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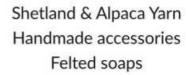














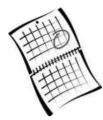
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What's On?

This is what we know about at the moment. Please share any other events you have planned, or that you hear about. Send them to hepworthherald@gmail.com

Hepworth Art Group	Every Mon @1000-1300 » Hepworth Pavilion
Hepworth Angels	Every Mon @1930 » Hepworth Pavilion. p8
Hepworth Coffee Morning	1st & 3rd Thu @1030 » Hep. Pavilion. p8
Village Service	6th October@0930 » St Peter's
Suffolk Mobile Library	10th October@1540 - 1605 » See p7
Hepworth Quiz Night	11th October@1930 » Hep. Pavilion. See p24
Parish Council Meeting	17th October@1945 » Hep. Pavilion
Holy Communion	3rd November@0930 » St Peter's
Suffolk Mobile Library	7th November@1540 - 1605 » See p7
Pudding Club	9th November@1930 » Hep. Pavilion. See p19
Parish Council Meeting	21st November@1945 » Hep. Pavilion
Hepworth Christmas Lunch	10th December@1200 » Hep. Pavilion. p23

Events in Hepworth?

Many village events are supported by **Hepworth2Enjoy**. This is an engaged, friendly collective of Hepworth villagers who come together to put on village events and to help others put on village events, providing people-power, experience, and bags of enthusiasm! We now have a small budget to help. Please contact Clare (250 660)

Do you have a new neighbour?

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

It can be found on the Village Website at http://hepworthvillage.co.uk

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Speed Indicator Devices

Device No. 1 at A143 end of The Street 63 days from 25/07/2024 to 26/09/2024.

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

Total number of vehicles:- 29876

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- 28.5mph

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- 8100 (27.11%)

No. of incidents 40mph and above:- 335 50mph and above:- 8

Highest speed recorded:- 63mph

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

Total number of vehicles:- 23104

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- 29.4mph

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- 9159 (39.64%)

No. of incidents 40mph and above:- 512 50mph and above:- 13

Highest speed recorded:- 61mph

Device No. 2 at Barningham end of The Street

63 days from 25/07/2024 to 26/09/2024.

Vehicles arriving into village from Barningham:

Total number of vehicles:- 28072

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- 25.4mph

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- 3917 (13.95%)

No. of incidents 40mph and above:- **81** 50mph and above:- 1

Highest speed recorded: 52mph

Vehicles **leaving** the village towards Barningham:

Total number of vehicles:- 30028

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- 25.7mph

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- **4726 (15.74%)**No. of incidents 40mph and above:- **168**50mph and above:- **9**

Highest speed recorded:- 61mph

Speedwatch Along The Street:

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



Hepworth

News

WATCH

Speedwatch

July 2024: 3 sessions 9 vehicles logged max speed = 47 mph Aug 2024: 3 sessions 5 vehicles logged max speed = 40 mph

We would like to welcome Gerry Stannard, Louise Robinson and Paul Kerswell to the Team.

Letter from the Rectory this month by Lay Elder Ken Smith

I wonder if you have ever sat down and really thought about what you are worth? I don't mean financially, I mean as a human being? If we are honest with ourselves there are times when we can feel unimportant and even a bit worthless. It can happen as the nights draw in that we can feel a bit 'down'.

A lecturer once began his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill in front of a crowd of 200 and asked: "Who would like this \$20?" As you might expect all 200 hands went up. He then screwed the money up in his hand and asked "Who still wants it?" and all the hands shot up again. Then he dropped it on the ground, stamped on it and displayed the note crumpled and dirty. He then asked the same question and got the same response. He stared out at his audience and said:

"I have just showed you a very important lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it. That was because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, life crumples us and grinds us into the dirt. We make bad decisions or deal with difficult circumstances. We feel worthless. But no matter what has happened, or what will happen, you will never lose your value. You are special – Don't ever forget it!"

