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Anecdotes, memories, observations

Things about Hawstead or NOT about Hawstead

If you haven't got around to it before,

why not put pen to paper now?

Contact Andy on 386531 or Geraldine on 388732

As soon as we have our new printer, we will be
getting back to a monthly edition of the Journal.

Please let us have your contributions for the next

Hawstead Journal by 15th June.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Editor: Andy Parrett



Hawstead Journal

For the Village by the Village

May 2005

Hawstead Parish Council

A.G.M. Monday, 16 May, held at All Saints Church

Reports were presented to this public meeting by various officers and representatives of other village bodies, so that one felt that this was likely to be the most comprehensive summary of 'a year in the life of Hawstead' - at least from an 'official' point of view - that we are likely to get. I shall be brief in summary - but first, an item of 'matters arising': a second dog-waste bin has been sited on the Village Green, and we were assured that it is being regularly emptied by the Borough Council

Chairman's Report:

- Terry Clements has replaced Betty Milburn as our County Council rep. Many thanks to the latter for 16 years' association with Hawstead (and a bouquet!)
- We will lose the Village Green telephone box but not the Pinford End one. Please contact Clerk to the Council to purchase 1 x redundant box! (Purchaser to move it!)
- Finances are stronger than last year: accounts book will be available to view at Sicklesmere Post Office
- It has been agreed to buy a printer in support of the Hawstead Journal (and other community publications) [Hooray!!]
- There are 2 'Enforcement Orders' pending within the village during the last year as a result of Parish action; also an occurrence of fly-tipping in Whepstead Road

Road conditions are of concern and the Council does what it can - but residents can take action as well - write to the Highways Dept !

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Footpaths Warden

- James Carr reminded us that footpaths should be 2 metres wide when traversing a field, and 1.5 metres around the edge.
- He is aware that parts of the path from the Green to the Pound need attention.
- Please tell James if you are concerned about the state of any footpaths in the parish

Tree Warden

Brian Kew has resigned the post of Tree Warden. The Chairman praised his 'stalwart efforts' in managing the trees and in distributing saplings made available by the Borough Council. (See also Jane Powell's article.)

Parochial Church Council

Ann Shorter reported in Tony Hillman's absence.

- Thanks to a legacy, the church lighting and heating will be improved before next winter.
- The PCC will keep the village informed about developments concerning Cullum House: a 'feasibility study' concerning its future use is under way.

Almshouses

Malcolm Cornwell reported that there is still one vacancy - a relative living in a neighbouring village can be considered....

Village Greens

- Dave Dawson stated that the maintenance grant we have enjoyed may be renewed next Autumn.

Please mark the location of any orchids you see (and let Dave know!) to ensure that they are not destroyed.

Hawstead Community Council

- Sonja Monk reported that Joan Cook and Lorraine Stokes would be leaving the Council this Spring; also that John West has replaced Richard Milns on the Village Hall Project Group
- Last Year's Plant Sale raised £1000 and Glyn Hammond's Open Garden Day a further £300.

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A Quick Top Internet Tip Printing from the Internet

Printing webpages doesn't always work as expected: too many superfluous and virtually empty pages, all the (unwanted) adverts. are printed etc. The result can be a waste of paper and ink, and if you have a colour printer, that can be expensive!

To avoid these problems you can simply print the part of the webpage that interests you, and it's actually very easy. When you have an internet page on the screen that you'd like to print part of, drag with the mouse to select the desired text and/or images and go to the File menu at the top left hand corner of the screen. Select 'Print', but instead of simply clicking on 'OK', look over on the left hand side of the Print window and choose 'Selection' from the 'Page Range' list - then click OK. The layout of the selection is adjusted automatically on the printed page. Bonus Tip: You can also access the Print menu quickly via the CTRL-P keystroke combination. (Hold down CTRL - bottom left hand corner of the keyboard - and tap letter 'p')

Another irritating thing about printing from webpages is that you often lose part of what was on the screen because the paper isn't wide enough. This can be rectified before giving the instruction to print by telling the printer to print in 'landscape' rather than 'portrait' mode. Unless you tell it otherwise, your printer will always print 'portrait' and the change will not be permanent (it also won't affect any other programs you use).

