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NOW YOU SEE IT — NOW YOU DON'T! Malcolm Cornwell was passing by just as the phone box was being removed - luckily he had a camera with him.



BURY ROAD CLOSED IN AUGUST - The test is yet to come: will the new drainage cope with our winter storm weather?

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Hawstead Journal

For the Village by the Village

September 2005

Hawstead Community Council

Village fete and flower and Produce Show 2005

It was a lovely day, although it involved a lot of hard work by the organizers and stall holders, it was well worth it. To have a lovely day on the green with lots of people about enjoying the sun was the aim of the day.

Did anyone beat Doc Lacey with the pennies? I must practice that.

It was a delight to have Clive and Christine Paine with us for the afternoon. Clive opened the Fete and Christine presented the prizes. Nicki Sydney presented Christine with a bouquet of flowers.

Thank you everyone, for all the donations of cakes and prizes etc. Did you notice Ethel Lebbon and Nancy Dawson's expansion into furniture?

Did you manage to splat the rat or win a coconut? Did you buy an apple cookery book? The book was put together by Karen and Paul Caldwell with drawings by Rosemary Carr. It really is a delightful little book beautifully done. There are plenty still available.

On behalf of the village we would like to thank everyone for all that they did to make it such a pleasant day.

Last but not least we thank Brian Kew our auctioneer extraordinaire.

Entries were about the same as last year. We did have some new exhibitors and it would be nice to have some more!

Sonja Monk

Hawstead Parish Council

Although the law requires Council and Parish Meetings to be open to the public, very few electors exercise that right. This year has been an exception in Hawstead, because no less than 34 non-councillors attended the Annual Parish assembly in May, only to be bettered at the Special Parish Meeting in July, when one of the St. Edmundsbury Borough Council's Principal Planning Officers was present to explain its policies in relation to applications for new housing development in small village settlements like Hawstead, when the number of "visitors" attending reached a record 41 !

The Parish Council's Winter Meetings - in November, January and March - will again be held at Whepstead's Community Centre, with a proposed return to Hawstead Church for next year's AGM and Annual Parish Meeting on the 4th and 11th May respectively.

When it met in September, the Council discussed a feasibility report on the future of Cullum House, including its possible use as a meeting place. No conclusion was reached and it was finally agreed that another Special Parish meeting ought to be held so that everyone in the parish could have the opportunity to express his or her views on the relative merits/disadvantages and estimated costs of a) the new traditional Village Hall which already has Planning consent and DEFRA approval, b) the purchase of Cullum House plus subsequent improvement and adaptation and c) the purchase of a new purpose-designed, prefabricated Hall, varieties of which are currently available from speciality manufacturers. A date for this special meeting will be announced shortly.

Robin Whitfield

Editor's note: We understand that the Diocese has committed 'up to £75,000' towards either the purchase of Cullum House or a new Village Hall.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH - HAWSTEAD SERVICES for OCTOBER

Sunday 9 th	8.30am	Said Eucharist (BCP)
Sunday 23 rd	11 am	Parish Eucharist
Sunday 30 th	4 pm	Evening Prayer

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

In summary, our route took us through Okehampton, Taunton, the Avon Bridge and on to Gloucester; then Evesham, Droitwich, Bridgnorth, Nantwich, Northwich, then between Manchester and Liverpool to Preston. We then headed over to Kirkby Lonsdale, Tebay, Penrith and Carlisle to Scotland at Gretna Green. Lockerbie, Beattock and Lanark led us through the gap between Glasgow and Edinburgh to Falkirk and Stirling. Then followed Crieff, Aberfeldy, Tummel Bridge and the A9 to Inverness, after which, Dingwall, Bonar Bridge, Lairg, Altnaharra and Bettyhill and the aforementioned home stretch across the top to John O'Groats. We used A roads as little as possible except the A30 out of Devon and into Cornwall (too hilly otherwise!), but we did vary the route from the original plan a little where time or the local terrain suggested a better alternative.

We had about 7 punctures between us and I broke a spoke. On the basis of reliability over the distance good old Raleigh comes out on top as the best manufacturer. No-one suffered from severe aches, pains or other ailment, and most importantly we didn't fall out with one another! Would I do it again? Doubtful, I suppose as there's so much else to do (and not necessarily on a bicycle) but if I did I would choose a different route for variety - and that could be the alternative Dover to Durness!

