

# Hawstead Journal

For the Village by the Village

March 2011



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*(in the hall unless otherwise stated)*

The Village Party - Friday 29th April details on page 4

Village Gardens of Hawstead Sunday 17th July 10 am - 4 pm

Please contact a community council member if you are able to take part in this wonderful event.

Tea Dance August date to be announced

Village Pantomime 'Cinderella' 7th and 8th January 2012

### RUBY AND HER HORSES—Saturday 11th June

This should be fascinating entertainment, and it is the last year that it will be performed. To be followed by a Ploughman's Supper.

### Community Council -

Meeting - Monday 21st March 7.30 pm

Annual General Meeting - Thursday 2nd June 7.30 pm

### Parish Council -

Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting -

Thursday 19th May - 7.00pm Please note earlier start time.

## REGULAR EVENTS

- Breathe Easy - Weekly on Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.30 am  
Craft Group - Last Wednesday of the month 10.30 am - 1 pm  
Call Ruth on 388085 for more information  
Carpet Bowls - Weekly on Tuesdays 7.30 pm  
Reading Group - Monthly on Thursday evenings.  
Next meeting 7th April 7.30pm

Hawstead Journal - Contributions to Geraldine West, Editor Kellycroft,  
The Green, Tel 388723, email [geraldinewest@waitrose.com](mailto:geraldinewest@waitrose.com)

## HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MORE FROM THE OLD MINUTES

#### June 5<sup>th</sup> 1972

The meeting was held in Cullum House.

Business arising. Miss Stella Woodman Smith and Mr Inches agreed to open their gardens in July. Teas would be served as last year at Park House. Mr Stennett of The Cottage in the Pound was also to be asked.

A discotheque to be arranged for the 8<sup>th</sup> of July, at Bryers Farm. If this was not convenient for Mr. Maurice Wright, an application was to be made for the hall at Staningfield.

Planning permission for the hall. It was decided that there was no point in applying for this until consent to build on the green had been obtained from the Minister of the Environment.

Type of Building. The various uses of the building were discussed, and the general opinion was that a smaller hall would be adequate. Mr. Shirreff proposed and Miss Woodman Smith seconded that a definite vote would be put to the public meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June.

Village Representative for the elderly. It was agreed that Mrs. Tildsey would undertake this, as it was in line with her work with the over sixties. Next meeting for the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July.

No minutes of June 12<sup>th</sup> have survived. There is no more mention of building until November.

#### July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1972

Present where: Miss Stella Woodman Smith, Mrs. Ethel Lebbons, Mrs. Phylis Pettitt, Mrs. Long, Mrs. Dorothy Wright, Mrs. Joan Baker, Mr. Tildsey, Mr. John Smith, Mr. Elmer, Major Rex Carr, with Miss Elsa Kilpatrick in the chair.

Ethel outlined the details of the discotheque which had been arranged for the Saturday at Bryers Farm from 8pm until midnight. The admission charge was to be 30p.

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### Hawstead Community Council, cont'd

Arrangements were made for the Gardens day, the village was to provide the eats and 10p would be the entrance fee for all three of the gardens.

Mr. Tildsey reported that the coffee evening held at Cook's Cottage raised £8.26 for general funds.

The second Village Fete was to be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> September. Mr. Pat Baker was co-opted to help Mr. Smith with this.

The Community Council now consisted of 128 members with a committee of twelve. A periodical newsletter was being considered for the future. Meetings were held monthly on Mondays.

### August 7<sup>th</sup> 1972

Elsa reported that the discotheque held at Bryers was a great success and raised £20.20. The Garden Day raised £13.10. So few people had visited the gardens, it was felt that this event might be held every other year.

Stella reported on a letter that had been received from the Department of the Environment giving permission for a compulsory purchase order for 250 square yards of the village green on which to build a village hall. It was felt that it would be wiser to ask for planning permission and to obtain the C.P.O. later.

It was decided that a deputation from the C.C. Mr. Inches, Mr. Shirreff and Stella Woodman Smith would meet with the representatives of Thingoe Rural District Council to decide on an agreeable sight to place the village hall.

It was proposed that and agreed that Alfie Bass would be officially asked to build the Village Hall.

