

Please can we have our sign back?



(Lawshall Road sign - as featured in previous Hawstead Journals)

Do you deplore the decline in rural amenities?

Does it bother you that town high streets are increasingly becoming clones of one another?

If so, help the Campaign for the **Sustainable Communities Bill**. Ask David Ruffley to support the House of Commons Early Day Motion 641. The important day is November 23rd. when the Parliamentary Members Ballot takes place. 7 MPs will top the list. They will then choose a Bill to adopt. The amount of lobbying will influence their choice, so they need to be bombarded with requests to adopt the **Sustainable Communities Bill**.

Mr Ruffley's local office phone No. is 01359 244199. He can of course be written to at: House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

THE HAWSTEAD JOURNAL

We apologise for the delay in producing the October Journal. The next issue will cover November and December. Please can we have your contributions by the 30th November.

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Hawstead Journal

For the Village by the Village

October 2006

Village Hall Update

Following the success of the Hawstead Festival in September we have continued to make excellent progress with fundraising for the new hall.

We have now received confirmation from two more funding bodies that they are prepared to contribute £30,000 between them to our project. Providing we receive the expected sum of £75,000 from the sale of Cullum House we will have £228,000 in place against our target of £253,000.

This means we only need another £25,000 to build the hall.
We are 90% of the way there!

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed in any way to help us. You can see we are getting very close but we still need all the help we can get to reach our target.

If you haven't taken part in our village fundraising initiative
please will you consider doing so now!

Please participate in our monthly draw with prizes, our Raise the Roof campaign, or simply make a donation and sign up for Gift Aid. Contact any member of the Community Council if you wish to do so.

Our new hall will be a meeting place and a community centre for everyone in the village and one that we and future generations can be proud of.

The Village Hall Project Group: Hawstead Community Council

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HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 9th, 21st, 29th

CHRISTMAS MARKET IN THE CHURCH

This year we were booked to take part in the town's annual Christmas Market in the Guildhall—but the Council have gone and banned the use of the Guildhall! So we are now having an event in the village church on **Saturday, December 9th**, starting at 11am. Christmas decorations and pots of bulbs etc will be for sale. Please do come and support this (we will be serving refreshments).

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN WITH THIS OR
HAVE ANY IDEAS, LET US KNOW.
YOU WILL BE MOST WELCOME
WE WOULD ALSO BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY CAKES
YOU COULD CONTRIBUTE.

THE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This is a good opportunity to get together, especially at this time of year! Everyone is invited to a Christmas lunch on **Thursday, December 21st** in Lawshall Village Hall at 12.30 for 1pm.

This is good fun. We would like to have as many people as possible so if you have never been before, maybe you could this year. Children would be welcome.

This lunch is without charge: however we would appreciate donations.

To book or get further information please ring Sonja Monk 386876

THE PANTOMIME

ALADDIN IN THE BIG TOP IN NOWTON PARK

It's pantomime time again! We have booked 25 tickets for **Friday 29th December** at 6.45pm. Tickets should be in the region of £12. Children will be free and there will be a reduction for students.

Please contact Sylvia Miller on 388841

Internet Tip

Eye halve a spelling chequer

It came with my pea sea

It plainly marques for my revue

Miss takes eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a quay and type a word

And weight four it two say

Weather eye am wrong oar write

It shows me strait a weigh.

As swoon as a mist ache is maid

It nose bee fore to long

And eye can put the error rite

Its rare lea ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it

I am shore your pleased two no

Its letter perfect awl the weigh

My chequer tolled me sew.

(Actually, it wants to change the word 'marques', but only to put a capital 'M' for some reason!)

And the moral of the tale (or poem) is: don't rely solely on your spell-checker!!

Also - unless I'm the last to find out (!):

In parts of Hawstead at least, Internet speeds of 2 Megabyte/second are now available, so if you subscribed a year or so, and your provider hasn't told you, you may wish to request an upgrade from the original 0.5MB/sec.

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH - HAWSTEAD
SERVICES
NOVEMBER**

Wednesday 1st 5pm Benefice Prayers

Wednesday 8th 5pm Benefice Prayers

Sunday 12th Remembrance Sunday

8.30am Said Eucharist I

Wednesday 15th 2pm Room visits and communion
Pinford End NH 5pm benefice prayers

Weds. 22nd 5pm Benefice Prayers

Sunday 26th 11am Parish Eucharist

Weds. 29th 5pm Benefice Prayers

EVENING PRAYER

An opportunity for silent/contemplative prayer, and to pray for the
parish and benefice is held every

Wednesday in the church between 5 - 5.30pm.

All are welcome

The church is open every day from 9am to 5pm

For all other Services in the Benefice please see Church Notice board

STOP PRESS INFORMATION FROM SUFFOLK POLICE!

A warning from Royal Mail Fraud Unit: a card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) saying that they were unable to deliver a parcel, and that you need to contact them on 0906-6611911. This is a premium rate number. DO NOT call this number: if you do, and start to listen to a recorded message you will already have been billed £15 for the call. If you do receive a card with these details, please contact Royal Mail Fraud on 0207 2396655

AJP—from Sgt. Bob Chapman, Police Direct

What's happening to our pub?



