently only have two.

B) Quiet Lanes Clay Lane agreed in principle. Traffic surveys will take place in North Common and Market Weston Road during 2nd-16th September. If they are suitable, then a consultation period will take place for Clay Lane and North Common and Market Weston Road.

C) Hepworth Recreation Ground HRG now has a fully functioning committee. An AGM has been held and a first meeting. There is a Chairman in place and representatives from the Village clubs/groups form the committee alongside elected members.

D) Fencing around the culvert Four posts have now been delivered. Poles to be purchased. Chairman will obtain some quotes ready for the next meeting.

E) Ixworth planning group meeting This joint meeting between Parish Council representatives did not go ahead.

F) Village Picnic Review The village picnic was a great success. People said how much they enjoyed it and an email was received thanking all of those that helped make it happen.

8. Parish Clerk: successful applicant Christopher Garman has been appointed as the new Parish Clerk and will take over on 1st October 2021. Chris was welcomed to the team.

9. Willow Tree: Willow Green The Clerk has made enquiries regarding the Willow tree that appears to be dying off. The building alongside the tree holds a pumping unit for a septic tank. Enquires to be made with Havebury as this tree is on their land and Anglian water who own the pumping unit to establish if the septic tank is affecting the tree. Clerk

10. Clerks/RFO Finance report:

A) Receipts and payments Received £165 refund from WSC planning department Payments Cheque 1029 Clerks July pay and expenses £224.56 Cheque 1030 Cllr Shackleton expenses (planning map) £22.80 Cheque 1031 Clerks August pay and expenses £224.76 Cheque 1032 Castle Capers balance £273 Village picnic live music £400 Cheque 1033 Cllr Robinson expenses (barrel posts) £325.49

B) Bank balances Aug 2021 Saver account £1837.38 Business Account £10087.98 C) Insurance Renewal The Insurance renewal is due in September at a cost of £291.73. This is the final payment of the three year long- term agreement and covers the amended asset list to include the Speedwatch equipment that was purchased.

11. Budget review and planning for 2021/22 financial year: A six month expenditure review was presented and recommendations suggested for earmarking currently unallocated funds. A full Budget plan will be discussed by Council once the new Clerk is in place.

12. Queens Jubilee Celebrations 2022: This will be discussed at the next meeting Clerk

13. Correspondence received: Correspondence was received regarding hedges overlapping footpaths. However, it appears that all the hedges adjoining the village footpaths have

recently been cut back by residents. Blacksmiths Cottage has become overgrown again. However, the issue raised has been covered before by Cllr Bull who advised that the complaint was a civil matter between two parties. Clerk will speak to the party concerned.

14. Planning Applications: At the time of the meeting no applications had been received
15. Questions to the Chair: None Chairman and Councillors made a presentation and expressed their sincere thanks to the outgoing Clerk Helen Corris for all her work over the last two years.
16. Date and Time of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Thursday 21st OCTOBER 2021 at 1930hrs in the Village Hall and will beheld on the THIRD Thursday of EVERY month except December from now on.

### **HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES 10th of 2021**

An Extraordinary meeting of Hepworth Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on Thursday 9TH September 2021. This meeting was held in the Pavilion, Hepworth Recreation Ground. The following items were discussed:

Persons Present: Mr G Bloomfield (Chair), Mr P Penn, Ms H Corris (Clerk), Ms L Robinson, Mrs M MacPherson. There were no members of the public present

1. Apologies: Cllr Shackleton, Cllr Seldis
2. Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest
3. Dispensations: None
4. Planning Application: DC/21/1645/HH DC/21/1646/LB Application for Listed building application and householder application; a) Single storey side extension b) Two storey rear extension c) Detached garage Location; Oak House Beck Street Parish Council support this application.
5. Other Applications: None received
6. Questions to the Chair



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## HEPWORTH RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

This meeting was held in the Pavilion on Wednesday 21st July 2021 at 7.30pm.

Persons present; Cllr G Bloomfield interim committee member, Cllr M MacPherson interim committee member and Helen Corris (Minute taker). There were 14 members of the public present. Maggie Morrison, Tony Duffield, John and Christine Harvey, Lyn Walker, Clare Jones Davies, Patricia Fennel, Sue Yeomans, Wendy Summerell, Louise Robinson, Linda and Ian Walsh, Terry and Theresa Andrews

1. Apologies: A Flint, T Haddock, P Ling, J Duffield & D Stannard (retiring committee member) An introduction was conducted followed by an explanation from G Bloomfield and M MacPherson. This provided background information about the formation of the Hepworth Management Committee.

