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The End

# HEPWORTH SOCIAL CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

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Remember those who gave their lives,  
Each and every one of them,  
Memories will never fade,  
Each did their best, then laid to rest.  
Men and women too young to die,  
Buy a poppy, and wear it with pride,  
Remember their sacrifice  
Always and forever,  
Never to return to their homeland,  
Coming home, never came to them,  
Enjoy your life, they have given theirs for you.



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<http://www.johnbeales.co.uk/news.htm>

## Slimming World.

Hi, anyone out there looking to lose some weight??  
Then come along and join us at Slimming World, it's all about healthy eating for all the family. We also encourage you to be more active and look at long term lifestyle changes.

Everyone is welcome whether you have a little or a lot to lose – do come along and find out more.

I'm Carol and I'm at Moreton Hall Community Centre, Bury St Edmunds on Thursdays at 9.30am, 11.30am and 6.00pm.

Tel: 01359 251866.

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# THE PARISH PLAN

You may have noticed that the Parish Council have been following up suggestions in the Parish Plan.

One of them was a place to meet and several interest groups were also mentioned.

We have decided to back up their work by inviting you to join us for coffee and a chat in the Community Hall

Between 10 am and 12 pm  
on Thursday 5 November 2009  
when we can exchange ideas.

If you are unable to come but would like to know more or need transport to get there, ring Mike or Alwyn Cathrall on 01359 253439

## Sudoku Solutions - from page 19

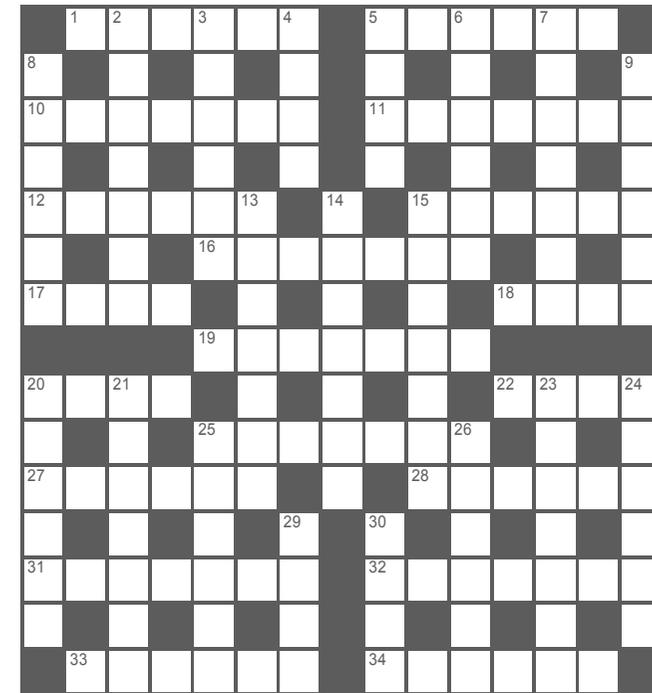
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## A FEW THINGS WORTH REMEMBERING

- The best way to get even is to forget...
- Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death...
- God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts...
- Some folks wear their halos much too tight...
- Some marriages are made in heaven, but they ALL have to be maintained on earth...
- Unless you can create the WHOLE universe in 5 days, then perhaps giving "advice" to God, isn't such a good idea!
- Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, and faith looks up...
- Standing in the middle of the road is dangerous. You will get knocked down by the traffic from both ways.
- Words are windows to the heart.
- A sceptic is a person who when he sees the hand-writing on the wall, claims it's a forgery.
- It isn't difficult to make a mountain out of a molehill - just add a little dirt.
- A successful marriage isn't finding the right person - it's being the right person.
- The mighty oak tree was once a little nut that held its ground.
- Too many people offer God prayers, with claw marks all over them.
- The tongue must be heavy indeed, because so few people can hold it.
- To forgive is to set the prisoner free, and then discover the prisoner was you.
- You have to wonder about humans, they think God is dead and Elvis is alive!
- It's all right to sit on your pity pot every now and again. Just be sure to flush when you are done.
- You'll notice that a turtle only makes progress when it sticks out its neck...
- If the grass is greener on the other side of the fence, you can bet the water bill is higher.

## Crossword 124



### Across

- 1 Commences (6)
- 5 Proposal for a course of action (6)
- 10 Needing moisture (7)
- 11 Substitute an item (7)
- 12 Racquet game (6)
- 15 Spoiled (6)
- 16 Various alternatives (7)
- 17 Certain (4)
- 18 Boundary of a surface (4)
- 19 Pleasing to the senses (7)
- 20 Next step up from string (4)
- 22 Young cow (4)
- 25 Never ending (7)
- 27 Venturesome (6)
- 28 Domain ruled by an emperor (6)
- 31 In the middle (7)
- 32 Lacking grace (7)
- 33 Coloured pencil (6)
- 34 Give help (6)

