

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE / JULY (in the hall unless otherwise stated)

Community Council - Wednesday 30th June - 7.30 pm.

Parish Council - Thursday 15th July - Public Forum at 7.30 pm.

REGULAR EVENTS

Art Group	-	Weekly on Mondays 10.00am - 1.00pm
Breathe Easy	-	Weekly on Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.30am
Craft Group	-	Last Wednesday of the month 10.30 am - 1 pm
Carpet Bowls	-	Weekly on Tuesdays 7.30pm
Kids Korner	-	Saturday 9th July from 3pm
Quiz Night	-	Metcalfe Arms, Thursday 15th July
Produce sale	-	2nd and 4th Saturdays 11 am - 1 pm

LATER IN THE YEAR

Village Fete and Flower show - Sunday 5th September 2pm

A Village Party - Date tba

The Village Hall Touring play, Theatre Royal - 'The Two of Us' - Thursday September 9th

The "Biggest Coffee Morning" - Saturday September 25th - 10am

St George's Day Celebration - 23rd April 2011

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Dishwasher - Bosch

59 cm depth, 45 cm width, 85 cm height.

Both in good condition

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Hawstead Journal

For the Village by the Village

June 2010

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Hawstead Village Hall

At the beginning of the year we became one of the beneficiaries of the "Connected Villages" project, which eventually saw the installation of Wi-Fi in our hall, together with a free lap top for community use. We also acquired six work stations enabling us to offer an IT club. It is our intention to eventually have a projector and screen.

The community is indebted to the Parish Council for the funding to install a sound enhance system.

As part of the emergency plan the hall can now be heated and lit using a modification to our electric supply which allows for a generator to be used.
The patio has been extended.

Bookings for private functions such as weddings, birthday parties have risen this year. We now have some good experience of the work and expense surrounding such bookings. This knowledge will be put into practice for the future and in the New Year the Community Council will review the terms and conditions of hire in the light of our experiences.

We have added to our inventory with extra crockery, cutlery and table linen. This is available to hire.

With all our new equipment we hope to make our hall a more attractive venue for conferences or seminars etc

During the year we have had a plant sale, the village fete and flower show, a quiz night, Christmas party, a village party, a charity Lent lunch, country dancing, a Burn's supper, a village travelling play and craft workshops.

It is important to keep this building in good clean condition so great care is taken to do just that. Recently the internal walls have been given a coat of paint where needed. The high beams have been dusted. The outside will now need to be given a protective coat.

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HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

There has been a good response to our plea for help with the fete. If you have not thought of a way you could help, please do it now. We especially need help with the Fruit and Flower show - just setting it up etc. Simon Miller has agreed to do the administration.

The plant sale raised £861. We are very grateful to the gardeners who nurtured all those plants. Especially Jo Butt and the Evershed family.

Thank you to every one who has been involved in the community this year.

The AGM was very poorly attended. We have to hope that you are happy with all we are doing. An annual statement of our accounts can be obtained from James Bulbrook.

The committee now consists of the following people -

Sonja Monk	Spinney Cottage
Rosemary Harrison	Balacraine
James Bulbrook	Brook Cottage
Pat Baker	Shepherds Cottage
Dave Dawson	Bracklands
Ruth Mackay	Flatt's Farm
Liz Bulbrook	Brook Cottage
Geraldine West	Kellycroft

We are lucky to have two new members on the committee in Geraldine and Liz they will I am sure be a great asset.

Margaret Crockford has left us after serving I think it must be at least ten years, quite a sentence. Margaret and her husband Bill have been really committed members especially during the building of the hall, village functions etc. Very many thanks to you Margaret.

This coming year will be my last year serving on the Community Council. I now have six grandchildren, five of them under five, they all live very near. I have always wanted lots of grandchildren. For eleven years I had only one then they just came along twins and all. With all these beautiful little people and my lovely Lily (still number one granddaughter) plus a retired husband my time is getting used up!

I have enjoyed it very much. Meeting people who wish to hire our hall has been a pleasure. There have been quite a few wedding receptions to date. There are three in the pipe-line for next year already. It is quite special to help young couples with their arrangements - something they will always remember.