It was quite a moving, motivational talk. However, the Bible tells us much more than the speaker did. It tells us why we are special. We learn that when the world was created we were made in God's image. As the Psalmist put it: "You created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb". We are also precious to God because of what we cost Him! He sent his son to pay the price of our wrongs. Finally, we learn that by faith we can become the children of God, which means he will adopt us as our father. That shows the true love he has for us.

So as winter begins and the nights grow shorter, if you feel a bit down and uncertain about your worth, remember this good news. Look in a mirror and remind yourself that you were made in the image of God, bought by Him and through faith you are, or can be, adopted by Him. Then tell yourself that you really are valuable to God and that He loves you!

God Bless

Ken

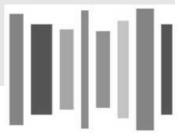
SUFFOLK

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

Half Moon, The Street between 1540 and 1605

The coming village visits will be on 10th October and 7th November.

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



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Hepworth coffee morning



On the first and third Thursday of each month at 1030 -1200.

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Just £3 a session.

Hepworth Angels



Are singing with great gusto every **Monday at 19:00** in the **Village Hall**. No auditions - just come and sing! All abilities welcome.



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

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





We are a local, informal, friendly garden club. Green Fingers meetings are held at Hinderclay Village Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm in the evening. Annual membership subscription is £15 and our monthly meeting fees are £3 for members (and £5 for non-members) with refreshments

included. You would be most welcome to join us.

16th October - AROMATHERAPY PLANTS: The smell of good health By Dr Gwenda Kyd from Cambridge

20th November - GARDENING IN EAST ANGLIA

By Tom Hoblyn, local garden designer + much, much more.

For more information, ring Val Hobson: 01359 251977

PASSION FOR PIGEONS - Part 4

Sundays were a day of rest for the pigeons left to do whatever they wanted.

Bath put down and doors left open all day. Way back when we had no hawk problems that we have today. Sunday morning I would put my eldest son in his pushchair and visit a couple of local pigeon fanciers and talk about Saturdays race and various other pigeon topics. I was gone all morning and only went home when the little fella got hungry.

One Sunday the chat got on to the subject of cats. Now remember this happened over 40 years ago. My mate Jimmy was having problems with a cat that was tormenting his birds. Every time he went out to his lofts the next door neighbours cat was either sitting on top of his lofts or hanging on the front. Now for pigeons to race successfully pigeons have to feel safe in their environment. Jimmy was at his wits end no matter when he went into his garden there was the cat. He had a Jack Russell that was getting on in years so was no real deterrent.

Jimmys solution was to catch and take it on a road trip. The cat was duly caught and put in a box and taken about 30 miles away. His pigeons were basketed and taken as well to his favourite training spot. Pigeons released and Jimmy watched them disappear towards London. A quick scan round to make sure no one was watching he released the cat into the undergrowth thinking it was a long way for a cat to find it's way home and would probably find a new home in the locality.

For the next few weeks Jimmys pigeons started to win races and settle down to their cat free location. About 6 weeks later Jimmy was in his garden tending to his pigeons when his neighbour popped her head over the garden fence and after asking Jimmy how his pigeons were doing enquired "You train your pigeons from Bishop Stortford. Don't you"? To which Jimmy replied "Yes I go there quite often"

"Would you do me a favour" the neighbour asked. "Of course" replied Jimmy. "Would you pick my cat up - it's been found there" The lady asked with no mention of how she thought it got there but knew full well. What could Jimmy say but "Yes next time I train my pigeons". Jimmy racked his brains on how it had got reported until he handed the cat back to his neighbour. As she got it out of the box there it was for Jimmy to see. He had left the identification tag around the cats neck!

I can't remember if it continued to harass Jimmys pigeons or if the neighbour ever mentioned it again.

Until next time...



Save our Bus Service

Simonds bus Company announced that they are axing or reducing some of their bus routes due to economic viability. From 1 st of September the 304 bus no longer stops on The Street in Hepworth, but only stops opposite The Street junction on the A143. Suffolk County Council have said they will use government funding until 27 th December to ensure that the 337 and 338 bus service continues in its current form. Further subsidising from them will be available from April 2025.