### Down

- 2 More slimline (7)
- 3 USSR (6)
- 4 Scottish Isle (4)
- 5 4840 square yards (4)
- 6 Steam is one (6)
- 7 Bound with chains (7)
- 8 Social position (6)
- 9 Leaf of a conifer (6)
- 13 Fall as snow (7)
- 14 Absolutely, completely (7)
- 15 Acquittance (7)
- 20 Cut down on (6)
- 21 Better half (7)
- 23 Type of beings (7)
- 24 Pieces of land (6)
- 25 Forceful exertion (6)
- 26 Rolls of tobacco (6)
- 29 Architectural 'map' (4)
- 30 A collection of facts (4)

Answers on page 5

## HEPWORTH FETE AND HALL HIRE

Firstly may I congratulate the organisers of the Hepworth Fete for all their effort and hard work in raising £1200 for the air ambulance and the church.

I do however feel that I have to make a comment on the remark printed in the Four Gazette last month (unsigned) from which I quote :-

*'We managed to raise the goodly sum of £1200 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance and the Church, even with the additional costs of the hire of the Village Hall and the Playing Field this year.*

Quite what is meant by this is I am not sure! Did they not have expenses last year? I suspect that the costs were far greater in the hiring of marquees, toilets etc. than the £90 charged for the use of the Village Hall and the Playing Field from Friday lunchtime.

I know from comments from some of the organising committee that they felt that the hall should have been free as they were raising money for air ambulance and the church but I hope the following will be an explanation as to why a charge was made.

The village hall was bought and paid for by the residents of the village. Apart from many fund raising activities a 'levy' was charged on the rates (agreed at a meeting in the school). The charity status was granted in 1982 and under the object framework it clearly states that the hall and playing field is and I quote:-

*'for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Hepworth'.*

Now whilst I accept that Air ambulance is a charity well worthwhile supporting I don't think it can be classified as being directly for the 'benefit of the inhabitants of Hepworth' as it is for the benefit of Suffolk as a whole so I don't think that could be a reason to offer the hall for free. There is another reason of course and that is one charity is not allowed to give to another and offering the hall free of charge would have been a gift (I did phone to confirm this).

As far as the Church is concerned it is far more difficult as I think it

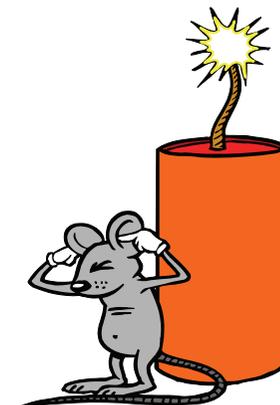
excited about something she'd seen, you can just guess which way the wind blew then....yeah right to where Marg was sitting..... and that's why we're limited to one at a time on the desk now!!!

Look out for more exciting adventures of the 'famous five' in the next edition of this magazine.

Love from Pip and Pals

**PS**

**Please remember us pets don't like Fireworks - keep us inside on the 5th November. Some people may have their fireworks on a different night so please check.**



## QUICK DRINKER

A man walks into a pub, sits down and says to the landlord, "Quick pour me twelve whiskies."

So the landlord pours him twelve whiskies and the man starts tipping them back really fast, one after another. The landlord says to the man, "Boy you are drinking those whiskies really fast."

The man says, "Well, you would be drinking really fast too if you had what I've got."

The landlord says, "Why, What've you got?"

The man says, "75p."



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well worth a look. Bill has a plan that if he starts limping around for a while then he'll get to go as well 'cept he wants to wear a wet suit and a snorkel!! Say no more.....

Management have hired a digger and dug up most of the front garden, well John did, I think Marg wanted a go but if you've seen her trying to reverse into the drive you'll understand why this was not such a good idea. I was allowed to drive though..... no hard hat for me, my head is hard enough and my ears wouldn't fit. Don't want to spoil my wonderful profile by having a puddin' basin stuck on my head!!

Anyway John's made a good job of making it look as if a couple of bombs have dropped on it. The neighbours gardens which always look good, look really good against ours now. I wondered if in the present economic climate John had gone off his rocker and started digging for oil or natural gas.....no need to dig for that as Missie's full of 'natural gas'. Good job she doesn't do that when she's swimming.....silent but deadly!!!. The mind boggles at the size of the bubble she's make when that was launched .....could be the start a tidal wave!!

Anyway Christmas is coming and its time to start shopping again. Remember last year and the trouble we had with the mail order DOGalogues, well this year I'll be shopping 'on line' on the compooter. I'm allowed on the desk, so I've been watching Management do their shopping so we'll do a 'raid' when they're in bed asleep. I'll let you know what we come up with in the next couple of months.

