

## A FEW THOUGHTS TO LIVE BY?

Should you find it hard to get to sleep tonight; just remember the homeless family who has no bed to lie in.

Should you find yourself stuck in traffic; don't despair. There are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard of privilege.

Should you have a bad day at work; think of the man who has been out of work for the last six months.

Should you despair over a relationship gone bad; think of the person who has never known what it's like to love and be loved in return.

Should you grieve the passing of another weekend; think of the woman in dire straits, working twelve hours a day, seven days a week, for money to feed her family.

Should your car break down, leaving you miles away from assistance, think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk.

Should you notice a new grey hair in the mirror; think of the cancer patient who wishes they had hair to examine.

Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering; what is life all about, what is my purpose? Be thankful, there are those who didn't live long enough to get the opportunity.

Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities; remember, things could be worse. You could be them!!!

**Answers to Crossword 101 - you will need a mirror to read them**

Across: 8 Petulant, 9 Nether, 10 Beef, 11 Romeo, 12 Ape, 13 Dine, 14 Anorak, 15 Bays, 20 Stump, 21 Beer, 22 Behalf, 23 Goodwife, 24 Ties, 25 Wives, 26 Duck, 27 Boiler, 28 Elevator.  
Down: 1 Meteor, 2 Buff, 3 Farrow, 4 Item, 5 Endocard, 6 Tuna, 7 Beverage, 8 Vista, 9 Young, 10 Ox-bow, 11 Avulsion, 12 Software, 13 Operator, 14 Factor, 15 Role, 16 New, 17 Dial.

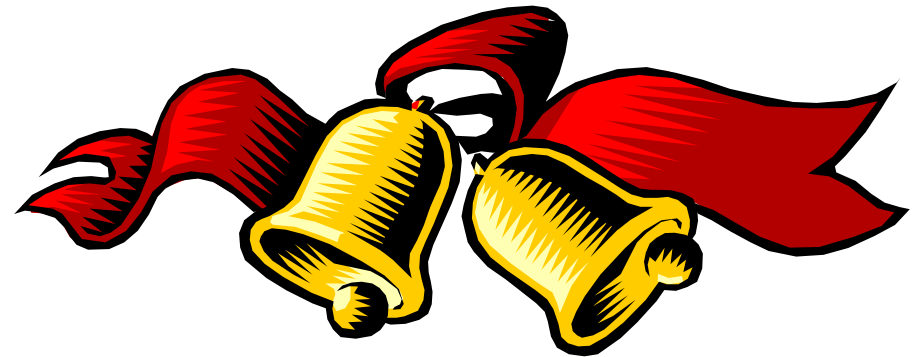
Please could you let me have letters or articles for the January edition of The Newsletter by the 20th of December - Many thanks

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# HEPWORTH SOCIAL CLUB NEWSLETTER

**Important Information inside:-**

**Over 60's Christmas Lunch  
&  
Social Club Christmas Draw**



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

## THE RETURN OF THE NEWSLETTER.

After many problems with health etc I am pleased to say that the Hepworth Social Club Newsletter is back.

You will see a few changes and the one that is immediately obvious is the change to a smaller format. Hopefully this will make it easier to handle and read.

You will notice that this issue is not carrying advertisements but I will be publishing them again in future issues. Advertisements are **free** to all residents of Hepworth but I may ask businesses to make a small donation to help with the publishing costs if a long term advert is required.

Various items are also missing but will follow in the next edition - eg Dairy Dates and the Birthdays list - but don't worry they will be back next time.

I also need your help - as usual. I need people to help with the over 60's Christmas lunch!! I don't mean just on the day. I also need help in selling the raffle tickets for the Christmas draw, which goes a long way to paying for everything. If you can help please contact me - no matter how little time you may be able to spare. I would also like your help in the distribution of this newsletter!

Finally may I take the opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

John Beales  
Hepworth Social Club



## IN CONCERT

Stevie Wonder is playing his first concert in Tokyo and the place is absolutely packed to the rafters. In a bid to break the ice with his new audience he asks if anyone would like him to play a request.

A little old Japanese man jumps out of his seat in the first row and shouts at the top of his voice "Play a Jazz chord! Play a jazz chord!".

Amazed that this guy knows about the jazz influences in Stevie's varied career, the blind impresario starts to play an E minor scale and then goes into a difficult jazz melody for about 10 minutes.

When he finishes the whole place goes wild.