Hepworth Parish Council are aware of how these cuts are affecting some of the residents and we are particularly concerned about the safety of residents having to walk on a poorly lit road, without pavements to reach the A143 bus stop.

Therefore we are asking all residents to complete a survey to find out how many people rely on these buses. We will be posting the survey through your door in the following week. The information will be fed back to the local Save our Bus Service campaign. You can obtain more copies of the survey by emailing the Parish Council clerk on hepworthpc@outlook.com

Please return your completed survey to Bakery Cottage, Church Lane (Yellow cottage) by 7th October.

HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HEPWORTH PAVILION - THURSDAY 18 JULY 24 @ 19.30

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Andy Osman (Parish Clerk) (AO), County Cllr Joanna Spicer (JS), District Cllr Carol Bull (CB)

24/77 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None declared.

24/78 APOLOGIES: None.

- 24/79 JAYNIC BRIEFING SHEPHERDS GROVE: Tumi Hawkins from the Community Communications Partnership attended the meeting to act as a 'bridge' between the Hepworth community and Jaynic. She reported that there was a 'clean slate' after the recently refused planning application and was present to listen to community ideas about any future development. The Chair highlighted the historical engagement by the village on Jaynic's previous plans, over 100 attended a public consultation event. It was confirmed that the Shepherd's Grove site is allocated for employment in the local plan and a new Masterplan will be developed. The Community Communications Partnership will return to engage with the Parish Council or community in the future if needed.
- 24/80 PUBLIC FORUM: Jaynic Shepherds Grove. Members of the public highlighted the following areas of concern in relation to any future Jaynic development:
 - Sustainable Use. An example of sustainable use at Euston Estate was given that used a newly planted hardwood forest to provide materials for local manufacturing. Solar panels were also mentioned.
 - Traffic. Any new development should avoid increases to HGV traffic.
 - Flooding. Any development should not increase flood risk in the village.
 - Environment. The existing countryside and open spaces should be protected from light and noise pollution. Fast food outlets were not wanted.

It was highlighted that the significant number of previous representations to the refused Jaynic planning application reinforce areas of concern and that Jaynic should report back what they have learnt from these to demonstrate these concerns have been heard.

24/81 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO BOTH DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS: JS reported the following: Weston Lane. This was still waiting for the weather to improve.

ANPR Figures. The figures from the recent Suffolk County Council ANPR camera were available but these did not capture all vehicle speeds. It was agreed that the Clerk would seek SID data for the same week and then share both sets of figures.

Streetlight. The broken streetlight on The Street is still awaiting water

levels in the ditch to lower to allow UK Power Networks to repair the power

supply.

CB reported the following: Duke of Marlborough Planning Application. After the Parish Council's support of this application, this will now go to the West Suffolk Council Development Control Committee for consideration.

Equation. It is understood that Equation will be submitting a full planning application for temporary use of their site following the recent refusal of the Jaynic planning application. This will come to the Parish Council for formal comment.

Change in Grant Scheme. The Community Chest is now called the Thriving Community Fund and is available at 2 levels: Community Grants (£2 to £8k) and Larger Grants (£8 to £20k). Smaller grants will still be available via the locality councillors fund.

- 24/82 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 24 had been previously circulated and it was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meetings. County Cllr Spicer and District Cllr Bull left the meeting at 8.45pm
- 24/83 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: The Chair confirmed all actions from the last meeting had been completed, less the following matters arising: Minute 24/68 20 June 24: SID Data. The Clerk reported he was still awaiting SID data from April/May 23 and April/May 24.

Minute 24/74 20 June 24: Lighthouse Women's Aid. It was agreed that the Clerk would place a poster on the Parish Council noticeboard.