We're only allowed up there one at a time now. It all got a bit out of hand with five of us up on the desk. Management John had 'barricaded' his side of the desk so we couldn't get to him. Marg had no such defences so it was a 'free for all'. Five of us up there while she was trying to work on her compooter. Moll kept turning the 'number lock' on and off, Bill kept trying to catch the 'mouse', Abbi just wanted to see her reflection in the screen. I wanted to try and watch what Marg was doing and learn. Missi just wanted to lay by the window and watch the world go by, letting us know when someone crossed her 'territory'. It could be a bird, a leaf, or a bush blowing around in the wind she'd let us know. When she got really

could be classified as beneficial to the village. We do however have people in the village who are not religious and would disagree (and yes they also criticise the Parish Councils Grant to the Church). I think the Church has always 'paid its way' as far as the hall is concerned and I think that most people within the church accept this. They raise funds in their own way which I fully support and every effort is made to help. It would be difficult to offer it free of charge to a Christian Church and not to other religious groups (or non religious groups for that matter).

Finally as one of the Trustees its my duty to ensure that the hall is not run at a loss and when all is said and done we still have to pay for heating, lighting, hot water, insurance etc as well as general upkeep and maintenance. I really don't think the prices we charge are excessive.

It may be worth noting that had the fund raising been for a project within the village then the hall costs could well have been wavered. Perhaps had the residents of Hepworth got free admission (whilst others paid) then the cost could well have been reduced. It could then be justified as '*for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Hepworth*'.

I do hope this is taken as an effort to explain the situation and not as a criticism of any person or committee. I take my hat off to anyone who organises something for the village and will always try to support them. If I can be of help or give further information then please feel free to contact me.

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### Crossword Answers from page 3

**Across:** 1 Starts, 5 Advice, 10 Thirsty, 11 Replace, 12 Tennis, 15 Ruined, 16 Another, 17 Sure, 18 Edge, 19 Sweeter, 20 Rope, 22 Calf, 25 Endless, 27 Daring, 28 Empire, 31 Central, 32 Awkward, 33 Crayon, 34 Assist.

**Down:** 2 Thinner, 3 Russia, 4 Skye, 5 Acre, 6 Vapour, 7 Chained, 8 Status, 9 Needle, 13 Snowing, 14 Utterly, 15 Release, 20 Reduce, 21 Partner, 23 Animals, 24 Fields, 25 Energy, 26 Smokes, 29 Plan, 30 Data.

## Word Search - Bonfire Night

There are 33 words that could be associated with 'Bonfire Night'  
How many can you find without referring to the list on page 25




HOUSEWORK A FLOP?  
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Moll had a good idea, why don't we put on a show for her. Good idea, what it's about Moll? "We'll do the one called 'Cats' – I know a song from that one" she joyfully proclaimed.....Okey dokey..... knowing Missi's thoughts on cats, who wants to play the lead? How about it Bill?..... They then expanded this idea by deciding on auditions for the different parts (What different parts??..... Don't they know they're ALL cats!!!).

Abbi came for her audition all wrapped up in her fur coat.....what a prima donna. Wanted her own dressing room with a star on the door and a mirror with lights round it for her make up.....She'd got Molly and Bill running round after her – Bill's pretending to be her bodyguard and is doing his 'John Wayne strut' (doesn't quite work with his legs – he's got muscles like knots in cotton) but his bandy legs do look authentic!!! Molly is supposed to be her 'glamorous' Personal Assistant.....OK – she got one of Abbi's old collars on with some shiny stones still on it, it's about two sizes too big....she's got her paws on some dark glasses but when she's got them on she can't see where she's going, gets her foot caught in the oversized collar and falls flat on her face. Anyway she's a happy little soul who enjoys company and playing games. In the meantime Missie was so impressed with all this activity that she'd perked up no end and was voicing her approval.....this was before they'd even started the show!!.

Missie's been going to Meadow Farm Hydrotherapy. Now we don't have much going on in Hepworth.....no pubs, no shops, no school, no garage, no paper round BUT we do have a splendid hydrotherapy pool and treadmill for us doggies. Missie loves going for her swim there and it's doing her leg no end of good, it's now noticeably stronger and we have to keep an eye on her to make sure she doesn't overdo her other activities. Marg just has to get her swimming towels out and she's at the door in a flash, she really loves it. She's now looking through the DOGalogues (opposite to CATalogues) to see if she should wear a bikini or a speedo swimming cossie.....also looking at goggles and a towelling wrap for after her swimming sessions. Unfortunately she's been watching young Tom Daley becoming a diving champion and you can guess what she's thinking now can't you?? Seriously though if you have a doggie with a problem with lameness, joints or ligament problems you should get your vet to refer you or, alternatively, you can find them on the internet at [meadow-farm.com](http://meadow-farm.com) Missie says its



## PIPS PAGE

Hello Pip here again,

Me and Bill, Abbi and Moll have been trying to think of ideas to stop Missi getting bored.....Bill said he had a youuff (youth) project to complete because he is also thinking of becoming a 'rovering' reporter, and would like to practice his skills on Missi by interviewing her. To our surprise Missi agreed to this (she must be reeelly bored), and asked for it to be brief and impersonal, here's how it went:-

Bill's question: How old are you really?

Missi: Isn't that a personal question?