The little old man jumps up again and shouts "No, no, play a Jazz chord, play a jazz chord". A bit put off by this, Stevie, being the professional that he is, dives straight into a jazz improvisation with his band around the B flat minor chord and really tears the place apart.

The crowd goes wild with this impromptu show of his technical expertise.

The little old man jumps up again. "No, no. Play a jazz chord, play a jazz chord".

Well and truly fed up that this little guy doesn't seem to appreciate his playing ability.

Stevie says to him from the stage "OK clever dick. You get up here and do it!" The little old man climbs up onto the stage, takes hold of the mike and starts to sing....

" A jazz chord to say I ruv you....."



## CRIMINAL DAMAGE? PLEASE REPORT IT!!

Due to more people reporting cases of criminal damage to property and cars – Suffolk Constabulary has been given funding for a Criminal Damage Team (CDT).

THE ONLY WAY THEY CAN WORK EFFICIENTLY IS BY RECEIVING INFORMATION FROM YOU.

They can then hot spot areas of concern and have access to an overt deployable camera, currently situated in St. Andrews St. North in Bury Town. Each time the camera is deployed a substantial reduction in crime is seen, even a complete cessation in some areas.

The public are asked to report all offences even minor ones, and offenders are encouraged to “clean the slate” so help document the incidences. Hotspot areas for car crime are all late night routes home from the town centre. Where the street lighting is poor, a camera cannot be deployed but late night patrols are aware and have increased in these particular areas. Criminal damage reports have increased by 20% and the detection rates by 26% (over target).

So – please report any cases – either call 999 if an offence is happening at the time or 01284 744100 after the event.

If you want to speak to a member of the CDT for advice or to give information call- 01284 774183 or email- [Nigel.yeates@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Nigel.yeates@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

If you have details about any crimes, then please contact your local Police Station, or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



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## OVER 60'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This will be held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at the Pavilion.

As in previous years, this will be **FREE** to all Hepworth Residents who are over 60.

A limited number of seats will be available for friends or family outside the village at a cost of £8.50.

The doors open at 12.00pm for your welcoming glass of sherry with the lunch starting at around 12.30pm (fingers crossed).

Carol Hubbard will once again be doing the catering.

**Please would you let us know if you would like to come by phoning 250048 by Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December.**

As always we are asking for help to make this day a bit special. If you can spare a bit of time then please contact us.

## A BARGAIN ?

Tired of constantly being broke and stuck in an unhappy marriage, a young husband decided to solve both problems by taking out a large insurance policy on his wife (with himself as the beneficiary), and arranging to have her killed.

A "friend of a friend" put him in touch with a nefarious, underworld figure, who went by the name of "Artie." Artie explained to the husband that his going price for snuffing out a spouse was £5,000.

The husband said he was willing to pay that amount, but that he wouldn't have any cash on hand until he could collect his wife's insurance money.

Artie insisted on being paid SOMETHING up front. The man opened up his wallet, displaying the single pound coin that rested inside. Artie sighed, rolled his eyes, and reluctantly agreed to accept the quid as down payment for the dirty deed.

A few days later, Artie followed the man's wife to the local ASDA.

There, he surprised her in the produce department, and proceeded to strangle her with his gloved hands.

As the poor unsuspecting woman drew her last breath, and slumped to the floor, the manager of the produce department stumbled unexpectedly onto the scene. Unwilling to leave any witnesses behind, Artie had no choice but to strangle the produce manager as well.

Unknown to Artie, the entire proceedings were captured by hidden cameras and observed by the store's security guard, who immediately called the police. Artie was caught and arrested before he could leave the store.

Under intense questioning at the police station, Artie revealed the sordid plan, including his financial arrangements with the hapless husband.

And that is why, the next day in the newspaper, the headline declared:

"Artie chokes two for a pound at ASDA."



## HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR POLICE DIRECT YET?

If not, please do so as soon as you can – it's not restricted to new members – anybody and everybody and register, family, friends – please pass the word around.

Police direct allows subscribers to receive specific information from the police direct to computer, mobile phone or landline.

Its so easy to register..... and it's all free

BY PHONE - 01284 774068

BY EMAIL - [www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk) and click on Police Direct icon

BY TEXT MESSAGE ON YOUR MOBILE – Text : Police followed by a space and then your postcode to 88588

### Have you 'ICE'd' your mobile phone yet?

Just to remind you that East Anglian Ambulance Service have launched a national 'In case of Emergency (ICE)' campaign with the support of Falklands war hero Simon Weston and in association with Vodafone's annual life savers award.