Sonja Monk
Chair

Local Produce

for sale 2nd and 4th Saturdays in the month. The next few sales are on June 26th, July 10th and 24th. Come and see us by the Village Hall from 11am - 1pm. Everything we sell is from our own garden or kitchen. Produce as fresh as you can get it and no food miles!!

Within the next moth you can expect to find

Broad bean, french beans and runners,

Mange tout, spinach and salads

Artichokes, apricots and gooseberries

Bethany's Buns and Bisuits

Elderflower cordial and preserves

and of course eggs.

Do keep in touch if you can't make the sales - the garden keeps growing.

Thanks,

Andy and Fran

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A bemusing article read in another village magazine -

One of Life's Lessons

A self-important university student attending a recent rugby game took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen sitting next to him, why it was impossible for the older generation to understand his generation.

"You grew up in a different world, actually an almost primitive one" the student said, loud enough for many of those nearby to hear. "The young people of today grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, man walking on the moon. Our space probes have visited Mars. We have nuclear energy, ships and electric and hydrogen cars, cell phones. Computers with light-speed processing ... and more."

After a brief silence, the senior citizen responded as follows:

"You're right, son. We didn't have those things when we were young so we invented them. Now, what are YOU doing for the next generation ?"

The applause was amazing

Malcolm Cornwell

Church Services at All Saints Church Hawstead

July

11 th July	8.30am	Said Eucharist
25 th July	11.00am	Parish Eucharist

Rev Jayne Buckles the new Rector of St Edmund Way Benefice will be moving into the rectory on 7th July. Her licensing and induction service will take place on Tuesday 20th July at 7.30 pm at All Saints Church Lawshall.

Stella Woodman-Smith

As many of you will know, Stella has died. She came to Hawstead after the war, bought Park House and became a farmer. She cared passionately about Hawstead and understood the workings of the village and its farming roots. She bought and managed meadows and other small parcels of land to protect them from unsuitable speculative development, became Master of the Suffolk Hunt, was Chairman of parish council and did a great deal for the church. She provided a welcome number of jobs and bought cottages for those who worked for her.

Stella had sharp wit and quick retorts and was frightened of no-one. She was feisty, professional, competent and hard working and although she did not tolerate whingeing and had a reputation for being outspoken, she was always generous and compassionate.

She will be sadly missed.

The Wily Weeds

I have a little garden, and I dig it every day.

I water all the pretty flowers And throw the weeds away.

And yet, tho' flowers are very scarce, Of weeds there is no lack.

For when I'm fast asleep in bed, They all come creeping back.

And this is most annoying, for, As anyone can tell,

They never come back by themselves -

They bring their friends as well!!

Rosie

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If you have an oil-fired boiler, now is the best time to service it - in the summer when it is not needed to heat your home.

Also, once the autumn arrives, damp air enters the boiler and turns soot, which to begin with is light and fluffy, into a tar-like substance, which is difficult to remove and makes the boiler less efficient.

Just 1 mm of soot will reduce the efficiency of your boiler by 10% and therefore increase the amount of fuel required to heat your home.

PR Oil Boiler Services is an OFTEC accredited engineering company, specialising in pressure jet oil heating systems including Aga and Rayburn cookers.

Contact Peter Rushowski for a free assessment and quote.

Adrian Baker at work extending the paved area at the Village Hall



Chairman's report for HPC Annual Parish Meeting - 20th May 2010

Thankfully the mole problem on the village green that we all familiar with, has now been brought under reasonable control. Similarly, due to the contractor's perseverance during the last winter, the excessive rabbit population has been decreased. Unfortunately, those that now remain appear to have moved further along the south facing edge of the green. With regards to both of these issues, your council are intending to continue with this work but at a reduced level, whereby hopefully we shall see a further improvement.

Up-keep and maintenance of the **Village Green** is carried out under the supervision of DEFRA and we are grateful for the grant that we receive for this purpose.

Last year's hay crop was unfortunately not as good as in previous years especially in view of the amount of time and effort involved by Richard Duchesne and his co-workers.

The grass-cutting of the path around the village green was maintained as far as practical up to last October and now the warmer weather has started, this work which has already been contracted will continue.

Those who frequent the Green will have observed that the **2nd phase of the planned tree cutting** along the southern edge has been completed, as has clearance of the over-grown shrubby area along the Lawshall Road towards the pub. This type of work which has already started to show benefits will be continued around the parish - subject to finances.

