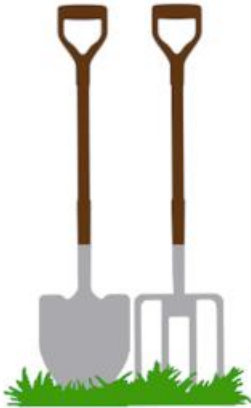


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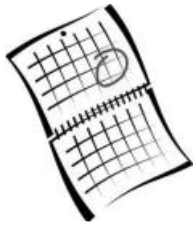
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What's On?

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
Village Voices	Every Mon @1900 » Hepworth Pavilion
Hepworth Coffee Morning	1st & 3rd Thu @1030 » Hep. Pavilion. p14
Suffolk Mobile Library	14th August@1545 - 1600 » See p4
Village Service	7th September@0930 » St Peters
Suffolk Mobile Library	11th September@1545 - 1600 » See p4
Hepworth Art Exhibition	20th & 21st Sept.@1030 - 1630 » See p13
Parish Council Meeting	25th September@1930 » Hepworth Pavilion

Events in Hepworth?

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



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>

SUFFOLK LIBRARIES

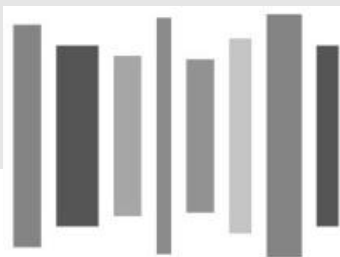
Did you know about the Suffolk Mobile Library Service?
It visits Hepworth every 4 weeks on a Thursday, and stops at:

Half Moon, The Street between 1545 and 1600

The coming village visits will be on

- 14th August
- 11th September

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



GREEN FINGERS
Garden Club

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.

20th August - GREENHOUSE GARDENING TECHNIQUES

by Geoff Hodge

SUMMER FLOWER, FRUIT & VEG SHOW + AGM

17th September - CACTI & SUCCULENTS

by Barry Gayton

+ much, much more.

For more information, ring Val Hobson: 01359 251977



Dear friends,

As we move into August the lanes are edged with wildflowers, the bees are humming in the churchyard, and the days are lengthening into those beautiful light evenings that feel like a gift. Summer is here.

In one of my favourite films, *You've Got Mail*, Meg Ryan's character says, "Don't you think daisies are the friendliest flower?" I love that line and I love daisies, especially the beautiful ox-eye daisies that are all around us at the moment. They remind me that some of life's deepest joys are the simplest: the daisies nodding in the fields, children laughing in the sun, a good conversation with a friend under a shady tree.

Summer can be a time when life slows down a little... though I know for some it can still feel busy, with children at home, the garden needing constant attention, visitors arriving, and many of us looking after loved ones. But whether you are off on a grand adventure or enjoying time close to home, I pray this summer brings moments of real rest and refreshment for each of us.

The Bible reminds us that rest is not just a human need, but a gift from God. Psalm 23 says: "He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside still waters, He restores my soul." How easy it is to forget to receive that restoration! We live in a world that runs faster and faster — always online, always available, always striving. And yet God calls us to a different rhythm, one where joy and rest are precious and holy things, not wasted time.

So, this summer, I encourage you whether young or old, whether surrounded by family or walking a quieter path... to claim your moments of rest. Children need unhurried time to play and wonder, families need time to simply be together and the elderly among us need space to enjoy the beauty of life at a gentler pace. And all of us need times when we are renewed in Jesus.

Come to church when you can... not out of duty but because it is one of the places where we are reminded of God's joy and love for us... where we can be reminded that God knows us and loves us beyond measure and that our lives are held in God's hands and that He delights in us as His children. And when you can't come, know that God walks with you through sunlit days and quiet evenings alike.

May this be a summer of daisies and delight, of rest and renewal, and of God given joy. Happy Summer ... God Bless



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Device No. 1 at A143 end of The Street

49 days from 01/06/2025 to 20/07/2025.