This photo was taken at midday on Sunday 29 October - the car park is empty and the pub is closed.

Wendy and Ian left a week before and we had understood that new people would be coming to take over. So far there is no sign of the pub reopening and information seems to be completely lacking. We do know, however, that the owners, London Inns, have recently gone into administration.

If anybody knows any more please could they contact either the Editor or Brian Kew, Chairman of the Parish Council. (Tel. 386248)

Good News! Signs of life 1st week Nov., pub due to reopen by Christmas -Ed

Get Registered

To be able to vote at the Borough and Parish elections which will take place on 3 May 2007, your name must be on the Register of Electors. Every autumn St Edmundsbury Borough Council sends a form to each household to collect registration information so that a new register for the coming year can be published. Make a return now to be sure you will have a vote next May. If you have any queries about registering or voting contact the electoral services helpline on 01284 757131 or email elections@stedsbc.gov.uk

THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW YOUR MOBILE PHONE COULD DO

There are a few things that can be done in times of grave emergencies.

Your mobile phone can actually be a life saver or an emergency tool for survival. Here are a few of the things that you can do with it: -

1 The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is 112. If you find yourself out of coverage area of your mobile network and there is an emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly this number 112 can be dialled even if the keypad is locked.

2 Have you locked your keys in the car? Does your car have remote keys? This may come in handy someday. If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their mobile phone from your mobile phone. Hold your phone about a foot from your car door and ask the person at home to press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock. Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other "remote" for your car you can unlock the doors (or the boot).

3 How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone! To check your mobile phone's serial number, key in the following digits on your phone: * # 0 6 # A 15 digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe. If your phone gets stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use or sell it either. If everybody did this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.

AJP

Cricket Anecdotes

Steve Harmison, England's fast bowler matched his maximum bowling speed by driving at 97 mph on the A1(M) in Yorkshire. He was fined £100 by Harrogate Magistrates. The Daily telegraph October 29th 2005

Minor Counties Umpire, Steve Kuhlmann, who was in Torquay to take charge of the game between Devon and Berkshire, was ejected from his hotel after asking for fresh fruit instead of a cooked breakfast.

On the whole, he had an uneventful life which he tried to brighten up by being quietly rude to most people and by collecting tin soldiers. He did things like falling asleep when Liszt was playing the piano and he used to make jokes at parties about Wagner. In 1860, he signed a petition opposing the new music methods adopted by Liszt and Wagner. He refused to come to England on the grounds that Englishmen did not smoke good cigars. Taking your cue from Brahms himself, you may be very rude about his music and no one will mind in the least.

His first concert piece was a failure in 1859 and it was not until 10 years later that he achieved a major success with "Ein Deutsches Requiem". It is a lyrical piece that is established as an indispensable part of the amateur choral repertoire. So, bring or hire a cushion, come to the cathedral on 25 November at 7.30 p.m. and immerse yourself in a romantic classic.

Anna Glypta



Obituary

Lt Col Peter Johnson OBE

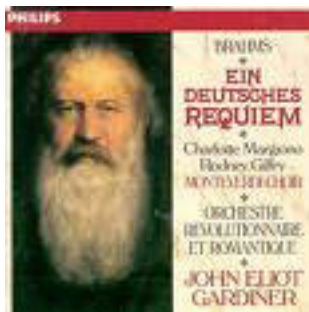
It is with regret and great sadness to announce the death of Lt Colonel (ret'd) Peter Johnson OBE, Chair of the Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association on Tuesday 26th September 2006.

Peter had devoted many years to Neighbourhood Watch, as a co-ordinator in the Bury area, Chairman of the Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association and as the SNWA representative to the National Neighbourhood Watch. As Chair he always showed leadership, fairness and courtesy.

Peter will be greatly missed by his many friends and colleagues.

Johannes Brahms

Towards the end of November, the Bury Bach Choir is singing the German Requiem by Brahms. Background to the music itself is easily available from record or CD sleeves, though interestingly enough, this piece is not one that the “professionals” such as the Philharmonic Chorus perform. I can’t remember a recent concert performance and it hasn’t appeared in the proms for many years. One of the problems is its length. At an hour, it is difficult to fit into an evening’s programme – too short for an interval but too long for half an evening, so concerts where it is given, the first half tends to be short, with the piece sung in the second half.



Rather than regurgitate record sleeves, I thought I would look up the biography of Brahms to get an idea of the man behind the music. One thing that comes out is the rivalry between him and Wagner and how Victorian tastes were split. Both were writing from roughly 1850 to 1900. Whereas Wagner was one of those composers who changed the course of music, Brahms was a consolidator. Beethoven started things off in the early 1800’s, then we had Berlioz, Schumann, Schubert and so on. And not to be underestimated is the industrial revolution that was underway at the time.

Orchestral instruments were being “improved” all the time. For example, the modern clarinet is not the one that, say, Mozart wrote for. With the advances in engineering and other technologies, a chap called Boehm gave the public the modern model in 1843. This had a louder and stronger sound than the earlier “reedy” instruments.

