

Neighbourhood Watch

Sarah King our Community Police Officer reported the following crimes committed in Hawstead from June to August 2004 -

June

The Metcalfe Arms – break in. Offender caught
Pinford End Trailer stolen. Man arrested

July

Bells Lane – garden shed broken into

August

The Green – playground fence damaged - solved
Whepstead Road House sign stolen

It has also been reported that distraction burglaries and strangers knocking on doors asking if householders have any antiques they wish to sell, have been taking place in local villages. Unfortunately, the elderly have once again been targeted. Please be aware and never let anybody you do not recognise into your home.

JK

Our Thanks

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Hawstead Journal

For the Village by the Village

October 2004

Parish Council

Because there is now no suitable room at the Metcalfe Arms, following the alterations carried out there earlier in the year, the September Council Meeting was again held in the Church, by kind permission of the P.C.C.

The Clerk reported that the Council's External Auditors had, as usual, approved the accounts for 2003-2004. The only comment they made was that, in the light of changes in legislation during the interim, we should consider whether our Standing Orders (made in 1998!) ought to be brought up-to-date. The Council agreed.

The draft lease for the new Village Hall site is still with the lawyers and although the St. Edmundsbury Borough Council has given planning permission we also need the consent of the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, as the new hall will be roughly on the same site as its predecessor, i.e. on part of Hawstead Green, which is common land. You will remember that similar consent had to be obtained in 1999 before the construction of the Children's Playground on that Green.

The Council considered a letter from the Trustees of Drury's Charity and the Philip Metcalfe Almshouses, pointing out that John Holdway was their Treasurer for many years and asking for permission to commemorate his contribution to the running of the two charities and the village generally by placing a suitably inscribed bench on Pound Green. Needless to say, the decision to give that permission was unanimous.

Mr. David Ruffley, M.P. has written supporting the Parish Council's objection to B.T's proposal to remove both of Hawstead's public telephone kiosks at Pinford End and Hawstead Green.

Robin Whitfield

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 6 September 2004 at the Church

Topics Discussed

- Neighbourhood Watch
- Planning: It is proposed 14 - 18 wind turbines be sited on the old airfield at Chedburgh
- Rights of Way
- Memorial seat for John Holdway on Pound Green
- Felling and replacement of diseased trees
- Hedge and tree-planting on village green
- Play area at Pinford End
- Second pet waste bin on village green
- Payment for village work
- Village parking
- Fly-tipping
- Village letter of welcome
- Finance

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at the church on 18 November 2004. Members of the public are welcome.

BK

Rescue

At lunchtime on 22nd September I popped out to the poly-tunnel to pick a lettuce for my sandwich. As I passed the chickens I glanced around to check that they were all OK and my eyes alighted on a stranger in the pen. Definitely not a chicken! Smaller, stouter, curved predator's beak, round head - a tawny owl. It was sitting on the ground apparently asleep. As I approached it the huge dark eyes opened and it flapped awkwardly away, across the ground seemingly unable to fly, to hide in a clump of nettles.

I could tell that it was not in the best of health and fearing that the chickens and geese would beat it up, if not kill it, I picked it up. It was terribly light! It seemed to be just feathers and bones, I could feel the breast bone easily with my fingers, no wonder it could not fly, there seemed to be no flesh or muscle on it.

The most urgent thing seemed to be to get some food into it, to try to give it some energy, so we mixed up some chopped liver and chicken giblets and added some feathers. (I had read somewhere that an owl needs all the fibrous parts of its prey; fur, feathers, etc in order for their digestion to work properly). The result was a home made 'mouse' about the size of my finger, which the owl totally ignored. Not to be beaten I opened its beak and popped part of the mouse into its throat. It swallowed and took the next piece on its own without help.

This seemed hopeful so the next day we rang the Birds of Prey Sanctuary at Stonham Barns for advice on what to do next. 'Ahah' they said 'Its probably got "frounce"'. Apparently, this is a common problem with tawny owls, which they pick up from eating infected pigeons. It results in a throat problem causing difficulties in eating. They told me to bring the bird in and they would do what they could to save it.

I fed it again in the evening, it seemed a bit perkier, catching one of my fingers in its needle sharp claws and drawing blood. When we got there the owl was quickly and expertly examined and the telephone diagnosis was confirmed. The main concern was that because it was so emaciated it might not pull through, having insufficient energy reserves to keep its body temperature up and continue to eat. We left it there and will ring in a week or so to find out what happened. If it survives it will be released back in Hawstead when it has recovered enough to look after itself.

A.E

Urghh!