The idea is that you store the word "ICE" in your mobile phone address book, and against it enter the number of the person you would want to be contacted "In Case of Emergency".

In an emergency situation ambulance and hospital staff will then be able to quickly find out who your next of kin are and be able to contact them.

It's so simple - everyone can do it. Please do. Please will you also forward this to everybody in your address book, it won't take too many forwards before everybody will know about this

To find out more about ICE - type in the following website address [www.icecontact.com](http://www.icecontact.com)

DES - Designated Non-drinking driver campaign.

We have packs of beer mats, posters and leaflets to push the Christmas time anti-drink driving policy. They are free to any premises that are (or can be) licensed (halls, clubs, pubs etc.)

If you would like a pack or more info – contact Colin Clarke on 01284 774232 or email [colin.clarke@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:colin.clarke@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

## Bury Rural Sector Neighbourhood Watch



### CRIME UPDATES

**Barningham.** On Hepworth Road four straw bales were set on fire around 9pm on 22 Oct.

**Stanton.** Between 2 and 6 Nov two sheds on Glassfield Road were forced open. A rotovator was stolen from one and garden tools from the other.

Overnight 5/6 Oct three people were filmed moving heating oil out of a tank into a plastic container on Shepherds Grove Industrial Estate. One then spotted the CCTV, and they all fled leaving the oil behind.

The same night a CD player was taken from the unlocked boot of a vehicle parked in the same area.

A bench was damaged and dragged to the Community Centre on Old Bury Road at 7.45pm on 24 Oct.

Three males were recorded on CCTV stealing a skip lorry from a building in Shepherds Grove at 2.15am on 25 Oct.

Overnight 27/28 Oct a piece of plastic pipe was used to break a window of the Community Centre on Old Bury Road.

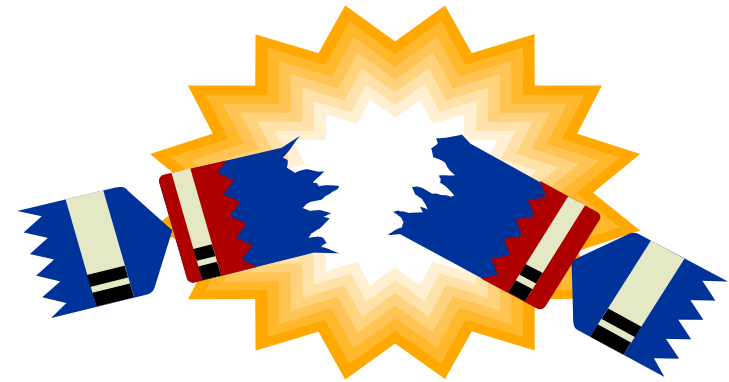
**Thelnetham.** A blue Suzuki motor bike was stolen from the back of a house on Hopton Road early on 11 Oct

The phone box on Hopton Road was broken into at 11pm 16 Oct.

### POLICE DIRECT:

In spite of new legislation totally banning hare coursing and hunting with dogs, illegal hare coursing still continues in the rural areas of Suffolk. The majority of offenders are usually from London and the Home Counties. Farmers and gamekeepers are well aware of the problem and seek assistance from the public to help the police and themselves detect and prosecute those persons responsible. An incident occurred on 24th October in Pakenham and police are dealing with the offender. On this occasion the offender was using a white Ford transit van, registration mark L 661 DLJ. If you have any information about this incident the police would like to hear from you on 01284 774100. If you observe this vehicle or believe that persons are engaging or about to engage in hare coursing, please contact the police using the 999 system. This message is being broadcast county wide, as historically this has been a widespread problem.

[policedirect@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:policedirect@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)



## SOCIAL CLUB CHRISTMAS DRAW

The Social Club Christmas Draw will be held immediately after the over 60's Christmas lunch on 16<sup>th</sup> December at the pavilion - around 2.00pm.

**Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a cup of coffee whilst the draw is being made.**

Tickets will be on sale during late November and December and a representative of the Social Club will be calling on you soon. The tickets are 25p each.