Following representation by the Parish Council concerning **road safety issues** at Bull Hill, the now familiar white line from the top on either side, painted by SCC, has been shown to be reasonably effective, especially on the bends at the very bottom.

The **bottle bank** has had a change of colour and location and in addition Andy Ever-shed has planted some hazel bushes which in the fullness of time will form a natural screen. The income during the last 12 months from the bottle bank was £113.76. The more we all use it, the more revenue will be generated for the overall benefit of our village.

The parish council has made **small donations** (max of £30) to various charitable organisations which serve our community.

Hawstead Emergency plan which John West kindly undertook to formulate, is now complete.

There have been very few **planning applications** submitted during the past 12 months, none of which were considered contentious. As always the Parish Council endeavoured to have a well balanced view in the interests of the village, whereby, each application is considered on its own merits in order to preserve Hawstead's various characteristics.

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badies. Firstly, they are men and they have everything loaded on them, including being awful capitalists working in evil corporations, with ugly secrets of Sweden's war-time past. To my mind they are too overloaded with badness. So I took a break and looked at the author's biography and in this instance found that this helped and was a useful gateway into the mind set behind the action.

Larsson was initially a political activist for the Communist Workers League, the editor of a Trotskyist journal and campaigning exposer of extreme right and racist organisations. Unsurprisingly then, aspects of Sweden's 20th century history, in the form of the bad guy's Nazi involvement, are introduced that may be unfamiliar to British readers.

This also goes some way to explaining the character of Salander who has terrible things done to her but refuses to be a victim. She is a feminist heroine written by a man and the misogyny she suffers is laid on with a trowel. Every man is a pig. There are graphic rape scenes and the book is awash with salaciousness and violence. The man is more shallowly portrayed and Larsson gives us the sexual amorality of Blomkvist who can sleep with women at will. This has all the hallmarks of male fantasy. If Blomkvist is Larsson's alter ego, then Salander is like the heroine of a computer game who survives dreadful abuse.

The first book has the crusading journalist and computer hacker working together and uncovering a serial killer. Salander is a much more solid character in the second outing, which deals with the sex traffic of teenagers. The people responsible are at the heart of the plot. Dozens of characters and parallel narratives keep the action moving, maintain the tension and the novel ends on a cliff hanger. Does Salander survive or not? Of course she does. The final volume in the trilogy brings together a high-level conspiracy, hatred of women and the threat posed by a right-wing faction in the Swedish Security Service. After a slow start as the first 100 pages include a reprise of the first two volumes, to bring new readers up to speed, new characters are introduced to explain the conspiracy against Salander. Then the story accelerates.

The books have intricate plots and are a good read. However, Blomkvist's vanity is trying as every woman falls for him. The plot relies on violence as a solution to loose ends. Salander, with the help of her computer hacker friends become *deus ex machina*. I suggest that readers suspend disbelief and urge on the heroine punk Goth figure. After all she has gone through in the trilogy, there is a satisfying and satisfactory denouement.

The film of the first book is a typical Hollywood adaption, a mixture of Wallander and Kill Bill, or possibly Wallander meets Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. Read the book before going to see the film.

Paul Caldwell

The Millennium Trilogy

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo
The girl who Played with Fire
The Girl who Kicked the Hornets' Nest
By Stieg Larsson (translated from the Swedish by Reg Keeland)
Published in both paper and hardback by Maclehose Press

After the cold winter, with the first sign of spring sunshine I am walking along the Orwell River at Shotley Point with Henry Persiflage and his delightful niece Anna Glypta. There is a strong wind blowing and Anna is glad to be away from her teenage brothers, complaining that they don't like reading and have the attention span of a gnat. Henry agrees, but surprisingly for someone who has just entered the 21st century by purchasing a blackcurrant phone and pea pod, he extols the virtues of the E-book. His view is that the new technology is only a portal into the Aladdin's Cave of the world's literature and thought. Anything that will entice youngsters away from Super Mario 3 Game Boy should be encouraged. I agree and add that authors such as Enid Blyton should be praised for their books that provided the introduction for millions of children to the skill of reading and following a story. My opinion is that the BBC biography of her did not add anything relevant to the sum total of our understanding. Rather it illuminated the outlook of the London based media.