Bill: Is it???

Missi: What do you think?

Bill: What do you mean?

Missi: Don't you know it's rude to ask a lady her age?

Bill: What does rude mean?

Missi: Bad manners.

Bill: Wot??

.....At this point Missi decided to take over as the interviewer:

Missi's question: May I ask how old you are?

Bill: Yes.

Missi: Well,.... how old are you?

Bill: Not too sure.

Missi: When is your birthday?

Bill: I do know that.....

Missi: Well, .....when is it?

Bill: 1<sup>st</sup> April..

Missi: What year?

Bill: Wot??

Missi: Well, try this....what year are we in now?

Bill: Well, we're here, it's now, and it's cool..... OK?

Missi: (frustrated) This is the end of our interview.

Bill: Why???

Very trying isn't he?? Anyway Abbi had the bright idea of hiding little chews in Missie's cage so she could rattle round and find them giving her something to do. Problem being that Moll was following her as she was hiding them.....

## HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council took place on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September July 2009 at the pavilion. The meeting was chaired by Mr Stannard. Amongst the matters discussed were:

**Report from Borough Councillor** The report covered the Local Development Framework consultation events and the implications of the proposed designation of Hepworth; the forthcoming Countryside Forum; SEBC's response to the Waste Core Strategy being concerns about traffic and road usage; and the halting of the Local Government Review whilst the Boundary Committee appeals.

**Report from Community Police Officer** The report drew attention to four recorded crimes since 6<sup>th</sup> August, namely incidents of criminal damage to motor vehicles on 14<sup>th</sup> August, and the theft of a wheelbarrow.

**Ownership of Ditch behind Bus Shelter** The Clerk will confirm to Suffolk CC Highways who owns the ditch behind Willow Green bus shelter, with a view to flooding being reduced.

**Planning Application – Windy Hall, Church Lane** The application for the erection of a) a single-storey extension, including double car port to front, b) a 1½ storey extension to the side, and c) a two-storey extension to the rear (revised scheme to SE/08/0563) was considered, and no objection or observation was recorded.

**Report from County Councillor** The report covered the County Councillor's formal response on the Waste Core Strategy consultation (ie Shepherds Grove is the wrong place because of its situation) and the additional steps required before a plant could be installed (huge requirement for finance, commercial viability, and planning permissions). It also covered false allegations about planning permission for County Mulch, and possible road safety improvements to the A143 / Sumner Road junction.

**Accounts for Payment** It was agreed to make payments to the Clerk for her salary and expenses, to the internal auditor for the 2008-09 audit, and to the insurers for the 2009-10 premium.

**External audit of 2008-09 Accounts** Additional information required by the external auditor was agreed and the documentation duly signed.

**Clerk's Report** The report covered options for three-month notice interest-bearing bank accounts, next steps regarding a safe code of practice for risk assessment and accident investigation, quotations received for the clearance of vegetation from the bus shelter outside the Half Moon, the proposed revised timetable for the mobile library service, how the informal public meeting regarding the Waste Core Strategy consultation would be handled, and insurance quotations received.

**2012 Diamond Jubilee** As the Parish Council had backed Silver Jubilee and VE Day events and as the Social Club has little financial support, the next meeting will consider whether to offer backing for any Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

**Bank Account at Barclays** It was agreed that the bank signatories should be reviewed annually, when Parish Council representatives to other organisations are elected.

**Parish Action Planning Items** It was agreed to hold a police open morning on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October for all villagers, and to hold the next Parish Action Planning meeting on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> February.

**Overgrown Hedge in North Common** Mrs MacPherson will ask the owners to cut this back.

**Dead Elms in Church Close** Responsibility for the removal of 15-20 dead trees in the hedge is with the owner(s) of the bungalows, and can be carried out now that the crop has been harvested. It was also noted that someone had been filling up the essential drainage ditch with soil.

**Date of Next Meeting** Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm

Maggi Churchouse  
Clerk to Hepworth Parish Council

## THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to everybody who supported our ARCHIVE FILM EVENING on 10<sup>TH</sup> October. Special thanks to Eileen, Lyn, Jane, and also to Peter who spoke so eloquently.

When all the expenses were met we were left with a very pleasing £100.00 to donate to the Hand Bell Repair Fund.

Ding Dong! Clare, Tina and Russell.

### Wordsearch Word List - 'Bonfire Night'

Bangers	Flashing	Parkin Cake	Smoke
Banging	Gleaming	Party	Soup
Barrels	Glowing	Penny for the Guy	Toffee Apples
Bursting	Guy Fawkes	Pinwheels	Treason
Crashing	James I	Remember	Whizzing
Display	Jumping	Rockets	Zoom
Effigies	Marshmallows	Sausages	
Fireworks	Matches	Shooting	
Fizzing	November	Smashing	

### Solution to Beer Puzzle

After Bob takes the first four bottles, he arranges the remaining 24 bottles like this:

3 3 3  
3 0 3  
3 3 3

When he takes the next four and only leaves 20 bottles, he arranges them like this:

4 1 4  
1 0 1  
4 1 4

Simple really!!