**1<sup>st</sup> prize £100.00**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> prize Grand Hamper**  
**plus over 50 other prizes.**

**Thank you all so much for your past support.**

**The Orchestra of All Souls Langham Place.  
St Peter's Church, Hepworth.**

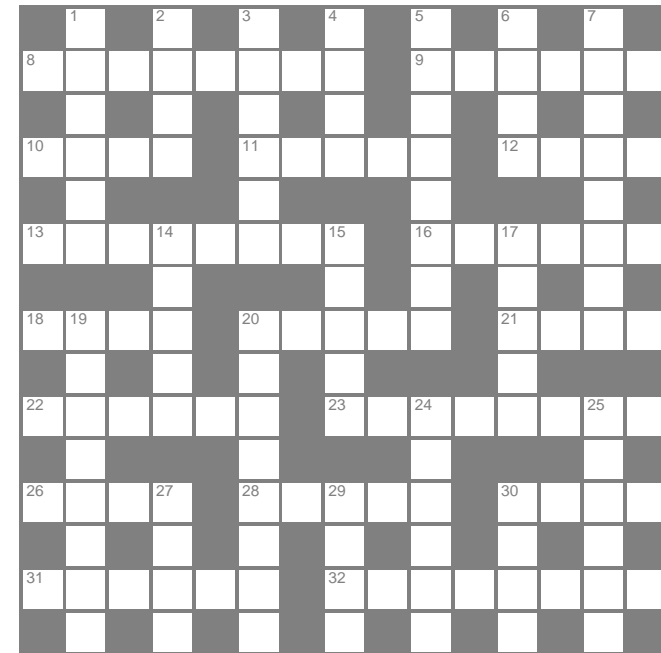
Sometimes when scurrying through our lives we chance upon an event which causes us to stop and take note. So it was on the balmy afternoon of Sunday 8th October when a pleasingly large congregation forsook the blue skies & golden sunshine for the radiance within St Peter's Church Hepworth. All through the body of the Church, the pews were filled with people, glorious tributes of flowers stood around the pulpit and lectern, a gala atmosphere reminiscent of the magnificent Harvest Festivals of yesteryear prevailed.

Bang on Two -Thirty, Mr. Reg. Taylor introduced the Orchestra and we were away. Within the first few bars of the opening piece, we all knew that we were in for a cultural treat. "*Amparito Roca,*" played with all the pfazz & brio that a work of this nature needs, got our feet tapping and set the standard for the rest of the afternoon.

Noel Tredinnick engaged with his audience at the earliest opportunity, welcoming us to an afternoon of music, performed, "before your very eyes." As with the character who first coined this phrase, our champion was a skilful raconteur who interspersed the music with an amusing array of anecdotes & asides. Two delicious confections later, having whetted our appetites he revealed his plans for more substantial fare, pointing out that all the Hymns chosen were user-friendly favourites that we had all known since childhood. Well here was a congregation intent on enjoying itself even further, ..... everybody sang .... LOUDLY, producing a volume of sound that St. Peter's had not enjoyed for many a long year. From there on things rocketed along, all too quickly came the interval after a final jubilant rendition of the *Alleluia* chorus performed by the lovely young soprano Heidi Pegler.

There is a fine tradition that the Ladies of the Parish like to preserve on these occasions, and this one was no different, a sumptuous spread of the most appetising refreshments awaited our approval. I only hope we did them justice. Well done Ladies!

**Crossword 101**



Answers on back page

**HEPWORTH VILLAGE CHARITIES**

Any pensioners who have lived in the village for 2 years or more are eligible to apply for the annual grant which is available from the Charities Trust and distributed in December in time for Christmas.

Where a married couple are both of pensionable age only one grant is made.

If you are not already on the register and believe yourself to be eligible could you please contact the Clerk to the Trustees:- Mrs Linda Walsh. Tel 01359 250014

NB Closing date is 30th November

## Crossword 101

Answers on back page

### Across

- 8 Easily irritated or annoyed (8)
- 9 Remove the ovaries of (6)
- 10 Meat from an adult domestic bovine (4)
- 11 An ardent male lover (5)
- 12 In bed (4)
- 13 A road leading up to a private house (8)
- 16 Kind of heavy jacket (6)
- 18 An indentation of a shoreline larger than a cove but smaller than a gulf (4)
- 20 The base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled (5)
- 21 General name for alcoholic beverages made by fermenting a cereal flavoured with hops (4)
- 22 As the agent of or on someone's part (6)
- 23 (archaic) the mistress of a house (8)
- 26 A male monarch or emperor (especially of Russia prior to 1917) (4)
- 28 Create a piece of cloth by interlacing strands of fabric (5)
- 30 (cricket) a score of nothing by a batsman (4)
- 31 Sealed vessel where water is converted to steam (6)
- 32 Lifting device consisting of a platform or cage that is raised and lowered in a vertical shaft (8)