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

Total number of vehicles:- **19091**

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- **28.3mph**

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- **4890 (25.62%)**

No. of incidents 40mph and above:- **166** 50mph and above:- **2**

Highest speed recorded:- **60mph**

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

Total number of vehicles:- **13983**

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- **29.4mph**

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- **5610 (40.12%)**

No. of incidents 40mph and above:- **308** 50mph and above:- **11**

Highest speed recorded:- **57mph**

Device No. 2 at Barningham end of The Street (Working from 29th June)

21 days from 29/06/2025 to 20/07/2025.

Vehicles **arriving** into village from Barningham:

Total number of vehicles:- **11060**

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- **25.5mph**

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- **1471 (13.3%)**

No. of incidents 40mph and above:- **34** 50mph and above:- **2**

Highest speed recorded:- **55mph**

Vehicles **leaving** the village toward Barningham:

Total number of vehicles:- **11190**

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- **25.9mph**

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- **1859 (16.62%)**

No. of incidents 40mph and above:- **65** 50mph and above:- **2**

Highest speed recorded:- **57mph**

Speedwatch Along The Street:



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

May. 2025: 4 sessions 11 vehicles logged

max speed = 47 mph

June. 2025: 2 sessions 10 vehicles logged

max speed = 49 mph

**HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HEPWORTH PAVILION - THURSDAY 19 JUNE 2025 @ 1930**

PRESENT: Councillor Garry Bloomfield (GB) (Chair), Councillor Nick Bennett (NB), Councillor Louise Robinson (LR)

IN ATTENDANCE: Andy Osman (Parish Clerk) (AO)

25/62 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: GB and NB declared an interest in agenda items 8 a and b, DC/25/0700/LB and DC/25/0699/HH.

25/63 APOLOGIES: Cllrs Marjorie MacPherson, Perry Penn and Hollie Williams sent apologies which were accepted.

25/64 PUBLIC FORUM: None

25/65 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO BOTH DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS: County Cllr Spicer reported the following:

- Weston Lane. County Cllr Spicer, James Pickering (Rights of Way Manager) and Cllr Perry Penn met in May to discuss the ongoing issues. In the short term, Suffolk County Council would organise a 'pick' of the route to remove as much unsuitable material as can reasonably be removed and catalogue the surface of the route with photos. Contact will be made with the British Horse Society to organise another meeting on-site.
- Bus Shelter Bid. LR reported that she had submitted a bid for a new bus shelter on The Street near to Wood Lane. County Cllr Spicer confirmed that if successful this would be grant funded by Suffolk County Council.
- Ditch Flooding. The County Farms Manager has confirmed that the tenant farmer was responsible for clearing ditches on The Street alongside county farmland. It was agreed that LR would send County Cllr Spicer the photos of past flooding.

District Cllr Bull reported the following:• DC/24/1622/FUL. District Cllr Bull confirmed that the case planning officer was aware of Stanton Rides in relation to this application.

25/66 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2025 had been previously circulated and it was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meetings. County Cllr Spicer left the meeting at 7.58pm

25/67 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: No matters arising

25/68 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: Finance Report. The meeting noted the finance report (current account balance £8,907.77, savings account balance £7,000.00 and the projected outturn at the end of the FY of approx. £3,200 current account and £7,000 savings account). The following payments were authorised: Clerks Salary & Exps £993.40. It was agreed to seek authorisation from Cllr Louise Robinson for the payment.

25/69 PLANNING MATTERS: a. DC/25/0700/LB and DC/25/0699/HH. The

meeting was not able to resolve a position with these two planning applications due to the interests declared at minute 25/62 and the remaining number of councillors present not being quorate for decision making.

b. 'Stables' field. NB commented that the secondary legislation identified by West Suffolk Council to support permitted development at this site also included a clause that prevented development if within 25m of a metalled part of a trunk road or classified road. The meeting agreed that the legislative basis for the development remained unresolved and that the best way forward was for the Parish Council and its planning subject matter advisor to meet with the West Suffolk Council enforcement officer to clear up any misunderstanding. It was agreed that the Clerk was to email to arrange this meeting and also to seek a copy of the policy used to triage enforcement cases. It was also agreed to consider a formal complaint if the meeting request did not lead to clarification on the legal basis for development. District Cllr Bull left the meeting at 8.17pm

25/70 HIGHWAYS MATTERS: No matters discussed.