M MacPherson wished to formally thank the previous committee, the last members being David Stannard and John and Margaret Beales. They contributed enormously to the community over the years and selflessly kept the village hall running, and their final work was to oversee the internal decoration and overhauling of the children's play equipment. More recently the interim committee, formed from members of the Parish Council, representatives from village organisations and assisted by volunteers have contributed significantly to bring the Village Hall up to its current level, making it Covid compliant and able to re-open.

Particular thanks go to; Louise Robinson, Nicola Yorke and Helen Corris who have contributed in numerous different ways both administratively and practically. Thanks to Terry Andrews for the exceptional planters outside the Hall and the display cabinet, Michelle the new cleaning lady, who goes above and beyond in her duties and the curtain making team; Sue Yeomans, Pat Ling, Jane Duffield and Marion Pink for the beautiful new curtains. Thanks also to Richard at Wup Doodle for his welcome ongoing support and, Garry Bloomfield and Andrew Yorke who levelled out the driveway. Marjorie MacPherson was also thanked for her tireless on-going work both in the Hall and in respect of the finances, bookings and numerous other administrative tasks that have all had to be completed in order to re-open.

It is very pleasing to see Community clubs such as the coffee mornings and Art club are now up and running again and rehiring the Hall. The AFC Vikings football club has sadly folded, and the Karate club is unlikely to re-start.

2. Election of Members: Nominations were taken and the following persons elected to the following positions: Chairman; Linda Walsh, Treasurer; Marjorie MacPherson, Secretary/Bookings; Louise Robinson Committee member; Clare Jones-Davis, Committee member; Vacant

Mrs Linda Walsh then presided over the remainder of the meeting. All the current community clubs to be written to so a nominated representative can be appointed to the Hepworth Recreation Ground Committee in readiness for the next meeting. Committee member vacancy to be advertised in the next Hepworth Herald if possible.

3. Minutes of last meeting: The minutes of the previous HRG meeting dated 21st April 2021 were agreed as a true record. Proposed by M MacPherson and seconded by G Bloomfield.

4. Adoption of Code of Conduct and Standing Orders: It was decided to schedule this for the next Agenda.
5. Financial Report Year End 31st March 2021: Upon the interim Committee taking over the HRG the finances totalled £29,590.50 Subsequent work was then completed at the Hall included electrical work, work to heating system, PAT testing, purchase of hoover, fridge and microwave and general refurbishment including the new curtaining and planters. Government grants have been applied for and received enabling the funds to be replenished over the year and cover all the above work so that at the financial year end, 31st March 2021, the balances stood at Barclays Bank £11,013.77, COIF £25,104.30 totalling £36,118.07.  
However, it was reported that the annual running of the Hall regularly worked at a loss due to hirings not covering outgoings and it was hoped that the Lottery could be reinstated to help alleviate this.  
Financial report accepted; Proposed by M MacPherson and seconded by L. Robinson.
6. Any Other Business: Discussion about future Community events that would bring the Village together. In the past, Hepworth2Enjoy have had successes with Burns nights, Curry nights etc and would be happy to amalgamate with Hepworth Recreation Ground Committee in putting on events It is hoped that the Christmas meal for the over 60's and Car boot sales could be re-instated in some way and the Committee is open to further ideas and suggestions.
7. Date of next Meeting: The next AGM will be 21st April 2022 at 7.30pm in the Hall.  
The next Hepworth Recreation Ground Committee meeting will be Wednesday 18th August 2021 7.30pm in the Hall and all village organisations are warmly invited to send along a representative. The meeting closed at 9pm.