Elsa outlined in some detail the proposed stalls and games for the Village Fete; all this was progressing very satisfactory except that the committee decided to change the date from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> because the harvest was late!!

### September 4<sup>th</sup>

A discussion took place on a proposal to go to Bury Fireworks instead of Long Melford as they had done the previous year. It was also hoped to hold a Carol Service in the church on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December.

Mr. Shirreff reported to the committee that the Thingoe R.D.C. had been persuaded to accept the recommendations of the committee as to the positioning of the Village Hall.

### Sonja

#### HELP!

*Friendly family needs a few hours weekly paid help with*

*Cleaning and/or Ironing. Flexible hours to suit.*

*Please contact Sheila on 07973 318721 or [shecrossley@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:shecrossley@tiscali.co.uk)*

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Rosemary and Michael Harrison  
Of Ballacraigne, The Pound  
Who have kindly sponsored this edition of the  
Hawstead Journal

### Neighbourhood Watch Warning

Having very recently attended a Neighbourhood Watch meeting, amongst various concerns the Suffolk Police highlighted, is the revival and sudden increase in the theft of heating oil from business premises and houses due to the obvious current upsurge in the price of oil.

Their concern emanates around oil delivery vehicles being followed by the intended thief, who note addresses of where deliveries take place and then select their possible sources of "free oil supply".

Unfortunately, the "voluntary supplier" never becomes aware of being such a victim, until their boiler fails to function properly and subsequently request the services of an engineer to attend and only to then find out they have become yet another benefactor.

By all accounts, either a pickup or a van similar to that used by delivery companies are the normal means which thieves use and often with a large oil tank to maximise on what they are able to siphon from your own tank or in some circumstances oil drums have been known to be used.

Often these events happen not only during the hours of darkness but day time as well. So, if you notice a van parked near your neighbours' property and it looks suspicious, please telephone the police with a description of the vehicle and registration number. whilst at the same time you may be earn yourself a pint or two as a reward thank you.

Malcolm Cornwell



## HAWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

### Parish Council Elections - advanced notification

Our Parish Councillors' 4 year term of office  
comes to an end in May of this year.

The election process will begin on Friday **25th March** when Notices of Election will be published. Nomination packs for those wishing to become a Parish Councillor will be available from the **21st March** from the Parish Clerk Marilyn Bottomley, telephone 01284 789303 or from the Electoral Office at West Suffolk House, telephone 01284 763233. The closing date for the submission of completed nomination papers is **noon on Monday 4th April**.

### Rubbish Free Village Green - thanks to . . .

I am sure probably like you and possibly many others, enjoy a casual stroll around the now well trodden walking area of the village green perimeter and maybe thoughtfully observed there being very little rubbish to be seen lying around or even within the vicinity of its road verges.

Other than those who kindly take there rubbish home, it could be that it has been due to the unseen work of Mr Riggles, Whepstead Road, who for sometime now has diligently collected and disposed of any discarded rubbish that he encounters.

On behalf of the Parish Council, we would like to thank you for your "unpaid" efforts of keeping our village green clean and tidy, for us all to enjoy.

Malcolm Cornwell - Parish Chairman

### PILATES

There has been some confusion regarding this class. It is possible that there are enough people that are interested. If you are please contact Gozde Acil. Monday is her only free day to run the course.

It would be a five week course £7.00 per session. There would be a free taster. If you really are interested do contact Gozde on 01787 37131 or [gozde@letsgopilates.com](mailto:gozde@letsgopilates.com)

### Note from the Editor

Ever since we moved to Hawstead nearly six years ago, and discovered a pile of Hawstead Journal's on our door mat (our house, which was the new Rectory, had been empty for some time) I have been a huge fan of the magazine.

As a busy working Mum I, like many others, sometimes find it difficult to keep up with neighbours in the village, and the Hawstead Journal is a great way to find out what is happening both within the village and the wider community, and what we can get involved in.

I have enjoyed helping Geraldine out as Editor this month and would encourage others to have a go. My desk top publishing skills are very limited, and I have managed (I think, don't look too carefully for mistakes) so don't be put off by lack of experience.

If you feel you could contribute to the production of the Journal please contact Geraldine West, Editor, Kellycroft, The Green (opposite the Village Hall) Tel: 388723, or email [geraldinewest@waitrose.com](mailto:geraldinewest@waitrose.com).