25/71 CORRESPONDENCE: None

25/72 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN: Storm Babet Flood Investigation Form.

The meeting noted the flood investigation form sent by the Suffolk County Floods Team seeking detailed information on the flooding that occurred in October 2023 to allow a statutory flood investigation to take place. It was agreed that the Clerk would complete the form in draft, using information saved at the time, ready for the next Parish Council meeting to review and agree. Any further photos, with appropriate geolocation information, should be sent to the Clerk.

25/73 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 17 July 2025 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Andy Osman = Parish Clerk

26 June 2025

Planning Matters Discussed Above

DC/24/1622/FUL - North Hall Farm, Market Weston Road

DC/25/0700/LB - The Old Rectory, The Street

DC/25/0699/HH - The Old Rectory, The Street

Hepworth Weather (as measured on The Street)

May 2025:	Max. Temp:	28.3°C	1st
	Min. Temp:	1.5°C	7th
	Total Rainfall:	17.6mm	
	Wettest Day:	6.2mm	27th
June 2025:	Max. Temp:	31.7°C	21st & 28th
	Min Temp:	7.9°C	8th
	Total Precipitation:	39mm	
	Wettest Day:	11.9mm	7th

May 2025: Another very dry, warm and sunny month with variable temperatures according to the wind direction, which were dominated by high pressure and its position. e.g. 1st - warmest day of the month (28.3°C) with wind off the land (SW). 4th - coolest day of the month (maximum 12.4°C) with wind off a cold North Sea (NE). 9th-13th - early afternoon humidity below 40%.

June 2025: A dry, sunny and exceptionally warm month. The warmest June in my record (2009) with a mean temp. of 19.1°C, +3.6°C above the average and +1.2°C warmer than the previous June record of 17.9°C in June 2023. This record was helped by some very warm nights after the first week of the month. Oppressive and muggy in a moist WSW airstream towards the end of the month.

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

Letter to the editor

The Churches sponsored bike ride and stride will this year be on Saturday 13th September from 9am-5pm. Contact Heather Shelley 07747028096 for details or collect a sponsorship form from the Church. Join us for a good cycle ride visiting many lovely churches.



Open letter from the Hepworth2Enjoy committee/group

Sadly, we had to cancel the recent Italian Evening on 28th June due to lack of numbers, despite advertising and leafleting households in the village.

The small group of us in Hepworth2Enjoy has been trying to organise events for our village to help bring us together in a range of social occasions. For example: Quiz evenings, The Sausage Supper, The French evening, The Pudding Club, An Italian evening

Unfortunately, this is not the first event we have had to cancel. Often, we are making up numbers from our own families and friends and those from other villages.

These events are planned **for our village** and intended to raise money in order to:

1. support the village Pavilion – each event scheduled there pays a hiring fee
2. help to subsidise a Christmas lunch
3. provide a social evening where villagers can meet and enjoy a range of things together

We need to enlist at least 40 people in order to make an event viable. In a village the size of Hepworth this should be achievable. We appreciate not every event will draw support all of the time.

To help us move forward and plan future events we have included here a short questionnaire. We would very much appreciate your feedback. An email contact for you to express your thoughts is through Sheila McHugh. Her email is recordeddelivery@hotmail.co.uk.

We are always looking for volunteers to assist us on these evenings and would be delighted if you were able to help out occasionally. Above all we would like to see you at future events. Kind regards from all of us in Hepworth2Enjoy.

Questionnaire

Which of the following would you like to see Hepworth2Enjoy organising ?

- Quiz evenings
- Talks – what areas of interest?
- Food evenings – e.g Sausage Supper, Pudding Club, cuisines from other countries – please outline any suggestions
- Other ideas you may have

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An appeal for help

St Peter's Church, Hepworth is one of many medieval churches in Suffolk and dates back mainly to the 14 th and 15 th century although there has been a church in the site since the Domesday Survey in 1086. It was reroofed in the late 19 th century, following a fire in the thatched roof. The church now faces a substantial challenge as the roof has begun to leak and we have been advised that it needs completely retiling. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) have set a target of £200,000 to carry out this work.