Andy Parrett

PLANTS AND PRODUCE

Home produced Hawstead goods for sale
seasonal vegetables and fruit, herbs, plants etc.

HAWSTEAD VILLAGE GREEN

Saturday 8th October

11am. - 1pm.

COME AND BUY!

For more information call Andy and Frances on 01284-386501

Lands End to John O'Groats by bicycle:

the obvious way to spend your summer holiday!



I mentioned in an earlier issue of the Journal that this epic voyage was taking place - and now it has! With three friends I cycled the 965 miles which our route took us, between June 18 and July 2 (average 11.5mph), and I'm pleased to be able to say that the journey was successful. We completed it on time and to plan, and raised over £3500 for Macmillan Cancer Relief in the process (plus a small amount for Hawstead Village Hall.) Many thanks to those villagers who contributed towards the fund-raising!

The sky was blue when we set off from Lands End, and we were tremendously lucky in that we had hardly any rain to contend with throughout the trip except for one morning near Manchester! Indeed, for much of the time we had really ideal cycling weather, not too hot and not too cold. One thing was a puzzle though: people tend to do this journey from south to north rather than the other way because of the help given by the prevailing south westerly wind. Most of *our* journey seemed to involve going into a northerly or easterly wind! This was worst on the last day when we were heading east along the top of Scotland from Bettyhill. It was as though someone didn't want us to get there: we even had to pedal to go downhill, it was so bad. We made it in the end and recuperated that night at John O'Groats Youth Hostel.

We aimed to do an average of 65 miles per day: this varied according to where we were stopping that night. The route had been planned in advance and accommodation booked up accordingly. Now some people insist on doing this journey carrying everything they need with them - which means camping. This was definitely NOT the way we wanted to do things - a shower, a hot meal and some local ale followed by a comfortable night's sleep were our priorities. So a mixture of B&Bs, roadside hotels like Ibis and pubs comprised our resting places, and I can particularly recommend the Greyhound Hotel in Shap, Cumbria (partly because they had 8 - yes eight - real ales on tap!).

'News Splash'



New facility for the Pound Hawstead:

Due to the increased number of 'joggers' using the roads through Hawstead and at no expense to the Village, the Hawstead Community Council has installed the first 'joggers' shower in the country. This facility was only open for a short time but was well used by 'joggers' and villagers alike.

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A Reminder

Lunch to raise money for the windows of Nowton Church

Jane Holliday of Larkfield, Bury Road will be hosting a lunch on Thursday the 6th of October at 12.30 pm. Jane will entertain us with an insight into her walking exploits and what motivates her to do it. Jane can cope with no more than twenty so please let her know well in advance. You can reach her at Larkfield, Bury Road or telephone 386442.

HAWSTEAD VILLAGE FETE -

Treasurer's Report

Takings*	£
Coconut Shy	82.00
Bric a brac	118.00
Auction	88.00
Produce	63.00
Candle making/Quiz	25.00
Roll for a pig	41.00
Tombola	52.00
Plants	51.00
Cake	36.00
Play your cards right	31.00
Apple Recipe Book	97.00
Teas	110.37
Bat the rat	17.00
Books	125.00
Crafts	5.00
Doc's stall	31.00
Clay Pigeon	80.00
Flower & Produce entrance	19.00
Sale of bike	40.00
Donation	50.00
Total Takings	1,161.37
Total expenses	393.10
Net Profit	768.27

Many thanks to everyone who played any part at all in making the day a great success—this was our best result in terms of profit for several years !

John West, Treasurer

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

12 Whepstead Road, Hawstead Tel. 388942

Dear Editor

This letter is to the very kind person who took my lovely cat to the vet's in Bury. He was called Pickles and he was black. As he was micro-chipped the vet could contact me. Pickles had to be put to sleep.

Thank you whoever. I would like to thank you in person.

Patricia Riggall

Do let us have your letters.

Send them to Andy Parrett at andyparrett@rocketmail.com - Meadowview, Lawshall Road (next door to the pub)

Want to live to a ripe old age?

The following was taken from the July 2005 issue of 'Healthspan' magazine and was compiled by Desmond Morris. It is the result of questioning many people who had lived to be 100+ years old, including a French woman who lived to 120years.