To change the orientation, select 'Page setup' from the File menu and click in the 'radio button' next to 'landscape'. Then click OK. You will use a bit more paper by doing this, but at least you can be sure that all you can see on the screen will be printed.

By The Way: having said above that when using a colour printer you may be wasting expensive ink, it occurs to me to point out that when you select **Print** from the File menu, you will see the name of your printer towards the top of the Print window, and to the right of this a button labelled 'properties'. Clicking this button will probably take you to a window designed by your printer supplier: if it's like mine, you can select to print just in black ink rather than colour.

AJP

Sue Sidney's Castaway Top Ten

Queen - Bohemian Rhapsody

A timelessly great song; even my children like it.

Prince - Purple Rain

My favourite song from the best concert I ever went to!

Prince - The Most Beautiful Girl in the World

This song was in the charts when my daughter Niki was born, and in my very unbiased opinion it is about her.

Madonna - Crazy for You

Slow dancing in the nightclub

Lynard Skynard - Free Bird

When I moved to California in the late 70's my friends sang this to me as my going away party.

George Michael - Careless Whisper

Another slow dancing song

John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John - Grease - Summer Nights

My favourite song from one of my favourite movies... a real feel good song

Beach Boys - Surfin' USA

I'm a beach bum at heart!

Cindy Lauper - Girls Just Wanna Have Fun

The title says it all!

Luther Vandross - So Amazing

Our wedding song.

It's very hard to pick a favourite; in fact it was very hard to pick my top 10, but I had fun re-discovering lots of songs I had forgotten. I'd say that **Queen - Bohemian Rhapsody** is top, simply because I never get tired of hearing it and I love having it really loud in the car!

Hawstead Plant Sale

We were fortunate with the weather for this year's plant sale held at Church Farm on Saturday 21st May.

The Tables were groaning under the weight of the plants nurtured so well by so many willing green-gingered gardeners and in 3 hours over £600 had been taken. The remaining plants are still on sale at strategic points in the village.

A Titchmarsh

Borough Council

Nigel Aitkens, our representative from the Borough Council gave a talk which looked at the broader picture:

- The cinema complex in Bury will open in November: in his view it's not the best location (where would be?) but you have to bend to the demands of the developer or they'll go elsewhere!
- Ditto comment regarding the Cattle Market re-development
- A new Director of Resources in the Council (ex-Ford Motor Co.) has brought in fresh ideas and ensured that the borough council tax increase has been less than last year!
- We should write to our MP about our concern re-Council Tax and the tax-band review: we don't get as many services as residents in the town do, and therefore if the review means an increase (when did anything euphemistically called a 'review' result in an improvement for the people it affects?!) then we in the parishes will be hit relatively harder.
- There's a possibility of taxi de-regulation in Bury, now that the taxi firms have agreed to contribute to the required £20,000 Survey'.
- Recycling: great, but do we need brown bins in the country? The scheme is heavily subsidised by central government.

Nigel also talked about new housing - see separate article

P.C. Sarah King (Community Police Officer)

- There were 12 reported crimes in Hawstead during the year to. This compares to 10 in the previous year: they included 6 burglaries
- She commended the work of Neighbourhood Watch in Hawstead - 10 street co-ordinators led by Mrs. Joan Baker.

The Village Hall Project

At the end of the meeting, a vote by a show of hands was passed, agreeing that the Parish Council should support the Village Hall project financially to an unspecified amount, which would anyway only be after regular expenses and a contingency amount were determined.

AJP

Parish Council Meeting 9th May

After the Parliamentary and County Elections on the 5th May, the Parish Council had its Annual Meeting on 9th May, the first item being the election of a Chairman for the ensuing year. Mrs. Katie Fairbairn, who is the longest serving Councillor, was re-elected Chairman, but Dave Dawson did not seek re-election as Vice-Chairman and Philip Shaw, our youngest and newest member was unanimously appointed to that Office in his place.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had a better than expected bank balance and this has facilitated the purchase of the printing equipment needed to keep this Journal going. He also told the Council that notice had been received that the annual audit of the Council's accounts by a firm of London accountants appointed by the Audit Commission would start in July.