This is a very large sum for a small village such as Hepworth to raise but there are funds available from charities and organisations. Each has its own application process, which makes raising this money a time consuming process. I have agreed to lead the appeal but I am hoping to recruit a small team to support me. If you are IT savvy, can manipulate online forms and write letters, I would be very grateful for your help.

While the congregation at St Peter's is small, the church is a visible presence in the village and can be seen from a distance. It is a focal point for funerals, baptisms and weddings and sits in our peaceful cemetery. To lose the church would be a tragedy for Hepworth.

CAN YOU HELP?

Jane Duffield
PCC secretary
ejduffield@gmail.com

Hepworth Art News

Every June, artists who are affiliated to Suffolk Open Studios group, open up their studios to the public. I am always amazed at the quantity and quality of artists here in Suffolk. For the first time, in June, we opened the Hepworth Art 'studio', or rather Hepworth Pavilion. Although visitors were a little sparse, we very much enjoyed our 'Open Weekend'. It was a rather more low key in comparison to our annual Art Exhibition which this year takes place on 20th and 21st September in the Pavilion and St Peter's Church. Since the beginning of the year, topics on our quarterly programme have included a diverse range of topics from the elegance of ballet to intriguing abstract with tangles and zentangles. Another highlight in our calendar was a visit to Porter's Lodge, Cavenham where we painted 'en plain air'. We managed to find the only day in about 60 that was cooler with a little rain! It is a fascinating garden with interesting nooks and vistas around every corner place - well worth a visit.

We very look forward to welcoming you to our annual Art Exhibition on 20th and 21st September. In excess of one hundred original pieces of artwork will be displayed in the Pavilion and in St Peter's Church. Artwork will be on sale at extremely reasonable prices - though we are more than



delighted for you to spend a pleasant hour or two just browsing. Scrumptious refreshments will be available (£3 for a slice of cake or 'a something savoury' plus coffee, tea or soft drink). Also there's an opportunity to win original artwork. The popular observational 'quiz' will feature again this year. Children especially enjoy doing this quiz (sometimes with the help of others!). There is a small prize for all children taking part. Looking forward to seeing you on 21st and 22nd September in The Pavilion, Church Lane and also in St Peter's Church, Church Lane.

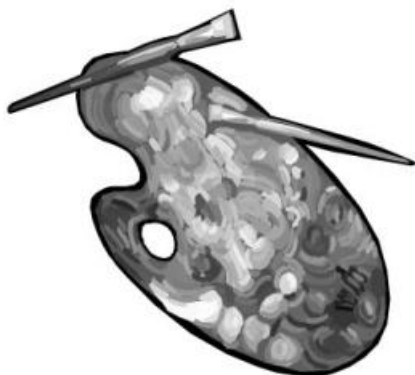
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ART EXHIBITION

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Your answers will help us understand your current travel needs and preferences and help us develop better transport solutions for you and your community.

Thank you for your time.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6BZV8VQ>

New Bus Timetable for 73A

Due to the bus arriving late to Thurston College, Support our Buses have worked closely with Simmonds bus company to improve the service and rectify this. The new timetable will take effect from 3rd Sept.

Route	73A
Garboldisham, opp Fox	7:20
Hopton, opp Chapel	7:25
Market Weston, o/s Village Hall	7:28
Coney Weston, opp Memorial	7:35
Barningham Royal George (S-bound)	7:39
Hepworth	7:44
Stanton Memorial	7:50
Bardwell, adj Green	7:58
Ixworth, adj Greyhound	8:08
Ixworth, opp Village Hall	8:10
Thurston, opp Community College Rear Entrance	8:25
Thurston, o/s Community College Rear Entrance	15:35
Ixworth, adj Village Hall	15:48
Ixworth, opp Greyhound	15:50
Bardwell, opp Green	15:58
Barningham Royal George (N-bound)	16:07
Coney Weston, opp The Swan	16:11
Market Weston, o/s Village Hall	16:18
Hopton, adj Chapel	16:21
Garboldisham, opp Swan	16:26

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