## **HEPWORTH RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

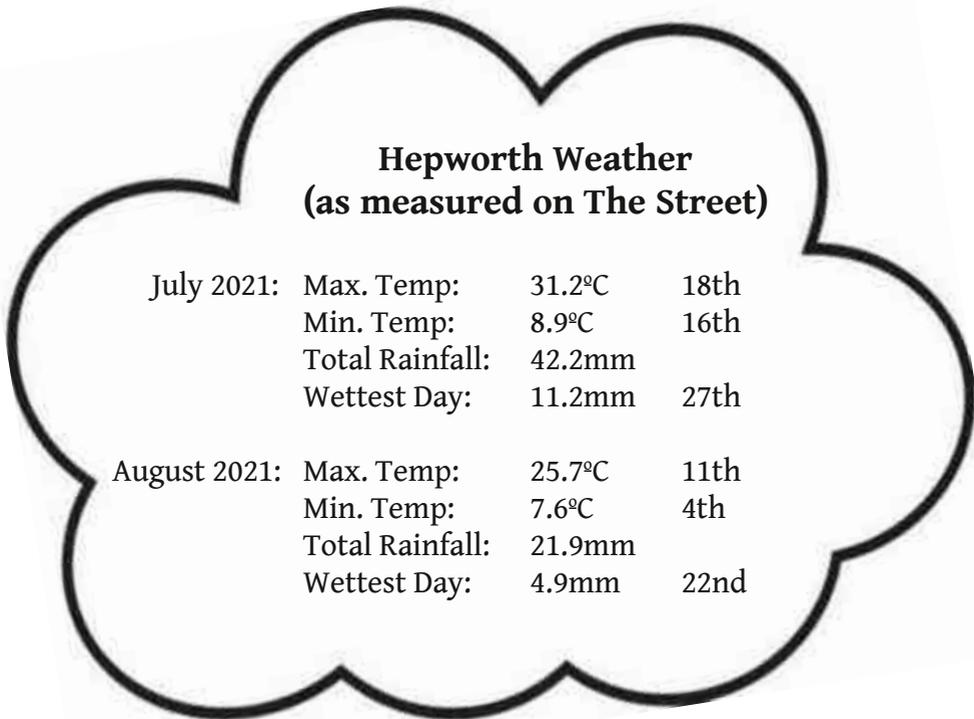
Held on 8th August 7pm At Hepworth Pavilion.

Present; Linda Walsh, Chairman, Marjorie MacPherson, Treasurer, Louise Robinson Secretary Tama Haddock, Ann Flint, Maggie Morrison Clare Jones Davis, Ann-Marie Thomas, Frances Gibson

1. Apologies: Received from Sue Yeomans and Michelle Hatche
2. Welcome: The Chair, Linda Walsh welcomed the new committee who introduced themselves Tama Haddock, and Ann flint representatives for the Coffee Morning; Frances Gibson representative for The Art Group; Maggie Morrison representative for Hepworth Angels; Marjorie MacPherson Treasurer; Louise Robinson Secretary/ Bookings Clerk; Ann- Marie Thomas agreed to be the 5th member of the committee; Jo Cook martial arts trainer to be asked if she is restarting classes; Brandon of Palgrave Wanderers to be asked to be their representative
3. AGM Minutes: Minutes to be amended to include the names of all attendees. Committee resolved to publish all minutes in the Herald and on the village noticeboard to satisfy public interest. PC member to feed back to the Parish Council. Chairman outlined how she would like secretary to work
4. Outline: The Hepworth Pavilion and Recreation Ground Committee (HRGC) is a registered charity which leases the grounds from the Parish Council for an annual peppercorn rent. The current lease will expire in October 2023. The chairman

- suggested the committee use the Minute numbers method for future agendas and offered to provide an example for the secretary. The chairman instructed the secretary of her preferred working practices
5. Secretary/ Booking officer report: There have been two events of vandalism and youths drinking alcohol and leaving empty bottles and broken glass at the Pavilion. The PC suggested CCTV. Three Quotes to be obtained Community police to be informed and advice sought from them and Suffolk ACRE about security. New handles required to replace vandalised door handles. Clerk will display her contact number in the Pavilion window for the public to contact if further events occur. The Art group is back on a Monday and Coffee mornings are back as before on alternate Thursdays. A car boot sale is organized for 18th September to raise funds for village events.
  6. Treasurer's report: The Treasurer expressed her happiness that the HRGC has new committee members and that everything is being done openly and collaboratively, in line with what was set out originally when the Pavilion was first opened. Estimated Annual outgoings Ground maintenance by Vertas £1,486.36; Cleaning costs £780; Building and Public liability insurance £467.26; Gas heating £623.62; Water rates £64.68; Maintenance including PAT electricals £250; Total £5619; Weekly cost £108. Current weekly income £34.50 excluding casual booking. Projected annual deficit £3,825. In 2021 a total of £1,012.80 was paid to cover the cost of improvements such as new curtains, new locks and keys, planters and plants, posies for curtain makers and plaques. The HRGC received £16,000 in Covid Government grants, some of which will be transferred from current account to COIF account. At time of reporting the Current account has £16,719 and COIF account £25,000. A new electricity contract to be negotiated as contract ends in October. New bank mandates required. Signatories will be MM, LW and LR.
  7. Review of policies and working practices: The Suffolk Village Hall website needs updating with more information and photos to encourage more bookings. To be done once the new tariffs have been decided. The main keys holders were established that includes the regular users. The padlock codes are to be changed every 6 months. A folder will be created with Pavilion information and useful documents including how to turn off fire alarms and this will be kept in the hall for hirers to read. A set of fire alarm keys to be purchased so alarm can be tested. A core committee consisting of Marjorie, Louise, Linda and Ann-Marie will discuss Tariffs in a separate meeting to be held on 13th September. Hiring agreement document to be reviewed at the next meeting. Hand driers not working in Ladies toilet and no towels in Disabled toilet. Prices for paper towel dispensers to be researched. Showers not working. Shower heads to be checked. To be discussed in the next meeting. New lockable cupboard to be found for the cleaner. A new clock for the hall was requested by the art group. The following agenda items were not discussed as the committee ran out of time. To be moved to the next meeting:
    8. Hiring agreement, Code of Conduct, showers
    9. Decide how and on what, legacy money should be used for
    10. External bins and dog mess