This year the Council obtained competitive quotations for cutting the grass on Hawstead's four greens and residents will be pleased to know that Mr. Barry Coulson will continue to carry out the excellent maintenance work he has done for this parish in past years

RW

All Saints Church - Hawstead.

SERVICES

JUNE

Sunday 12th 8.30am Said Eucharist

Sunday 26th 8.30am Said Eucharist

(No Parish Eucharist this because of Ordination of new assistant Curate)

JULY

Sunday 10th 8.30am Said Eucharist

Evening Prayer

An opportunity for silent/ contemplative prayer, and to pray for the parish and benefice is held every **Wednesday in the church at 5 - 5.30pm**. All are welcome.

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

Quote from Sir John Cullum's Hawstead History:

On the subject of TREES

I've chosen this quote as a tribute to Brian Kew's ten-year Tree Wardenship. I hope you can feel satisfaction, Brian, when you see the trees you have planted - and enthused and cajoled others to plant. It's really 'great' to think of their effect on the village. Let's hope many of them will be still standing for the next 200 years for other Hawstead dwellers to appreciate.

Sir John Cullum is referring here to the conditions of a 1572 lease for a tenant farm:

"The restriction that the borders of the fields where timber grew, should not be ploughed up, was very judicious. In those bushy belts that were some yards broad, grew considerable quantities of timber, and that of the best sort; as trees that have room to extend their branches on all sides, and are exposed to all the vicissitudes of the weather, by standing single, grow larger, and are of a more compact texture, than those that are crowded together in woods. The clearing of these borders in modern times will, in my opinion, operate very strongly towards the decrease of timber. Some majestic pollards, and other trees, the produce of these nurseries, still remain at a distance from the hedges, but will never be succeeded by others, as no fostering and protecting bushes are now left."

JP

Temporary Closure of Bury Road, Hawstead

Part of Bury Road between Bell's Lane and Church Road will be CLOSED to vehicular traffic from 9.30am - 3.30pm, June 6 - 10. This is to enable British Telecom to carry out overhead cabling work.

Provision will be made for the passage at all times of pedestrians and cyclists. Vehicles can of course use either Bells Lane or Whepstead Road to find a way to town.

We are advised that, if necessary, the closure could remain in force for a further 18 months - or even longer, if extended by the Secretary of State !!!

Any enquiries should be made to Mr. R. Cross, Lux Traffic Controls Ltd. Tel. 01666-822000.

SMALLHOLDING
(and a degree of self-sufficiency) in HAWSTEAD

We have been hungry all winter. Well, all winter except for when we had a very tasty GOOSE at Christmas, stuffed with Gooseberry Stuffing from last summer's gooseberries. We have had a few joints of LAMB with some yummy MINT sauce. And then there was the BROCCOLI, CARROTS, PARSNIPS, POTATOES, BRUSSELS SPROUTS and ONIONS (must grow more next year - they ran out early). And there are always EGGS to eat, and of course CHICKENS.

We were kept warm by FIREWOOD from local fallen trees (thanks, James). Cutting and carrying it kept us as warm as the heat of the fire. And now it is almost summer and we have RHUBARB (last year I kept forgetting to pick it - must do better this year); we have STRAWBERRIES from the poly-tunnel (and so do the mice - I must get rid of them), ASPARAGUS and there are always EGGS !

Despite what the supermarket managers seem to want, I am glad that we don't have asparagus all year; I don't really want strawberries in November and raspberries in February. I prefer my food to have seasons.

We will have CHICKEN to eat again soon. We kept the tiny chicks warm in the poly-tunnel and the extra warmth from their heater helped keep the frost off some of the more tender plants. We have ducklings under that heater now. Fancy roast DUCK with orange sauce? Does anyone in Hawstead grow ORANGES?

We almost always have excesses of some goodies and the PLANTS and PRODUCE sales are starting again soon on the Village Green.

SEE YOU THERE !

