

We have a result



In the July issue of the Hawstead Journal we suggested that someone with a strimmer might improve the appearance of the village green. It looks as though notice has been taken because by the day of the fete all that untidy vegetative growth had gone.

We can report mixed success with the other items that were mentioned. The hole in the road on Pinford End bridge has been filled in but the damaged roadsign 'Lawshall Road' (near the bus shelter) has disappeared!

Diary Note

Bury Record Office Events:

Sat. November 11th. 10.30 am: Nowton Park

Sat. December 9th. 10.30 am: Hawstead Place and Hardwick House

Both talks to be delivered by Clive "for England and St. Edmund!" Paine

Phone 352360 to book: £5.00 inc. refreshments

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Whether you are a regular contributor, or would like to make a one off contribution, please let Geraldine or Andy have your article by the 10th October. Telephone Andy on 386531 and Geraldine on 388732.

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Hawstead Journal

For the Village by the Village

September 2006

We apologise for the delayed arrival of this issue of the Journal which was due to the late delivery of some parts for our printer

September in Hawstead



Harvesting goes on apace in Cook's Field (That's the big one behind the Metcalfe Arms)

Ken Riggall MBE, of Whepstead Road, author of 'A Shepherd and his Flock' opens the Annual Village Fete on Sunday 3rd September.

More pictures inside!



Telephone Preference Service

Are you getting unwanted calls of any description? You can dramatically reduce these by registering for the TPS. This is a free service and there are 2 ways of registering:

Telephone the 24 hour, 7 day automated service on **0845 07 007 07**

Register your phone number on their website at www.tsponline.org.uk

The service takes 24 hours to come into effect. Other providers may contact you to offer a similar service but are not free.

Unfortunately this does not block calls from offspring at university who have run out of funds!



The annual Harvest Supper was held in Lesley Carey's barn on the evening of 23rd September. An excellent repast was prepared by Lesley, Christine Gossett (right) and assistants. There was some entertainment following the meal, and the whole event was ably supervised by Tony Hillman



Recycling inkjet cartridges

There are several organisations which will recycle your old inkjet cartridges. I have envelopes for the Woodland Trust charity which is able to claim £1.00 for each cartridge (and which then recycles the envelope in which the cartridges are sent!).

If anyone is interested I can either let you have an envelope or will send old cartridges myself.

Should you prefer to support a different charity you could log on to www.inkagain.co.uk and select a charity of your choice.

Katie Fairbairn 01284 386627

Hawstead a crime free zone- official!

Policewoman Sarah King reported to the Parish Council on 9th September that the Parish was one of the very few areas within Suffolk that had no incidents of reported crime. She commended the vigilance of the Neighbourhood Watch and urged that anyone noticing an unusual occurrence should report it either to the Police or a member of the Watch. While the reported incident may not have immediate significance it could well be of use in future investigations. That was Sarah's good news: the bad news, as she put it, was that she is retiring on 20th November and when questioned as to who would replace her said that she could not say as no appointment had been made. In fact she was unsure whether her job would be filled as the Police were re-organising in April and the present system of each parish having a named officer would be replaced by a policing team. The Council expressed its dis-satisfaction with the lack of cover until April and felt the new system would be a retrograde step as in the past having a named officer had allowed a good relationship to develop. The Council accepted Sarah's advice and will be taking the matter up with Inspector Geoff Nunn, Ixworth Police Station. Brian Kew, Chairman, thanked Sarah for her work for Hawstead and wished her a happy retirement on behalf of the Parish.

National decisions affect village green

Hawstead Green has been maintained since 1997 by a grant from Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS). The grant, together with the advice of the Suffolk Wild Life Trust (SWLT), has allowed the Parish to keep this mediaeval common as a haven for plants, birds and animals. Payment from the final instalment is awaited. On the day, in August, that James Carr and I met with representatives from DEFRA and the SWLT to discuss an application for funding under the Environmental Stewardship Scheme it was announced in the national newspapers that various government departments including DEFRA were to have their budgets cut. This, the man from DEFRA said, meant that while many applications would qualify for funding only the most sensitive would receive grants. Whether Hawstead's application would succeed he could not say. Nevertheless an application has been prepared and a pile of documents over an inch thick has been sent to DEFRA. A question the Parish Council and the village may well have to consider in the future is how to fund the maintenance of the green. If you have thoughts or opinions on this matter why not discuss them with a parish councillor?

Pot holes filled

At last several requests to the Highways Dept. have met with success and the many potholes along the verges of the lanes and in particular the hole in the crown of Pinford End Bridge has been filled. More holes, no doubt will occur as the winter progresses, you can help to keep our roads safe by not only telling your local councillor but also by contacting Margaret Hawthorn, at the SCC Highways Dept. Her e-mail address is margaret.hawthorn@et.suffolkcc.gov.uk. I spoke to her about an unfilled but deep hole and within a week the problem was resolved.