The Characteristics of People who Live to be 100 Years of Age or Longer:

- ◆ They have regularly taken a relaxed form of exercise, especially walking or cycling. They have avoided excessively competitive exercise
- ◆ They retain a lively interest in the world around them and avoid nostalgia or a yearning for the past. They believe their best years are still ahead of them
- ◆ They have a sense of humour - laughter releases endorphins into the blood and these are nature's natural painkillers
- ◆ They follow a pattern of gentle self-discipline and enjoy organising their lives
- ◆ They have shown moderation in eating, but definitely not under-eating. All of them have avoided 'fad' diets or frivolous eating based on whims or crazes
- ◆ They have been moderate drinkers of alcohol, only consuming small but regular amounts of alcoholic drinks.
- ◆ They have been born with, or have later cultivated a calm and even tempered nature.

So - have you been ticked the boxes truthfully ? (!)

Is this an exhaustive list, one wonders? Almost certainly not.....

The True Story of the Nightjars



Have you ever wondered why it gets dark at night and light in the morning? Many well intentioned but ill-informed people would have you believe it is something to do with the sun and the moon.

The truth, as is often the case, is much simpler.

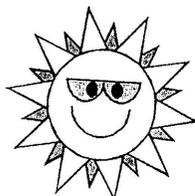
It is the legions of elves who come out after dark with their jam jars that we have to thank!

They busily snatch handfuls of the night and trap them in their jam jars or nightjars as they call them.

Maybe one time in a million they trap a star as well and end up with a very rare starry nightjar.



The more of the night they catch the lighter it gets, until by morning, it is completely light.



The elves are then exhausted and go into a long, deep sleep.

As evening approaches, and the elves are still slumbering, a mischievous band of pixies appear. They go round opening all the jam jars and letting the night out bit __ by bit until it is completely dark.

By the time the elves awaken the pixies have vanished and their task begins all over again.

So the next time a seemingly intelligent person starts trying to explain night and day by sun and moon, don't listen to word of it. Just believe in the elves and pixies. I do!

Frances Evershed courtesy of Doug

Brandon Country Park



Trophy winners for 2005

Andy Evershed won the following trophies

The Sheriff Cup for the most points gained in the veg section

The Newman Cup to the exhibitor gaining the greatest number of points overall

Pewter Pot for the best onions in Hawstead

Jane Powell won the following trophies -

The Mortlock Shield for home produce

The Holdway Bowl for the best fruit

The glass trophy for the best flower arrangement went to Sally Tolhurst

Book tokens were awarded to -

◆ Imogen Carr and Nicki Sydney, winners in the children's section



◆ The Carr family for their scarecrow

◆ Hope Worley and Doc Lacey for their giant sunflowers

◆ Lauri Evershed for the heaviest pumpkin.

The village quiz was won by Christabel Carr.

This month's Castaway is Bill Crockford



SUNFLOWERS

JUNIOR WINNER

Hope Worley with her brother

ADULT WINNER

Doc Lacey (not in the picture)

Simon Miller measuring assisted by Florence Lacey



- 'Chimes Blues' - Chris Barber's Band
- 'Train and the River' - The Jimmy Giuffre 3
- 'The Golden Striker' - from the soundtrack of the film 'No Sun in Venice' by the Modern Jazz Quartet (MJQ)
- 'Take Five' - by the Dave Brubeck Quartet - memory of my first jazz concert.
- 'Canon and Gigue' - Pachabel
- 'Divertimento in D Major K:136' - Mozart Salzburg Symphony
- '9th Symphony' - Beethoven
- 'Bella Figlia Dell Amore' - Verdi Quartet from Rigoletto
- 'Overture to the Barber of Seville' - Rossini
- 'Celeste Aida' - Verdi's Aida

Book - 'Paintings in the Musee d'Orsay (Roseblum) to remind me of the visual pleasures I am missing.

Luxury item - a good mattress.

Next month's castaway is Margaret Crockford

ADVANCE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 15 December - Village Christmas Lunch in Lawshall Village Hall
- 30 December - Pantomime in the Big Top Nowton Park (tickets from Sylvia Miller - 388841 - children free)

PUMPKINS AND SCARECROWS



Lauri Evershed with his winning pumpkin and sister Bethany



The Carr Family with their winning scarecrow



SEPTEMBER 2005



The judges discuss the merits of the exhibits.

Cakes and eggs!



Flowers!



Vegetables!



WHAT A LOVELY DAY FOR THE FETE!