## Food deliveries in Hepworth

This is a new page so please let me know if you offer something that's of interest

### FRESH FISH

There is a fresh fish delivery to Hepworth. Its now every Tuesday morning from around 8.30am. If you would like advantage of this service, or find out more then please ring:-

**John at Lowestoft**  
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Supermarkets that deliver using the internet (if you don't have internet access perhaps your neighbour does - you can then share any delivery costs).

#### **Asda**

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#### **Tesco**

Delivery charges from £3.00 to £6.00  
No minimum order

#### **Waitrose**

Free delivery  
Minimum order of £50.00

Don't forget that we have numerous outlets within the village selling items that we should never consider buying from a supermarket. Eggs are a classic example - free range - local and inexpensive (cheep even!!).

## HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

The planning meeting of the Parish Council took place on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at the pavilion. The meeting was chaired by Mr Stannard. Amongst the matters discussed were:

**Old Stores Cottage, Church Road** A planning application for the erection of a first floor side extension was tabled, and the Parish Council agreed to record no objection, and observed that visibility at the junction would be improved if the hedge were replaced by a low wall or set back to offer a slight splay.

**Waste Core Strategy – Final Consultation** The Parish Council asked the Clerk to draft a letter, based on the main points of concern listed below.

Transportation: Objective 3 as stated in the Strategy is “to facilitate the efficient transportation of waste throughout Suffolk”. The converse to this objective would be achieved because a) of the position of Shepherds Grove within Suffolk in relation to the main population centres, b) the road infrastructure is unsuitable and minor rural roads are already being used by HGVs (this unacceptable situation would worsen), c) the A143 should not be classified as part of the Strategic Lorry Route Network as it is single-carriageway, it has many dangerous sections and accidents, and the proposal would result in an increase in traffic, and d) there is no railway link which would be a preferred method of transportation.

Other objections to be included in the letter relate to the ambiguity about the location of the 5 hectare site; the unsuitability of having the site near the Sumner Road/A143 junction; the suitability of the site for light industry with high employment only; overall ambiguity and lack of information, making it impossible to raise valid objections; concerns about setting a precedent for additional waste-related businesses; a suggestion to consider the preferred logistical suitability of Suffolk Business Park, Bury St Edmunds; and concerns raised by villagers about transport, visual impact, health, pollution, and location.

## WASTE CORE STRATEGY REPLY

### HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL



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1<sup>st</sup> October 2009

Dear Mr Gunby

**Waste Core Strategy (Final Consultation) and Sustainability  
Appraisal – July 2009  
Shepherds Grove Industrial Estate, Stanton as a Strategic Site**

After consultation with the villagers and within a recent Parish Council meeting, Hepworth Parish Council writes to express its concerns in connection with the above consultation.

Objective 3: One of the stated objectives of the Strategy is “to facilitate the efficient transportation of waste throughout Suffolk”.

## "Dog Logic"

A wealthy man decided to go on a safari in Africa. He took his faithful pet dog along for company. One day the dog starts chasing butterflies, and before long he discovers that he is lost. So wandering about he notices a leopard heading rapidly in his direction with the obvious intention of having lunch. The dog thinks, "Boyo, I'm in deep doo doo now." Then he noticed some bones on the ground close by, and immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat.

Just as the leopard is about to leap, the dog exclaims loudly, "Man, that was one delicious leopard. I wonder if there are any more around here?"

Hearing this, the leopard halts his attack in mid stride, as a look of terror comes over him, and slinks away into the trees.

"Whew," says the leopard. "That was close. That dog nearly had me."

Meanwhile, a monkey who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the leopard. So off he goes.

But the dog saw him heading after the leopard with great speed, and figured that something must be up.

The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the leopard. The cat is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, Monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine."

Now the dog sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back, and thinks, "What am I going to do now?" But instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers pretending he hasn't seen them yet. And just when they get close enough to hear, the dog says, "Where's that monkey?"

I just can never trust him. I sent him off half an hour ago to bring me another leopard, and he's still not back!!"

## Stolen Beer

Fred, who owns a restaurant, is convinced that one of his employees is stealing bottles of beer from him. Since he is a bad businessman, he doesn't keep very good records of his inventory or his employees, so he doesn't know who is doing it. He decides to set a trap to find out who is stealing from him.

He assigns each of his employees a different night to close up shop. He then arranges the last 28 bottles of beer in a square so that each side has nine bottles, as shown below:

2 5 2  
5 0 5  
2 5 2

Fred figures that whatever day he comes in where there are no longer nine bottles to a side, he will know it was the person who closed the night before who is doing it.

Unfortunately for Fred, Bob, the thief, figures it out and manages to take four more bottles the night of his shift, rearranging the bottles so that Fred doesn't realise they're missing. Not only that, but Bob was able to take four more bottles away the next night he closed while still rearranging them to have nine bottles on each side.