You can now view the HJ online at [www.hawsteadvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.hawsteadvillagehall.co.uk)

Jayne



Our Alpacas enjoying the sun in Church Road

## ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATIONS AFTERNOON TEA PARTY



On the Royal Wedding Day, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of April 2011 there will be an afternoon of celebrations at the Village Hall.

There will be activities for the children from 2pm, with afternoon tea, followed by a simple barbeque in the evening from 6pm.

We would need to know how many children to expect. So please can you fill in the slip below

and return it to a member of the Community Council.

If you would like to help with this we shall be delighted.

Sonja Monk 386876 or email [hawsteadcc@btinternet.com](mailto:hawsteadcc@btinternet.com)



### ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

We would like to join in the village celebrations on Friday 29th April.

Adults for Tea and/or Barbeque no: .....

Children for Tea and/or Barbeque no: .....

Please return this slip to any member of the Community Council by 22nd April 2011.

### WINE CLUB IN HAWSTEAD

If you would like to find out more about the wine you drink, please join us for a fun evening on Thursday 31st March in the village hall at 8pm. If there is sufficient interest we plan to make this a monthly event.

It is important that we know in advance how many of you will be coming along, so please would you e-mail [judy@mmgd.co.uk](mailto:judy@mmgd.co.uk) by 28th March.

The cost for this wine tasting is £10 each.

Judy and David Carter

### Last Month's article regarding Heating Oil

Dear Editor

I was a little bemused by an article in last month's Hawstead Journal by a fellow villager, referring to an original suggestion of having a fuel oil purchasing group a couple of years ago and then having a senior moment of not remembering the name of the person who originally proposed the idea.

Unfortunately and respectfully Mike, that "senior moment" has actually lasted some 5 years plus, when I originally tried with very little success of getting sufficient numbers of home oil users in the village, to consider joining such a scheme. At the time, a very good friend of mine worked for an oil supplier and wanted to introduce a purchasing cost saving scheme, which at the time would have been beneficial both to the customer and his company with reduced lorry operating costs.

As a matter of interest, I actually only received an expression of interest by 5 people and that was spread over a period of 6 months, which at the time made it non commercial.

So perhaps now, might be the time for someone else within the village who would like to consider setting up a similar idea, or perhaps alternatively contact the Whelnetham buying group - Now there's a thought !

Kind regards

Malcolm Cornwell



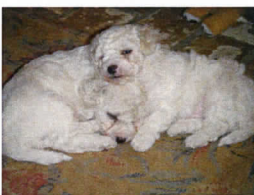


## Pinford End Pups

I had always had dogs as a child and was more than a little disappointed when my other half decreed that "there was no way we were going to have a dog". Tears flowed, but he was not to be persuaded. So I had to find a way round his objections, I needed a cunning plan.

A few years before a former neighbour had volunteered to Puppy Walk for Guide Dogs for the Blind. She had definitely not wanted a dog for life but felt that it was a good way for her sons, who were young teenagers, to experience caring for and being responsible for a dog. A few phone calls later and I had agreed to a home visit, and within a month we had our first dog, "Venice" a black Labrador. My husband couldn't really argue as the dog was not ours and we didn't even have to pay for her food or visits to the vet - Perfect! Ah, if only it was that easy!

At first it's a really cute sleepy bundle however, it rapidly grows and if not properly supervised will wreck your house. Our first chewed through a cable for the AGA (£100). The second, "Honey" liked wooden toys. "Yoko" was our third who excavated the garden. Over the years I have emailed toy companies for replacement game pieces which have been swallowed. Door frames and carpets have been customised when pups have broken through barricades and had a good old chew - the list is really rather long.



However, it's the sadness when you have to say goodbye when the dogs reach a year old. You have tried to remember they really aren't yours for life. It is time for them to leave for training and their new much more important lives guiding people. But it was the inevitable tears (from me) that persuaded us that we should have a dog of our own.

Which brings me to my Bichon Frisé pack. I was only ever meant to have one, and then give up Puppy Walking but somehow at Christmas we found ourselves with a houseful of dogs - nine to be exact:- Trainee Guide Dog "Holly"; "Lily" with five one month old pups and; "Dolly" with her four month old daughter "Bonnie".