- 24/84 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: a. Finance Report. The meeting noted the finance report (current account balance £10,174.78, savings account balance £7,000.00 and the projected outturn at the end of the FY of approx. £3,800 current account and £7,000 savings account). The following payments were authorised: None
 - b. Extension of Lease for Recreation Ground. The meeting agreed to amend the lease to include a mutual break option every fifth anniversary of the term and add the exclusion of security of tenure provisions. The Chair and LR agreed to be signatories on behalf of the Parish Council.
 - c. Events Noticeboard. The pre-production proof of the events noticeboard was agreed and the Clerk was to progress with the order as previously authorised.
- 24/85 PLANNING MATTERS: West Suffolk Council Response. The meeting noted West Suffolk Council's response to the Parish Council's concerns over the management of DC/22/2190/HYB. After discussion of many gaps and potential inaccuracies in the response, it was agreed that the Parish Council should meet with West Suffolk Council to clarify these. The Chair and Vice Chair agreed to represent the Parish Council along with a member of the public who had attended both Development Control Committee meetings. The Clerk was to arrange a date for this face-to-face meeting with West Suffolk Council. The Clerk also agreed to confirm any advice for councillors to assist with the meeting.

- 24/86 HIGHWAYS MATTERS: It was agreed that the following highways issues would be reported on the Suffolk County Council Highways Reporting tool:
 - Visibility at junction of The Street/North Common would be reported by the Chair.
 - State of the pavement alongside the A143 would be reported by LR.
 - Visibility at Clay Lane junction would be reported by HW.
- 24/87 CORRESPONDENCE: West Suffolk Council Taxi Survey. The meeting noted the West Suffolk Council Taxi Survey.
- 24/88 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN: a. Dog Bins. It was agreed that the Clerk would investigate the cost of West Suffolk Council taking over responsibility for the 4 dog bins currently emptied by volunteers. The Chair agreed to confirm location with the Clerk.
 - b. Bus Shelter. The Chair reported that a section of wood required replacing before the new perspex window could be reinstalled.
- 24/89 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 12 September 24 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Andy Osman, Parish Clerk

21 July 24

HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HEPWORTH PAVILION - THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 24 @ 19.30

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Andy Osman (Parish Clerk) (AO), County Cllr Joanna Spicer (JS), District Cllr Carol Bull (CB)

Twelve members of the public were also in attendance

24/90 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None declared.

24/91 APOLOGIES: None.

- 24/92 PUBLIC FORUM: a. Change to Bus Service. CB confirmed that Simmonds Buses had changed their service going through Hepworth for commercial reasons. This has resulted in the bus no longer serving The Street and only the A143 stop. Suffolk County Council have provided short term funding until December. A task group has been set up between County, District and local Parish Councils to promote use of local buses and help to create a solution to retain a bus service for local communities in the future. There is no change to school buses for pupils at catchment schools. The meeting heard examples of young people now having to walk along unlit roads with no footways to buses in Barningham or the A143.
 - b. Planning. A member of the public highlighted issues with planning applications:
 - New Access from The Street. The new access built from The Street close to the A143 junction was mentioned. CB reported that West Suffolk Council Enforcement Officers had visited the site and spoken to the new owner who planned to use the field for grazing horses. West Suffolk Council were still Page 13

reviewing whether the new access was permitted development.

• Glamping Pod. The application for the Glamping Pod (DC/24/0437/FUL) had new information from a consultant that had not been considered by the Parish Council. CB agreed to investigate this with planning officers and clarify whether the application was going to be reconsulted.

24/93 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO BOTH DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS: CB reported the following: Dumping of tyres. An increase in

tyre dumping in the local area had been noticed.

Local Plan. Inspectors are currently examining the West Suffolk Local Plan and it was expected that the Plan Hearing would take place in December/January.

Recycling. Changes to kerbside recycling will come into place in 2025 and 2026 following changes to government requirements. The changes will

introduce glass collection and food waste.

24/94 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 24 had been previously circulated and it was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meetings.

County Cllr Spicer arrived at 7.55pm

24/95 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: The Chair confirmed all actions from the last meeting had been completed, less the following matters arising:

Minute 24/81 18 July 24: SID Data. The Clerk reported he had circulated the SID/ANPR data comparison at the start of the meeting and would attach to the minutes. The analysis indicated that there had been no real change is speeds following the introduction of the traffic calming measures but that average speeds were below 30mph. It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to monitor speeds through the village.