Next meeting: Tuesday 26th October at 7pm The meeting closed at 10.45pm



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

July 2021:	Max. Temp:	31.2°C	18th
	Min. Temp:	8.9°C	16th
	Total Rainfall:	42.2mm	
	Wettest Day:	11.2mm	27th

August 2021:	Max. Temp:	25.7°C	11th
	Min. Temp:	7.6°C	4th
	Total Rainfall:	21.9mm	
	Wettest Day:	4.9mm	22nd

**July 2021:** A rather warm, slightly drier month than normal. However, rainfall was very localised due to slow moving showers and thunderstorms, especially during the last seven days of the month. On the 25th in the afternoon, a thunderstorm produced 24 mm in an hour at Barningham but only 0.5 mm was recorded here. A very warm, quite sunny spell occurred around mid-month, otherwise it was a case of sunny mornings and cloudy afternoons.

**August 2021:** A cool, exceptionally dull and overcast month. The dullest August in my record (2009). However, it was also very dry with rainfall only 31% of normal. Persistent north or north easterly winds brought cloud and drizzle off the North Sea through the greater part of the month. There were no days of ‘wall to wall’ sunshine!

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



# BONFIRE NIGHT PLANS?

If you have plans to let off any fireworks on or around bonfire night (or any other time of year), many residents would greatly appreciate knowing ahead of time so that they can look after themselves, their families or their pets and livestock in advance of any displays (small or otherwise).

As a courtesy to your neighbours, please consider giving at least a weeks notice of your display by posting the time and date and general location on the village facebook page, or by letting a member of the parish council know so that they can circulate the information on your behalf.



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## Face to Face (Being together)

Perhaps in our modern world, communication has never been so efficient and immediate. We have the opportunity to communicate using the telephone, emails, text, etc, which means we can message people almost instantaneously anywhere in the world! There is no doubt that this has been amazingly useful, especially during the pandemic and lockdown. However I feel that the 'written word' can never be a substitute for 'face to face' communication. The problem with the written word can be on emphasis! I remember a time in my teaching career at the local College, when sending emails to other members of staff was still quite a novelty! On one occasion I sent an email to a friend and working colleague to which I received a very curt reply which enquired "whatever did I mean by sending him such an insulting email!" I was really quite shocked and puzzled, until I read the email again, and realised that it could be read with an entirely different emphasis. So I went to see him face to face in his office, and read the email to him with the correct emphasis, which sometimes can only be spoken rather than written.

These last few weeks it has been a real joy for me to return to church to meet people face to face, and at last being able to sing together! We have perhaps learned during the height of the pandemic, that meeting together and meeting face to face has become an important aspect of who we are. I remember some years ago trying to encourage a person to come along to church and meet up with others. He replied that "he did not need to go to church to be a Christian" which in many respects is true, but then I was reminded of a lovely story I read where in fact the characters meet face to face but where actually no words were spoken. Here is the story -

A member of a church, who had previously attended services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks the minister decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The minister found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for the minister's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a big chair near the fireplace and waited. The minister made himself comfortable but said nothing.

In the grave silence, he contemplated the play of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the minister took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all on its own. Then he sat back in his chair still silent. The host watched all this in quiet fascination as the lone ember's flame diminished. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. Just before the minister was ready to leave, he picked up the cold dead ember and placed it in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow once more with the light and warmth

of the burning coals around it. As the minister reached the door to leave, his host said, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I shall be back in church next Sunday."