Brahms was writing with these new sounds available, but had the earlier sounds in his head. The result is that to 21st century ears, his music can sound unutterably cluttered and conductors and performers have to adjust the instrumental forces, in particular the woodwinds, to take this into account.

He was very conscious of the shadow of Beethoven and when he set out to write symphonies like Beethoven’s, his critics said that he got confused and lost count of the number of instruments he was writing for. However, everyone agrees that he was a master of all forms of composition, using the classical romantic architecture.

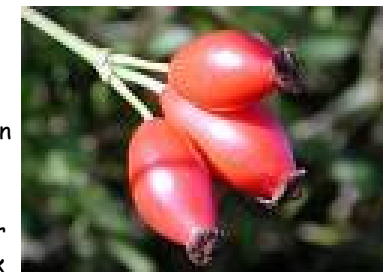


Brahms was a comfortably fat man with a big bushy beard like W. G. Grace. He often conducted with one hand in his pocket and is associated with the advice – “never smile at the basses”.

Rosehip Syrup

2 lbs (900gm) of hips.

Boil 3 pints (1.7 litres) of water. Mince hips in a course mincer or food processor and put immediately into the boiling water. Bring to boil and then place aside for 15 minutes. Pour into a jelly bag and allow to drip until the bulk of the liquid has come through. Return the residue to the saucepan, add 1.5 pints (852ml) of boiling water, stir and allow to stand for 10 minutes. Pour back into the jelly bag and allow to drip. Make sure all the sharp hairs are removed. Put the juice into a clean saucepan and boil down until the juice measures about 1.5 pints (852ml), then add 1.25 lb.(560gm) of sugar and boil for a further 5 minutes. Pour into hot sterile bottles and seal at once. It is advisable to use small bottles as the syrup will not keep for more than a week or two once the bottle is opened. Store in a dark cupboard. The syrup can be used as a flavouring for milk puddings, ice-cream or almost any sweet, or diluted as a drink.



Sloe gin

450g/1lb sloes

225g/8oz caster sugar

1 litre/1¾ pint gin

Prick the tough skin of the sloes all over with a clean needle and put in a large sterilised jar. Pour in the sugar and the gin, seal tightly and shake well. Store in a cool, dark cupboard and shake every other day for a week. Then shake once a week for two months. The sloe gin will now be a beautiful dark red and ready to drink, although it will still improve with keeping.



Things to do in November



Sunday November 5th

Visit the indoor market at the Athenaeum 10-4pm free

Ramble in Nowton park with a park ranger 11 am free

Visit the country craft fair at Gt Whelnetham village hall

Wednesday 8th

Work on Egyptian to Victorian costumes at Moyse's Hall Museum call 706183

Thursday 9th—11th

See 'Teachers' at the Guildhall by the Irvine Stage Company call 769505

Saturday 11th

See the 'Book of Kings' Theatre Royal at the Guildhall call 769505

Take a two day course in digital photography at the Art Gallery £50 call 811250

Take part in a 1940's dance night at Risby Village Hall, £12.50, 811250

Hear the Suffolk Sinfonia — Mozart and Brahms — Bury Cathedral — 764505

Sunday 12th

Plant trees in Natters Wood - a family event - 723847

Watch park rangers ring birds in East Town Park Adults £2 children £1 - 757067

Take part in a Saxon Yule Fest at West Stow Country Park free call 728718

Thursday 16th

Take the children to see the Christmas lights switched on in Bury from 4pm

Friday 17th— Saturday 18th

See 'The Yeoman of the Guard' Bury Amateur Dramatic Society call 769505



Saturday 18th

Take the children on a guided tour of Bury - Tourist Information Centre

Visit Crafts for Christmas at the Art Gallery open till Xmas eve

Listen to the London Welsh Male Voice choir at the Cathedral 769505

Sunday 19th

Hear about St Edmund at the Moyse's Hall Museum 706183

Take a guided walk round Bury — 2.30 pm from the Tourist Information Office

Thursday 23rd

Shop at the Charity Street Fayre in the Buttermarket

Friday 24th

Listen to 'The Beat' - a charity event at the Corn Exchange— 764667



Saturday 25th

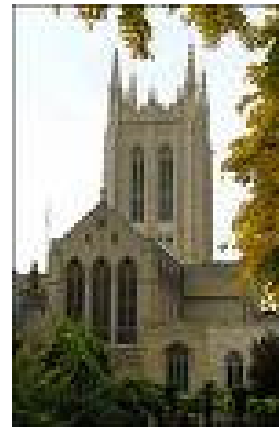
Hear the Bury Bach Choir sing Brahms' Requiem in the Cathedral - 769505

Take the children to an Advent Calendar Workshop in Nowton Park - 728718

Sunday 26th

Make pomanders for Christmas at Moyse's Hall Museum £6 per family - 706183

Celebrate winter crafts at Lackford Wildfowl Trust £2 adult £1 child - 728706



Generally

Pick Sloes and make sloe gin or sloe vodka

Pick rosehips and make rosehip syrup (see our recipes)

Shop early for Christmas