We notice the little ferry plying its trade across the Orwell Estuary, watch a cruise ship leave Harwich and remember the Fred Olsen liners that used to regularly sail to Scandinavia. Anna has been watching the Swedish detective series, Wallander on the television. I find the series as conventional as Agatha Christie, but with Swedish depressiveness as a dark underside. Henry agrees and thinks it is as though it is a Swedish tourist advert. Then, like buses, without any Nordic books for years, along come three in the form of The Millennium Trilogy by Stieg Larsson, a Swedish left-leaning journalist who died in 2004, not to mention a recently released film of the first volume. He left three completed but unpublished novels, the unfinished manuscript of a fourth, synopses of the fifth and sixth in the series, which was intended to contain an eventual total of ten books.

We are introduced to two primary characters, Lisbeth Salander and Mikael Blomkvist. Lisbeth is an intelligent, eccentric woman in her 20s with a photographic memory and computer skills, whose social skills are rather poor. Blomkvist is an investigative journalist, a celebrity in his own right.

How to approach the books? For the first few chapters, with the crime story following the conventions of standard detective fiction, I am starting to feel sorry for the



Chairman's report Contd...

Organised by the chairman, the village had for the very first time a Xmas tree (kindly donated by Mr & Mrs Holland) outside the hall which, with the illuminations purchased by the Parish Council, provided a festive show for those who passed by.

The final village hall documents signed by representatives of the Community and Parish Councils, were recently resubmitted to the Parish Council for two additional signatures by the Chairman and Deputy Chairman in order to comply with the land registry requirement. That has now been duly completed and returned to the solicitors concerned.

Completion of the revision of the Local Bye-laws is still with DEFRA, awaiting their judgement, albeit they have had it for many months.

Consideration for the coming year

- 1 Survey for phase 3 of the proposed continuation of tree cutting.
- 2 Overview of areas within the Parish by a working party.
- 3 The Churchyard - The Parish Council and PCC are to meet and discuss matters concerning the "old" burial ground, now closed and continuing ground and verge maintenance.

Finally I would like to thank fellow councillors for their support and time freely given and Marilyn our Clerk, for her devotion given to our Council.

Malcolm Cornwell
Chair Hawstead Parish Council

Suggestions please

It was agreed at the Annual Parish Meeting that the Chairman would ask for suggestions from villagers, via this Journal, as to how they would like the Parish Council to spend some of its reserve funds. Please send your suggestions to me or to Marilyn Bottomley the Parish Clerk at 8 Church Close, Rede, IP29 4BG or email marilyn.bottomley@virgin.net before 12th July. Thank you.

Malcolm Cornwell
Chair Hawstead Parish Council

Notice to all Dog owners

Following complaints of dog fouling on and around the circular path on the Village Green, the Parish Council request dog owners to kindly dispose of their dog faeces in either of the 2 bins on the green that are provided for this purpose. This will ensure that the village green is a pleasure to walk around for everyone.

Malcolm Cornwell
Chair Hawstead Parish Council

Save Our Trees

The magnificent Horse Chestnut tree, as many of you will know, is under attack - from two sources, a non-native moth - the horse chestnut leaf miner moth - and an invariably fatal disease known as bleeding canker.

Since it arrived in Britain in 2002, the moth has spread approximately 40 miles each year and is now found in the trees in over half the UK. It damages trees, causing the leaves to shrivel and turn brown, thereby weakening the trees and making them more susceptible to bleeding canker.

Academics Dr Darren Evans a lecturer in Conservation Biology at the University of Hull, Dr Michael Pocock an ecologist and Research Fellow at the University of Bristol and The Natural Environment Research Council are on a mission to save the trees. They are conducting a research project focussed not only on the leaf miner itself, but also on the beneficial insects that are predators of this alien invader.

In order to aid their research they are asking members of the public to report both damaged and healthy horse chestnut trees and to provide information about the leaf miner and other insects found on the trees. If you are interested in taking part in this research project please register your interest and follow the instructions at <http://www.ourweboflife.org.uk/registration.html>

In a separate development there has been a breakthrough in the treatment of bleeding cancer in horse chestnut trees. This treatment - a garlic-based infusion - has been developed by a company in the Netherlands and is now being trialed in the UK by a British company. For more details go to www.allicin-tree-care.com. Extensive trials of this treatment in the Netherlands have produced remarkable results.