Minute 24/84 18 July 24: Events Noticeboard. GB reported that the events noticeboard had arrived and would be erected next to the Parish Council noticeboard before Xmas.

Minute 24/85 18 July 24: Face to Face Meeting with West Suffolk Council. GB confirmed that a meeting with West Suffolk Council had been arranged for 19 Sep 24 to discuss concerns about how the Jaynic application at Stanton was dealt with; GB and NB were attending and would report back at the October meeting.

JS reported the following: Weston Lane. The resurfacing work was now planned to take place before the end of the month.

Hopton Primary School. Recruitment of a new Headteacher was still

ongoing.

24/96 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: a. Finance Report. The meeting noted the finance report (current account balance £8,000.13, savings account balance £7,000.00 and the projected outturn at the end of the FY of approx. £3,800 current account and £7,000 savings account). The following payments were authorised: Hepworth Hall Hire £72.00; Gallagher Insurance £446.83; Clerks Salary & Exps £964.84. NB agreed to provide 2nd bank authorisation.

b. Dog Bins. The meeting agreed to keep dog and litter bins collected by West Suffolk Council unchanged.

24/97 PLANNING MATTERS: DC/24/0864/FUL. The meeting noted that this Page 14

application had been withdrawn and no longer needed commenting upon.

DC/24/1140/HH and DC24/1141/LB. The meeting agreed to supported these applications.

DC/24/1073/FUL. The meeting noted the following:

- The nature of the proposed storage is not specified and thus an assessment of visual and lighting impact cannot be made. There could be a significant visual impact with the proposed storage height of up to 15m.
- The basis of the traffic assessment is not understood and proposes to use the existing junction onto Summer Rd which is a known road safety hot spot.
 - The number of jobs does not provide much local economic benefit.

• The expired masterplan is still being used to support the application.

It was agreed to OBJECT to the application on the above grounds and to indicate that visual impact could be reduced by a condition limiting storage to 5m in height. General Planning. The meeting was concerned that planning applications seemed to be left without resolution, and this was unsettling for the local community. CB agreed to discuss this issue with planning officers.

24/98 HIGHWAYS MATTERS: Lighting Column. The meeting agreed to recommend that the unserviceable lighting column on The Street, due to a power issue, was relocated next to the village sign.

24/99 CORRESPONDENCE: Barningham Neighbourhood Plan Consultation. The meeting agreed not to provide any comment to the consultation.

Buses. In addition to Minute 24/92, it was agreed that LR would join the Save Our Buses task group as the Parish Council representative. The meeting discussed how the bus issue could be highlighted locally through an item in the Herald and potentially letter drops.

County Cllr Spicer and District Cllr Bull left the meeting at 9.20pm 24/100 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN: Signpost. LR highlighted a fallen signpost and agreed to report this on the Highways Reporting Tool.

24/101 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 17 October 24 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.27 pm.

Andy Osman, Parish Clerk

18 September 24

Planning issues discussed above:

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

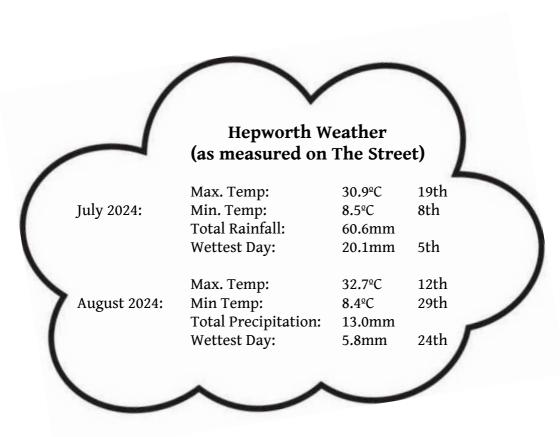
DC/24/0437/FUL - Land West Of Birchwood Farm, Church Close

DC/24/0864/FUL - Hawthorns, North Common - WITHDRAWN

DC/24/1140/HH - Meadow Farm, North Common

DC/24/1141/LB - Meadow Farm, North Common

DC/24/1073/FUL - Shepherds Grove Industrial Est., East Sumner Road



July 2024: Very unsettled first half of the month with frequent cloud, rain/drizzle. Drier and much warmer second half with two short-lived 'hot' spells. Overall, temperatures were about average, but rainfall was 127% of normal.