Next meeting of the Parish Council

This will be held in All Saints Church on Thursday 2nd November commencing at 7.30pm

Joan Cook, Clerk to the Parish Council

Hawstead Fete and Festival 2006

Treasurer's Report

Stall - Takings

Tombola	£	124.50
Prize draw	£	800.20
Auction	£	111.85
Concert	£	245.00
Children's activities	£	31.00
Bric-a-brac	£	150.45
BBQ	£	371.95
Coconut shy	£	65.90
Guess the weight of the cake	£	41.50
books	£	250.60
tie n dye	£	31.60
entry fees flower and produce	£	23.00
Face Painting	£	27.85
Nail Painting	£	5.30
Crafts	£	12.70
Teas	£	381.48
Portraits	£	32.00
Bowling for a pig	£	52.26
Clay pigeon	£	25.00
The last penny	£	27.00
Produce	£	102.05
Bench	£	275.00
Sculpture	£	30.00
Miscellaneous	£	37.60
Donation for loos on green	£	200.00
	£	3,455.79
Less expenses	£	889.09
Festival profit	£	2,566.70



Windy weather greeted us for the Festival, Flower and Produce show

This made it impossible to use gazebos or our white tea tent. This was mainly because we put them up earlier and they blew away. The tea tent did look beautiful with its lilac bunting blowing in the wind, just before it took off. Luckily no one was hurt.

Things had to be rearranged speedily to make use of the only cover we had, the R.A.F. tents. The troops soon had all under control. It was a pity though that tea tent did look beautiful!! Thank you Jan for organising the bunting. It will do another day!!

The Festival was opened this year by Ken Riggall M.B.E. Ken spent his life working with and showing pedigree sheep. He now lives with his wife Patricia and son Charlie in Whepstead Rd. This was the first time Ken had opened a fete. Ken who must have received many trophies for his sheep presented the trophies to the winners of the Fruit and Flower Show.

There was so much more help and good will this year than we have ever had. Many lovely things were given for auction or for the grand draw. There were all the excellent prizes for the draw, including a garden bench donated by Paul and Jayne Robinson, a bronze sculpture of a baby's head by Bill Crockford and a beautiful patchwork quilt sewn by Patricia Riggall. I am sure the new owners of these things will treasure them.

When the auction of produce was tidied away the musical entertainment got going. The Green Dragon Morris Dancers were first up. Then we had a go at square dancing. In the evening as it grew dark we were entertained by local singers and musicians, organised by our Parish Chairman Brian Kew and excellently MC'd by Terry Walden (who runs the folk club in town, the Milkmaid Club). We all sat around on bales of straw brought over from Stanningfield by James. Things went on till quite late and every cake that was left was consumed!!

So many people made the day fun and worth while. It all started with an idea Brian had and one or was it two thousand leaflets to deliver far and wide!! So many people fetched and carried tables, chairs, tents etc. without this basic help things would not happen so thank you Terry, Angela, Norman, Malcolm, Rupert and James for transporting these items and to Leslie and Malcolm who store these items during the year. Thank you all the ladies who served the teas and made beautiful cakes. We do need to give a special thank you to Jane and Richard who cooked all those sausages!!

We hope it was an enjoyable day despite the wind which did a few things we had planned. It just remains to say to say thank you all stall holders, craft workers and music makers for being there and working so hard not just on the day but for weeks before. We would just also like to mention that we on the Community Council are deeply indebted to our spouses for their support.

Sonja Monk



Flower and Produce Show Prize Winners

SHIRREFF CUP

To the best all-round exhibitor in section 'A'

Andy Evershed

UNDER -15

Special prize for the most point gained by anyone 15 or under but over 7

Niki Sidney

GLASS TROPHY

For the best flower arrangement

Ruth Mackay



MILLENIUM TROPHY

For the best exhibit in the show

Paul Caldwell



UNDER — 7

Special prize for the most points gained by anyone 7 or under

Bethany Evershed



NEWMAN CUP

To the exhibitor gaining the most number of point

Andy Evershed

as the afternoon turned into a warm evening



Music, Singing and Dancing on the Green



Flower and Produce Show Prize Winners



PEWTER POT

To the exhibitor from Hawstead with the best onions

Andy Evershed



HOLDWAY BOWL

For the greatest number of points gained in section 'B'

Paul Caldwell



MORTLOCK SHIELD

To the exhibitor gaining the most points in section 'E'

Sonja Monk



SHIRREFF CUP

To the best all-round exhibitor in section 'A'

Andy Evershed



Hawstead Village Festival 2006