I have applied to take part in these trials. To assist me please will you let me know whether you have a horse chestnut tree in your garden or on village green land near your home.

It would be such a pity to see these beautiful trees disappear from our landscape in the way that the Elms did.

Please email me at geraldinewest@waitrose.com or phone 388732. Thank you.

Kind regards

Geraldine West

Editor



The Metcalfe Arms

If you were to have sidled down to the Metcalfe Arms on the evening of Friday 28th May with the intention of shooting the breeze/discussing the meaning of life with a few mates, the best idea for you (and your mates) would have been to settle down in the pub garden. Indoors, you might have found conversation a bit difficult. This is because the excellent 3-piece band called 'Rekovered' were regaling a good crowd with a very tight set of rock 'n' roll songs and tunes from the '70s, '80s and '90s. The bass guitarist was cool, the lead guitarist a virtuoso, and the drummer was amazing - he could thresh around at the drums and sing at the same time! I think you'd have given up the idea of talking with your mates - you'd all have come in to listen to the music.

Andy Parrett

There is a lot going on at the pub - watch the notice board for details.

Ed



RURAL NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM

The area has been experiencing shed, garage and out building break-ins with garden equipment being stolen. Remember to mark your property and secure it. Also consider becoming a member of Horse or Farm Watch yet. Contact PCSO Kayla Packman for details.

Our next monthly Tasking meeting is being held at The Community Centre Whepstead on Wednesday 7 July 2.30pm. This is open to the public and is your opportunity to discuss issues that affect your community with The Police and Partner agencies and decide on local priorities.

PC Ruth Horton

www.suffolk.police.uk

The Police non emergency number is 01284 774100, or you can e-mail us at stedsrural-south.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Please dial 999 if immediate response needed.

If you wish to report criminal activity in your area anonymously please ring the Crime Stoppers number 0800 555111

The Theatre Royal
is coming to our hall on the 9th of September!!

"THE TWO OF US"

by Michael Frayn
the award winning writer of "Noises Off "

Directed by Abigail Anderson, director of the touring productions "Three Men in a Boat" and "Art". This is another high quality, hilarious presentation from the Theatre Royal.

Funny and touching, "The Two of Us" takes a look at the complexities of love and marriage in the modern world. What would you do if last night's one night stand moved in the next morning - complete with all his dirty washing? How do you rekindle the romance of your honeymoon when the latest addition to your family won't stop crying? And how do you cope with a dinner party when you have mistakenly invited the wife, the husband and the new boyfriend all on the same evening.

From the director Abigail Anderson:

"My favourite thing about the Theatre Royal Tour is that it takes plays right on to people's doorsteps and brings people together to enjoy themselves. You get to meet and chat to the audience directly, with none of the barriers that a formal theatre building puts up. Each venue is unique and no two audiences are the same. I've experienced the most phenomenal welcome from all the villages that I have visited with "Art" and "Three Men in a Boat" and you gather great stories about the mishaps that can occur and the heroism people display to overcome them!"

Tickets will be available from the Theatre Royal and the Metcalfe Arms from 2nd August.

Sonja



Kids Korner

We are planning on having some games on the village green on Saturday afternoon of 10th July from 3 o'clock. We will be playing Man-hunt which is a really fun game that requires hiding and getting to the 'home' spot without being caught. We can also play Kick the Can and other games, perhaps cricket or rounders.

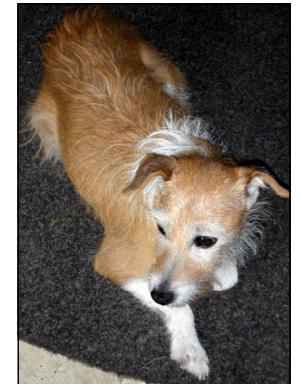
We will have drinks and snacks too. If you would like to join in with this, please contact me. These games need quite a few people so we will only be able to go ahead if we get enough. So come on! Come along and bring your friends.



Don't forget to send us a message if you want to get involved with some activities.

Please email rampagerory@hotmail.com, call me on 388732 or drop in to see me at Kellycroft, opposite the village hall.

Rory Hancock



Cream Tea at
Church Farm House
Friday 11th June
In aid of
All Saints Church
Hawstead