How did Bob do it?

### Hepworth needs a Parish Clerk.

Sadly our present clerk is moving on to 'pastures new' so we are in need of a Parish Clerk.

If you would like more details then please contact

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Points a) to d) below demonstrate that the converse to this objective would be achieved.

- a) Position within the Suffolk: Although the proposed sites would be intended to treat waste from Suffolk, the Shepherds Grove site is close to the Norfolk border and has poor road connections to the main population centres of North and West Suffolk, especially to Stowmarket and towards Thetford.
- b) Road Infrastructure: It is a fact that HGVs are already using unsuitable, rural roads through villages for existing business. HGVs use not only the A143, but also the B1111 (Stanton to Garboldisham road). Because they cannot use the B1113 (Ixworth to Tostock road) without a special licence, HGVs also use minor roads through Elmswell and Badwell Ash. Also it is thought that heavy traffic is not permitted along the Euston section of the A1088, which means that they use the minor roads instead. Such heavy traffic, which is already unacceptable, would only worsen if a waste treatment facility were installed at Shepherds Grove.
- c) Traffic and accidents on the A143: At present, the A143 is unsuitably classified as part of the Strategic Lorry Route Network. The road is single-carriageway, and has many dangerous sections. In Hepworth, the proposal would result in an increase in traffic and accidents at an already dangerous junction of Sumner Road and the A143.
- d) Rail Access: There is no railway link which would be a preferred method of transportation.
- e) Buffer Protection Areas: It is not clear where the proposed 5 hectare site would be situated, but, if the selected site were to be at the corner nearest to the Sumner Road/A143 junction, this would leave insufficient space in which to insert any roundabouts on the A143. The proposal is ambiguous.
- g) Suitability of Industrial Estate: The site is suitable only for light industry which has a higher employment potential than a waste industry. It is unsuitable for heavy industry.

- h) Ambiguity and Lack of Information: The documentation tabled and answers received at consultation meetings make it impossible to raise specific objections because the proposals themselves are not specific or concrete. There is a fear that, if and when specific proposals are received, it may be too late to raise objections which could influence the outcome because any decision may be a foregone conclusion.
- i) Setting a Precedent for Waste Development: Once the sites have been allocated, such sites could offer an open invitation to all those who are interested in carrying out waste-related developments. Developers may see this as an open cheque to allow any such developments with very little control.
- j) Suffolk Business Park, Bury St Edmunds: St Edmundsbury Borough Council has recently circulated its Local Development Framework: Core Strategy submission Document dated August 2009 to parish councils for comment. Item 4.104 of this Strategy Document mentions the provision of a 68.28 hectare Suffolk Business Park with quality, well-serviced sites to the east of Bury St Edmunds with direct access from the A14. As this site is allocated as an employment area and is more conveniently located with good access to lorry routes, it is considered to be more suitable than Shepherds Grove, and should be considered instead.
- k) Concerns within the Village: A large proportion of the village population has objected to this proposal both individually and collectively, and the main concerns expressed by those villagers who attended an open meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September covered transport, visual impact, health, pollution, and location.

Thank you for taking account of the above comments when considering Shepherds Grove as a strategic site for a waste treatment facility.

Yours sincerely

Maggi Churchouse (Mrs)  
Clerk to Hepworth Parish Council

contributing generously with money, hampers, wine, sherry or gifts and for this we thank you. Without your support, we could not fund this lovely, friendly Christmas lunch, where people get together sometimes only at this time of the year.

We are again looking for volunteers to help with this event, as without you, we really are struggling. We need help with lifts, waitressing, taking coats, washing up, delivering prizes and cleaning the hall afterwards. If you are able to help in any way, please ring me on 250048.

*(A successful team is a group of many hands but of one mind!)*

Lastly, you do need to ring me to book your meal. Carol obviously needs to know how many meals to cook.



We are taking bookings up until Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December at the very latest but would appreciate you letting us know sooner.

We hope you will enjoy your meal in our lovely, friendly, festive atmosphere and look forward to seeing you there.

Margaret and John.

### **“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 are both of pensionable age only one payment can be made.

If you are not already on the list, and believe yourself to be eligible, could you please contact the Clerk to the Trustees:

Mrs Linda Walsh,  
“Rowan” ,  
The Street,  
Hepworth. Tel: 01359 250014.

## Over 60's Christmas Lunch

Would you believe that this is the fifteenth year for our Over 60's Christmas Lunch. This year it will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 12.00 noon for 12.30 ish!! Carol will again be cooking this for us and what a splendid job she does!



To fund this, we will again be holding a Christmas Raffle. The first prize will be £100 and the second is a giant hamper. Numerous other prizes include a microwave, DVD player etc. this will be drawn after the lunch at approximately 2.00pm, so if you would like to come along and join us for the raffle, you will be most welcome.