The Evershed Family

PLANTS AND PRODUCE

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

HAWSTEAD VILLAGE GREEN

2nd and 4th Saturday in the month from Sat. 28th May

11am. - 1pm.

COME AND BUY!

For more information call Andy and Frances on 01284-386501

The New Village Hall Project

The Project Group has recently met and received with regret the resignation of the Chairman Joan Cook. They expressed enormous gratitude for all the work that she has done to move this project forward.

No important developments are currently expected pending the outcome of the feasibility study on Cullum House (see below) and the possible proposal by Rupert Brown (see page 6).

Cullum House (The Old School)

An update on the feasibility study

As many in the village will know Cullum House (for four decades Elsa Kilpatrick's home) is owned by trustees of an education charity under St Edmundsbury Diocese. It is proposed by the owners to sell the property in the next few months in order to realise the capital and use the proceeds for Church of England school education purposes.

Due to the past use of the schoolroom as a meeting place for many village groups and the concern of many village people over its future, the Diocese proposed a joint feasibility study with interested parties to look at potential future uses for the property. This independent study has been jointly funded by The Diocese, Hawstead Parochial Church Council, Hawstead Community Council and the Parish Council. Representatives of these groups have had a useful set of meetings with the consultant responsible for the study and there will be a further meeting on June 10th before the final report is made.

It would appear that in order to secure the largest income possible from the capital tied up in the property the Diocese is still likely to sell the building. To satisfy Charity Commission rules this must be at market value and this is likely to be in the region of £300,000. John Lamb, the independent consultant employed to carry out the study has come up with some interesting proposals and, reassuringly for many, he does not feel that extra development of the attractive setting of the building would be appropriate. The aim is to reach the best solution for all parties involved.

It is crucial that all ideas and proposals are looked into so please make your views known as soon as possible. Should anyone want more details or have further ideas on the matter please don't hesitate to contact me or any member of the Community Council, Parish Council or Parochial Church Council.

James Carr

Housing Development in Hawstead?

Three times as many village folk attended the Parish Council AGM this year as last year and the reason became clear at the end of the formal reporting stage of the proceedings. Rumours have been rife in Hawstead in recent weeks about a proposal to build more houses here and people wanted to know more about this.

The meeting was informed that Rupert Brown, farmer and landowner of the village has expressed interest in exploring the possibility of building some new houses in Hawstead. No definite plans exist, but at the previous Parish Council meeting he outlined this scenario:

- 4 individual houses facing the Green between Kellycroft Cottage and Fyletts Manor,
- 5 individual houses on Lawshall Road from the junction with Whepstead Road towards (and on the opposite side to) the Metcalfe Arms.
- 6 'social houses' from the same junction up Whepstead Road

These locations have been suggested as 'in keeping' with the character of the village at least in the sense that Hawstead is 'linear' ie housing is situated along the roads rather than branching off into separate roads or small estates. At the same time Rupert has indicated a willingness to contribute very significantly to the costs of our proposed new Village Hall - possibly to the full cost if his profits were to allow this.

Points of view were expressed from those present and clearly those who would be affected by such developments most, by virtue of proximity, were greatly concerned. On the other hand, the messages coming from the local planning authority appear to be very much against the likelihood this new housing being granted permission. New housing in any quantity within the borough is only to be permitted in Bury St Edmunds, Haverhill and in certain 'key villages': whilst these villages were not listed, one can be reasonably certain that Hawstead is not one of them as such a village should have a number of services in place, at minimum comprising a pub, school and shop - a 'rural service centre'.

(It may also be worth noting that, according to the map in our book 'Hawstead 2001', most of the parish including all the areas suggested for development come within a 'special landscape area' - this means that though limited building can be permitted, it will be subject to strong control to ensure that the siting, materials and design are sympathetic to the area.)

We were encouraged to use this proposal as a chance to discuss proactively what we want for the future of the village: development in recent decades has been piecemeal and perhaps we should take a more considered and strategic view of the *whole* village. [In the past quarter century there have been,

By living in the village and taking part in the life of the community you make the village what it is and thus its history. My role is to make a record in the best way I can.