August 2024: A warm, very dry month with precipitation only 18% of average. There were some local thundery showers but no 'downpours' here. The average maximum temperature for the first 15 days of the month was 26.5C. Unusually windy on the 23rd due to 'Storm Lilian' with a gust of 44 mph.

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

TRAVELS DOWNUNDER - A REMINISCENCE Part 22

The explorers have been at the one of the most beautiful spots they had visited, at Cape Tribulation...

Our previous chapter left off with us at Cape Tribulation in Far North Queensland, one of the most beautiful places we had so far visited. By now we knew we were beginning to run short of time to complete our circumnavigation of Australia so reluctantly we had to leave and start to head south. Going further north would not have been an option anyway because back then in 2006 Cape Tribulation was about as far north as any useable roads went. To access the rest of Cape York Peninsula would require a much more rugged caravan than we had as it was all dirt roads and sometimes no roads at all.

So we headed south to Cairns, one of the largest cities in Far North Queensland and the place which many people visit as one of the best places to access the Great Barrier Reef. We spent a day snorkelling over the reef and it was absolutely stunning. The colours were amazing

and I even managed to swim alongside a huge greenback turtle.

We also took a day trip aboard a vintage train which winds its way up the mountain behind Cairns and takes you past waterfalls and crosses gorges and ends up in the town of Kuranda. We came back down the mountain on the Skyrail, an overhead cable car which goes just above the treetop canopy of the tropical rainforest which covers the mountainside. Another unforgettable experience.

From Cairns we headed inland and after a couple of stops bush camping we ended up in the town of Charters Towers, a really nice town, whose origins like so many inland towns and cities in Australia was founded on the discovery of gold. For a time it was one of the most productive gold producers in the country but by the early twentieth

century it became uneconomical and production dried up.

From Charters Towers we carried on further inland south westwards and reached Longreach, the town where the Australian airline Qantas was founded. Qantas is one of the worlds oldest airlines and gets its name from the acronym Queensland And Northern Territory Aerial Services.

Longreach is also home to the Stockman's Hall of Fame, which despite our misgivings over why such a thing even existed was actually

a really worthwhile and interesting place to visit.

Leaving Longreach we struck out due east passing through Barcaldine, Jericho, and Emerald where we turned south to Takarakka which stands at the entrance to Carnarvon Gorge. We had been recommended to come here as the gorge is a truly wonderful scenic area and a hike through the gorge is a must. It is also physically quite demanding if, like us, you try to go right to the end and back again all in one day. But we did just that and were richly rewarded by some fabulous scenery including aboriginal rock art thousands of years old and some rare plants, like 2,000 year old cycads and tree ferns. An amazing place.

to be continued......



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.

Thank you.

HEPWORTH CHARITIES

Any pensioner who has 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 applicants.

Closing date: Friday, 22nd November 2024

Linda Walsh

Tel: 01359 250014

The Hepworth Pudding Club

November 9th at 7pm Hepworth Pavilion

Come and enjoy a selection of delicious puddings, with lashings of cream and custard for only £10 a head or £5 if you contribute a pudding.

For more details or to book places, phone Jane on 07762 549 963



Letter to the editor

Thank you to all the volunteers who sat in Hepworth
Church during the "Ride + Stride" for the Suffolk
Historical Churches Trust, on the 14th September. There
was a huge amount of support - we were the only church with a
different volunteer for every hour of the day, so thank you to all who
came out and supported the walkers and cyclists. Perhaps a few more
people would like to get sponsored next year? You can nominate St
Peters and half the money you raise comes to Hepworth church!
Many thanks again!

Heather Shelley

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