The raffle tickets will be delivered through your door in the near future with an address in your area where you can safely drop them off. If you have difficulties in doing this then you can ring me on 250048 and I will be only too happy to collect.



Last year, we found that several people purchased tickets by way of a donation, not wanting the prizes but wanting to contribute something towards the dinner. If you would like to do this, please put your name and the word 'donation' on the ticket, if you wish to remain anonymous – just write 'donation', add the money and put into an envelope. The fairest way we found of drawing these was to

issue one different ticket to each of those over 60's who attended the meal. If we drew one of these 'donation' tickets, we drew a corresponding ticket to those attending the lunch, and this was much appreciated by those present.

If you are new to the village and qualify on age, please do come along, you will be most welcome. The meal is free to Hepworth Over 60's. If you would like to bring a younger friend or someone from another village, the charge for the meal will be £10.00. If you need a lift, once again please ring 250048.

As usual we would be grateful for any contributions towards our raffle, we have been very fortunate in the past with many of you

## HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT AN ALLOTMENT?

With the ever increasing popularity of growing your own fruit and vegetables the need for growing space appears to be on the increase and if enough people are interested then it is the councils objective to try and acquire a suitable piece of land for allotments.

Firstly I need to find out how many people would like an allotment but, before you rush to put your name down, please take a moment to reflect on a couple of points.

How much time do you have? The standard size allotment is around 250sq metres (300sq yards) Quite a bit of land to keep dug and weed free etc. although it is sometimes possible for people to share a plot.

An allotment needs regular visits, not necessarily everyday, but watering and harvesting are things that perhaps cannot wait until next week or the week after. It is all too easy for a plot to become overgrown, not only upsetting neighbouring plot holders but of course the council.

Having put you off an allotment perhaps I should point out some of the benefits. Fresh, quality food, produced without chemicals is a joy to the taste buds and is an essential ingredient to a healthy lifestyle, also, the physical effort in producing it can be a good way to help you keep fit. Nothing can compare with the taste of your first home grown new potatoes!

So if you are interested please contact me, in writing please to:-

John Beales, 20 Church Close, Hepworth. Tel: 01359 250048

There is no obligation at this stage on either the councils or your behalf. It is merely to see if there is enough interest.

Many thanks, John

PS

Out of 44 people who said they wanted an allotment in the Parish Plan the total number that have contacted me so far is .... zero.

(See inside back cover for more on the Parish Plan)

## Swine flu vaccine rollout imminent

The swine flu vaccination programme will be rolled out over the next few weeks, say public health professionals at NHS Suffolk.

Once the vaccine has been distributed according to national plans, GP practices will contact members of the community identified as being in the priority groups by letter, inviting them to come forward for the vaccine.

The priority groups are listed below and will receive the vaccination in this order:

1. People aged over six months and under 65 years in current seasonal flu vaccine clinical at-risk groups.
2. All pregnant women, subject to licensing conditions on trimesters.
3. Household contacts of people with compromised immune systems e.g. people in regular close contact with patients on treatment for cancer.
4. People aged 65 and over in the current seasonal flu vaccine clinical at-risk groups. This does not include otherwise healthy over 65s, since they appear to have some natural immunity to the virus.

Vaccination of frontline health and social care workers will begin at the same time and will continue for as long as necessary.

Dr Brian Keeble, flu director at NHS Suffolk, said: "Although the virus has so far proved to be mild in most people, for others it has been more serious. By vaccinating these high risk groups first we are aiming to protect those most vulnerable to this virus.

"The plan is that all people in these priority groups will be invited for vaccination by their GP before the end of November – and of course, everyone can do their bit to prevent the spread of swine flu, simply by washing their hands properly and regularly."

**If you are ever unsure about a company or caller claiming to be from a utility company.** Never provide personal information, especially not your bank or banking card details

Verify the callers details including their name, position within the company they say they are working for and their contact details, so that you can check them independently

If the caller claims that you agreed to a particular advertising contract or promotion and you can't recall agreeing to such commitments, question the caller as to when and where you allegedly made such agreements and how they would be paid.

Genuine lotteries never ask for payment to process any winnings, they would not as any money you genuinely win is yours.

**REMEMBER IF IT LOOKS TO BE GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY AND UNDOUBTEDLY IS.**



Crime can not flourish in a community that cares



**Sudoku** - 1 easy - 1 not so easy (solutions on page 31)

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9				5		8		4

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	4				9	1	8	5
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Irish legend says that 'jack-o-lanterns' (or pumpkin lanterns) were named for a man called Jack who couldn't enter heaven because he was a miser – he couldn't enter hell either because he had played jokes on the devil, so he had to walk the earth with his lantern until Judgement Day.

The dressing up tradition for Halloween has European and Celtic roots. It was believed that ghosts came back to the earthly world and people thought they would encounter ghosts if they left their home so to avoid being recognised by ghosts, they would wear masks when they left their homes after dark so that the ghosts would mistake them for fellow spirits.

To keep ghosts away from their houses on Halloween people would put bowls of food outside to prevent ghosts from trying to enter.