### Down

- 1 (astronomy) any of the small solid extraterrestrial bodies that hits the earth's atmosphere (6)
- 2 A medium to dark tan colour (4)
- 3 The production of a litter of pigs (6)
- 4 A distinct part that can be specified separately in a group of things (4)
- 5 The hard inner layer of the pericarp of some fruits (as peaches or plums) that contains the seed (8)
- 6 Important warm-water fatty fish of the genus *Thunnus* (4)
- 7 Any liquid suitable for drinking (8)
- 14 The visual percept of a region (5)
- 15 Opposite of old (5)
- 17 A U-shaped curve in a stream (2-3)
- 19 The act of turning yourself (or your gaze) away (8)
- 20 Computer programmes collectively (8)
- 24 Be obedient to (6)
- 25 Anything that contributes causally to a result (6)
- 27 An actor's portrayal of someone in a play (4)
- 29 Again but in a new or different way (4)
- 30 Consisting of or involving two parts or components usually in pairs (4)

Resuming after the break the Maestro returned to his task with a driven enthusiasm, fervently quoting from the scriptures between items, reminding us that the music was merely an adjunct complimentary to praising God. Our sentiments being entirely in compliance with his, even stretched to the point where we all sang a brand new hymn before concluding with the much loved *How Great Thou Art*.

Suddenly it was all over and in the afterglow we were perhaps left wondering which had been the most enjoyable piece. Was it perhaps *Meditation by Massenet*, the *Alleluia by Mozart* or the *Theme from "Shindler's List" by John Williams*, or there again something completely different? As we rose from our seats came the feeling that we had just experienced a life-enhancing therapy and that here on this memorable occasion Our Lord had been an ENGLISHMAN spending the afternoon in St Peter's Hepworth.

Our thanks go firstly to Reg Taylor for all his hard work and **generosity**, to Noel Tredinnick and the Members of All Souls Orchestra for coming all the way from London, and last but not least to everybody else who helped stage this most memorable concert.

Our Christian ethos teaches us that we should not be greedy, .... but if our new friends from Oxford Circus should ever fancy another trip up to Suffolk .....

Harvey Harvest-Mouse.



## FROM THE VATICAN

There were two Catholic boys, Timothy Murphy and Antonio Seecola, whose lives paralleled each other in amazing ways.

In the same year Timothy was born in Ireland, Antonio was born in Italy.

Faithfully they attended Parochial School from kindergarten through their senior year in high school.

They took their vows to enter the priesthood early in college, and upon graduation, became priests.

Their careers had come to amaze the world, but it was generally acknowledged that Antonio Seecola was just a cut above Timothy Murphy in all respects.

Their rise through the ranks of Bishop, Archbishop and finally Cardinal was swift to say the least, and the Catholic world knew that when the present Pope died, it would be one of the two who would become the Next Pope.

In time the Pope did die, and the College of Cardinals went to work. In less time than anyone had expected, white smoke rose from the chimney and the world waited to see who they had chosen. The world, Catholic, Protestant and secular, was surprised to learn that Timothy Murphy had been elected Pope!

Antonio Seecola was beyond surprise. He was devastated, because even with all of Timothy's gifts, Antonio knew he was the better qualified.

With gall that shocked the Cardinals, Antonio Seecola asked for a private Session with them in which he candidly asked, "Why Timothy?" After a long silence, an old Cardinal took pity on the bewildered man and rose to reply: "We knew you were the better of the two, but we just could not bear the thought of the leader of the Roman Catholic Church being called "Pope Seecola".



## SITUATION VACANT

My father is 87 years old and has recently come out of hospital. He is living with us and because of a minor stroke he has become very unsteady on his feet. He walks with a frame but needs someone to be with him as an escort around the house. He is slightly deaf but other than that has all his 'faculties'. He had a history of falls in his own home and also in the hospital and that is why, on his discharge, we had him come home with us; and so far he has had no falls. Because I don't feel safe in going out and leaving him, I am looking for a reliable person to come and keep him company when I am out.

I am willing to pay for this service which we feel would suit someone who is perhaps semi-retired or has some time on their hands.

I would like this to be on a 'regular' basis for a few hours each week, perhaps you could manage one evening or one afternoon during the week. I am ideally looking for four hours at a time but this could be negotiated to suit the right person.

Last but not least, you must be a dog lover!

Please ring Margaret on 250048 for more details.

### JEFF HAD HEARD THIS CURRY HOUSE HAD A REPUTATION FOR FIERY MEALS