Breeding dogs is exciting when we sit beside a dog in her whelping box in the early hours waiting for a new pup. You also feel quite stressed when things seem to be taking too long. And, there are also tears when you watch on helplessly as a little life simply slips away for no apparent reason. However, the pleasure you get when you see the new owners with their pup preciousy snuggled and taken off to their new homes makes it all worthwhile.



Helen Barneveld



## Forbrydelsen

This word is Danish for "the crime" but as the simple name of a 20-part series on BBC-4 it has been translated as "The Killing". As I write, it's still on, with 4 episodes to go, but by the time the next Hawstead Journal appears it may well be over - and then, if you haven't seen it, I believe that you'll be able to purchase a DVD set.

The Killing is a "whodunit": a murder takes place at the beginning of episode one, and the rest of the series is about solving the crime (or at least it has been so far!) The central character is a female police detective, Sarah Lund, and her male assistant (a la Morse+Lewis) who's a couple of steps behind in the thought process department. The other main characters are the parents of the murder victim (a 19 year old female); and several members of the Copenhagen City Council.

What has amazed me so about this series is how gripping the scriptwriter (Søren Sveistrup) has managed to make it. (It was written for TV rather than being an adaptation from a novel; and apparently the actors were given their scripts episode by episode - they didn't know the outcome themselves!) From episode to episode there have been continual twists and turns - nothing outlandish - and one's interest and attention has been maintained relentlessly.

To enjoy The Killing you need to be happy with sub-titles. This may be why the numbers watching (Saturday evenings, 9-11pm) are modest at c. 0.5 million. You do have to work a bit with subtitles of course, like continually watching the screen for example, but personally I think that half of the atmosphere of a film is in the sound and to hear the original voices, even without understanding what they're saying, is an important part of the viewing.



So it's all coming out of Scandinavia these days, what with Wallander, then Lisbeth Salander and now Sarah Lund. "The Killing" actually came out in Denmark in 2007. The first 10 episodes were shown in the Spring of 2007 and it was planned to show the remaining ten the following year! Such was the popularity - and outcry - that it was brought forward to the Autumn of 2007. Amazing! Since then, there's been a second series and a third is in production. All have Sarah Lund as the central character, so the one thing we know about this series is that she survives (and doesn't emigrate to Sweden, which is what she's about to do at the beginning of "The Killing").

Andy Parrett



## QUIZ NIGHT



Another lively and entertaining quiz night was enjoyed by all at the Village Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> February. Clive Robinson excelled, as always, as Quiz Master, setting challenging rounds of general knowledge and lateral thinking questions to puzzle teams including The Poachers, The Pounders and The Weaners. In a close run contest The Poachers were victors and proudly hold the coveted Hawstead Quiz trophy, plus beer vouchers for the Metcalfe Arms.

Thank you again to Clive for all his hard work, and not forgetting John who collected the Fish & Chips!



## What's On at the METCALFE ARMS

Saturday 26th March

Steve 'D' - A Touch of Elvis. Featuring songs by the King, Roy Orbison etc.

Friday 1st April

DJ Finchey Karaoke and Disco

Wednesday 6th April

Mark's Quiz Night

With a supper of Bangers, Mash and Onion Gravy. Bangers from Eric's Prime Cuts. Tickets available from the Metcalfe Arms. Quiz entry £3.00, with supper £7.00.



### MAY DAY MORNING

Green Dragon Morris will once again be celebrating May Day in Hawstead. If you are at the Hawstead end of Bells Lane by the corner of the village green at dawn (just after 5.15 am) on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May you will be able to see Green Dragon Morris dancing 'in the dawn'.

Do come and help us celebrate the coming of summer as the sun rises higher in the sky and we herald the season of growth and life.

Everyone, dancers, villagers, standers-by and anyone else is invited to Andy and Fran's (1, Fyletts Manor Cottages) afterwards for the traditional Hawstead Breakfast and good company.

Please come and join us.

*N.B. WE will still celebrate May Day on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012 and subsequent years, whatever the government think!! If anyone is having doubts, Mayday is on May 1<sup>st</sup> and not in October!*

Fran Evershed