Apparently, the biggest pumpkin in the world weighed in at a whopping 1,446 pounds at the 2004 pumpkin festival in Ontario, Canada.

## **SCAMS – THEY NEVER REALLY GO AWAY**

Suffolk Police often get contacted about the never ending scams going around, a lot of which return time and again, such as the classics "You have won on the lottery", just send us a cheque for 'X' amount to pay for the clearing fees and we will send you your winnings right away. Or "You have won a holiday", but we need you to pay the administration fees, so send in a cheque.

A particularly nasty Scam has been the telephone one, where a person has been purporting to be from BT, telling the customer that they are behind in their payments and that if they don't pay immediately over the phone by debit or credit card, they will be cut off.

The caller also asks for security questions such as your date of birth etc.

No utility company would just cut people off like that, without a number of written warnings.

## **About swine flu**

Most swine flu cases have been mild, with symptoms similar to those of seasonal flu. Only a small number of people have had more serious symptoms. you or a member of your family has a fever or high temperature (over 38°C/100.4°F) and two or more of the following symptoms, you may have swine flu:

- unusual tiredness
- headache
- runny nose
- sore throat
- shortness of breath or cough
- loss of appetite
- aching muscles
- diarrhoea or vomiting

### **Checking symptoms**

It makes sense to have a working thermometer at home, as an increase in temperature is one of the main symptoms. If you are unsure how to use a thermometer, advice is available on NHS Choices at <http://www.nhs.uk/>. If you are still concerned you may have swine flu, stay at home and check your symptoms using the online National Pandemic Flu Service: [www.direct.gov.uk/pandemicflu](http://www.direct.gov.uk/pandemicflu)

**Call your GP directly if** you have a serious existing illness that weakens your immune system, such as cancer, you are pregnant, you have a sick child under one, your condition suddenly gets much worse or your condition is still getting worse after seven days (five for a child)

### **The National Pandemic Flu Service**

This is an online service that will assess your symptoms and, if needed, provide an authorisation number that can be used to collect antiviral medication from a local collection point. For those who do not have internet access, the same service can be accessed by telephone on:

0800 1 513 513 for information  
0800 1 513 100 for treatment

## Play your Part to keep fireworks fun



As the dark nights draw in, we can look forward to seasonal events such as Bonfire Night. Traditionally, this is the time to enjoy fireworks, but increasingly they are used all year round to celebrate many occasions

While most people enjoy fireworks responsibly, in the wrong hands they can cause real misery through anti-social behaviour. Many adults and children suffer fireworks injuries either through accidents or intentional attacks.

Letting off noisy fireworks late at night with no regard for neighbours can cause distress by frightening people and pets, while a dangerous minority deliberately use fireworks to intimidate residents and damage property.

The laws against firework misuse have been strengthened to protect communities and provide more powers to tackle the problem locally. Misuse offences relate to throwing, possession and controlling when fireworks are used, and other laws regulate the supply and sales of fireworks.

Did you know?

- It is an offence to set off fireworks in public places such as parks, streets and school grounds and they should not be sold to young people.
- You cannot set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am, except on 5 November, Diwali, New Year's Eve and Chinese New Year, when the curfew is extended to 1am.
- Offences carry fines of up to £5000, or six months imprisonment and a range of anti-social behaviour orders (ASBOs) may be used to prevent fireworks misuse by persistent offenders.

Fireworks offences should be reported to your local Safer Neighbourhood Team by visiting [www.safersuffolk.org.uk](http://www.safersuffolk.org.uk) or telephoning Suffolk Constabulary on 01473 613500.

## HALLOWEEN

Ghosts & Ghouls & things that go bump in the night.....

Halloween can be harmless fun, but sometimes members of the community can become distressed by unexpected callers. Police are urging residents to display specially designed posters if they do not want to be disturbed by trick or treaters this year. Trick or treaters are asked to show respect and move on if they see one of these posters.

The posters are now available and can be downloaded and printed from the Suffolk Police website and then displayed in windows or doors of homes. These are also available from your Safer Neighbourhood Team or the front desk of your local Police Station.

<http://www.suffolk.police.uk/Crime+Reduction/halloween>

There have been instances in the past where eggs and flour have been thrown at cars etc, so a second poster is available for shops to display in windows and at tills stating that eggs will not be sold to minors.

### Advice for parents

Suffolk Police ask that if your children are to go out 'trick or treating' you, and they, abide by these simple guidelines

- Do not visit the elderly or other vulnerable members of your community - especially those displaying our "Sorry, **NO** trick or treat" posters
- You should know where they are at all times
- Knocking on strangers doors is unwise and could put them at risk
- Do not let them go trick or treating alone, organise a party with your neighbours and friends

*Thank you for your support*

So why do we do what we do on Hallowe'en night?

Halloween is one of the oldest celebrations in the world and goes back over 2000 years to when the Celts lived in Britain and is always celebrated on 31st October.