Joan Cook History Recorder

PS there are still a few copies of Hawstead 2001 for sale. This handsome hardbacked book with 48 colour plates and lift out map printed by Cambridge University Press may be purchased from me for £20.00 Tel. 01284 386711

The Editor is going on a l-o-n-g bike ride !

..... *from Lands End to John O'Groats*

It will take from June 18 - July 3 (because it's not a race!)

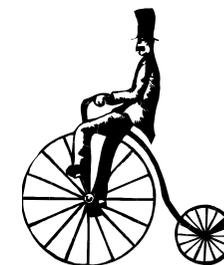


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Many thanks in anticipation. Andy Parrett (Tel. 386531)



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Making Village History

Someone asked me the other day ‘What do you do as the village history recorder?’ The flip answer which came immediately to mind but was left unsaid was historically speaking, anything I like! But the question did start me thinking for the role of the recorder is left deliberately open ended.

It was recognised sometime in the nineteen-fifties or sixties that many aspects of rural life were changing and that old customs and the country way of life would vanish without trace if an effort was not made to write them down or better still to record on tape the memories of the older members of the community. Out of that grew the idea that every village should appoint its own History Recorder. When Harry Paling left the village I was asked to take over the role and he passed on to me a small file of papers but no instructions. I was, so to speak on my own. Well, not quite, because I started to receive mailouts from The Suffolk Historical Society. Later I was to learn that as a Recorder I was not in fact a member of the society but they just kept a watchful and helpful eye on our work and with the help of a volunteer secretary organised the annual seminar held each October for the Recorders.

So what do I do? Each year I make a report to the Parish Council of the events that have taken place in the village and pass a copy to the secretary of the History Recorders. In addition I collect each edition of the Hawstead Journal and the Benefice Magazine and lodge them with the Record Office in Bury St. Edmunds. Not earth shaking stuff but a reasonable record of the round of community events and in the Journal contemporary comment on what is taking place. Occasionally letters arrive from strangers who are seeking knowledge of ancestors or want to confirm some fact about the village.

It was my role as recorder which prompted me to undertake the editorship of *Hawstead 2001: a West Suffolk Village Record*. Working together, the village and the editorial team produced, arguably, the most in-depth survey of a village that has ever been written. In 2011 it would be a great piece of recording if we re-photographed the village and redistributed the questionnaire. The results of such an exercise would log the changes over a ten year period.

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to my knowledge, 14 new dwellings constructed in Hawstead, but only 3 not as a result of conversion or destruction of other structures.]

Mention was made of a ‘local plan’ for the village which will be revised every 5 (or 10?) years. I wondered subsequent to the meeting whether this is the same plan as is described by Bill Crockford in his chapter on architecture in our book: “There is to be a Parish Audit organised by the Borough Council commencing on the 21st May 2001 which will result in a Village Plan. The object of this exercise *is to establish needs and wishes of the villagers as to the future of the village.*” [My emphasis.]

That sounds like what we want! Anyway, the Borough Planning Officer will shortly be invited to address the Parish Council at an advertised meeting to which all villagers will be welcome.

AJP

GAMES & PUDDINGS EVENING

6.00pm Saturday 2 July

CHURCH FARM HOUSE, HAWSTEAD

A great village family event for a summer evening

Come along and play tennis, croquet, badminton, boules, pitch-and-put or just wander around Lesley’s lovely garden. The evening will be rounded off by choosing from a selection of puddings. Everyone welcome and bring family and friends

The cost of the evening is £6.00 for adults, £3.50 children

To include ploughman's supper and puddings

Drinks available

Proceeds to the church

For tickets contact -

Lesley Carey (386132) Christine Gossett (386764)

Sandy Dawson (386682) or Tony Hillman (386527)

The Plant Sale



The Plant and Produce stall on the Village Green



Watch this space for the bee-man (B-man?) of Hawstead in next



Morris Dancing at the Metcalfe Arms



Newcomers to Hawstead

Ruby Butt (age 3 months) and Ben West (5 mths) who have recently moved to Hawstead get to know one another at the plant sale.

If you are new to the village we would like to hear from you. Please call Andy on 386531 or Geraldine on 388732