## **Hepworth Recreation Ground Management Committee needs an Auditor!**

We need an annual audit for our very simple accounts - we can provide computerised or hard copy print outs - some accounting knowledge would be an advantage but not strictly necessary.

Our year end is 31st March so the annual work would need to be completed by the middle of April each year

If you can help, please contact Marjorie MacPherson on 01359 250366 or email [marjoriemm49@hotmail.com](mailto:marjoriemm49@hotmail.com)

## **Hepworth Village Hall**

Hepworth Village Hall is open for bookings.

The Hall has an equipped kitchen with a serving hatch, shower rooms, toilets, tables and chairs.

There is large recreation field with an outdoor Children's play area.

Are you interested in setting up a regular hobbies / fitness club, parents and toddlers group, youth club or social event? We would like to hear from you.

Discounts for regular bookings of two or more per month. Support your village hall, use it or lose it.

Volunteers for fundraising events always welcome.

<b>Time slots</b>	<b>Hepworth</b>	<b>Non-Residents</b>
9am to 12pm	£24	£30
2pm to 5pm	£24	£30
7pm to 11pm	£32	£40
All day rate	£80	£100
Hourly rate	£8	£10

For further information, enquiries and bookings please email [pavilionhepworth@gmail.com](mailto:pavilionhepworth@gmail.com)

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**Hepworth Pavilion and Recreation Ground**  
Church Lane, IP22 2PU



Time	Residents	Non-residents
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1400 - 1700	£24	£30
1900 - 2300	£32	£40
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## **Sunshine on a Cloudy Day (I got sunshine on a cloudy day)**

Dear Reader,

Firstly I must apologise for the lack of scarecrow outside our house for this annual 'funfest'. Unfortunately he got pinged and had to go into isolation! There again, isn't that just what this pandemic has done to us, made us afraid to mix with other people? Luckily, the rest of the scarecrow fraternity obviously tested negative, were double jabbed and positively extrovert to boot. Holey Moley, even the moles were getting in on the act.

This year the scarecrows were even better than ever before, which is saying something as the standards were already high. Coupled with a family picnic day it brought the village together, with new faces to meet, which is what these events are all about. Nobody cared about the lack of sunshine, Hepworth was back in business, thanks to the efforts of our caring Parish Council. Mick The Baker and his group provided the main entertainment, which with a huge bouncy castle for the kids was just what the doctor ordered. Half way through the afternoon, a super draw with prizes donated by the Parish Councillors themselves was held. The proceeds being split between the P.C. for topping up future village events and the British Heart Foundation. All enjoyed by families with well behaved children and equally appealing dogs.

Last of the Summer Wine this may have been, and some of the cast looked like they may have had a few sips, luckily there was an arresting character on hand to ensure everything finished well. The great thing about these events is the contribution made by youngsters and Chloe Peters won the children's prize with Matilda and Pirate Jim Lad, complete with an impressive piece of prose. The Iron Man demonstrated that he wasn't ready for the scrapheap yet and took third prize. Walking the Dog earned second place, which left Steph Arnold's All Potted Out! to carry off the Worzel Gummidge Cup for the second year running. Congratulations Steph!

A big THANK YOU to all who organised and took part for the third time, and yes, right at the end we did get all of about five minutes sun. It's a pity the scarecrows couldn't hang about for longer, but with the winter wheat soon to be sown they have a busy time ahead.

Keep on socialising,

Russell K. with help from Tina.

PS. It would be remiss of me not to mention our recent sad loss of lovely, lovely Una Stubbs, the definitive Aunt Sally. Both at once beguiling and exasperating!  
Poor old Worzel never stood a chance!

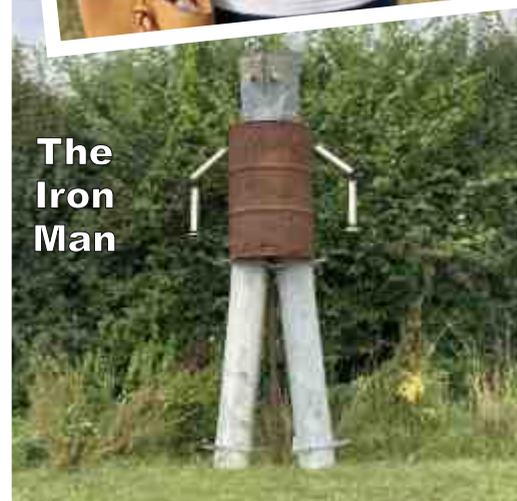
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