Flies are an annual nuisance in Summer, especially when preparing food or trying to sleep at night when they seem to deliberately turn on the buzz-saw and give the impression that your ear is about to be inspected.

The Common House fly and the Lesser House fly are both obnoxious in their habits. Both breed in waste foodstuffs, human and animal excrement. In the British Isles, breeding normally ceases in October and "not before time we all cry". This year, has been really extreme, infestations have been reported by many in the village.

These insects do not discriminate between landing sites; the floor, lamb chops, dog excrement, tea-cups, apples, turkey droppings, cat litter trays, salad leaves, vomit, the list is endless. The yellow spots on light bulbs for example are fly-blow, regurgitated food, the method by which flies sustain themselves. It is unlikely that a disease could be transmitted from a light bulb but from food!!!

Cholera, which in the tropics is rife, is fortunately very rare in this country, but typhoid, dysentery, summer diarrhoea, parasitic worms and many more diseases can be attributable to the Common and Lesser house fly.

Now for dinner?!!

BK

All Saints Church - Hawstead.

SERVICES

OCTOBER

Sunday 10	8.30am	Said Eucharist
Sunday 24	11am	Parish Eucharist
Sunday 31	4pm	Service of Commemoration & Thanksgiving for those who have died

NOVEMBER

Sunday 14	8.30am	Remembrance Sunday – Said Eucharist
Sunday 28	11am	Parish 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

For all other Services in the Benefice please see Church Notice board

Sport

Darts 17.9.04

The Metcalfe Arms at home to The Whepstead White Horse.

D Flatt won 2 - 1
B Diaper lost 0 - 2
P Duffield won 2 - 1
E Brookes lost 0 - 2
S Duffield lost 0 - 2
W Astor won 2 - 0
I Stevens lost 0 - 2
J Baker lost 1 - 2
P Royce won 2-1

The Metcalfe Arms 4, The Whepstead White Horse 5
High Score Ian Stevens 121

Village Tree Planting Scheme

The Borough Council is again offering free of charge to our parish, native trees and shrubs for planting as per the terms and conditions of past years.

Briefly, plants must be able to be seen by members of the public, e.g. on boundaries, public places, infill to existing hedgerows etc.

All requirements should be sent to me by 30 October at the very latest. There is no flexibility on this date. Please select from list below: - Brian Kew Tel 386248

Trees and Shrubs potentially available 2004

Common Name	Latin Name
Field Maple	Acer campestre
Common Alder	Alnus glutinosa
Silver Birch	Betula pendula
Hornbeam	Carpinus betulus
Sweetchestnut	Castanea sativa
Dogwood	Cornus sanguinea
Hazel	Corylus avellana
Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna
Spindle	Euonymus europaeus
Beech	Fagus sylvatica
Wild Privet	Ligustrum vulgare
Wild Apple	Malus sylvatica
Wild Cherry	Prunus avium
Bird Cherry	Prunus padus
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa
English Oak	Quercus robur
Dog Rose	Rosa canina
Whitebeam	Sorbus aria
Mountain Ash	Sorbus aucuparia
Wild Service Tree	Sorbus torminalis
Small Leaved Lime	Tilia cordata
Wayfaring Tree	Viburnum lantana
Guelder Rose	Viburnum opulus

PLANTS and PRODUCE Home produced Hawstead goods for sale

HAWSTEAD VILLAGE GREEN
1st and 3rd Saturday in the month

11am - 1pm

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Acoustic Music at its Best

Do you enjoy acoustic music? Played and sung by the world's finest artists and at the same time, supporting a worthwhile charity locally!

I have been a member of the Headway/Milkmaid Folk Club for the last few months. The singers and musicians are out of the top drawer and the club is open every 4 weeks. I have been entertained by Martin Simpson, one of the finest guitarists/singers I have ever heard, Martin Carthy (Fairport Convention/Steeleye Span), a legend on the folk scene, Derek Brimstone, a raconteur, singer and very, very funny, Roy Bailey, a Socialist artist from the 1970's and many more. All brilliant.

By the time you receive this Journal, I will have seen Peggy Seeger, the folk equivalent of Madonna or Dido or Kylie. All these artists, maybe unknown to most, have performed at The Westbury Community Centre in past month. A world-class folk club on our doorstep and supporting at the same time victims of head injuries.

Treat yourselves to some good music and listen to Cathryn Craig and Brian Willoughby on Friday 19 November at 8.00 pm. Brian Willoughby's name may be familiar, he was a member of The Strawbs, a very popular group of past years.

All profits go to Headway, a charity much in need of support.

Tickets can be purchased from David on Tel 705780 or I will pick them up for you.

Brian Kew Tel 386248

Break-in at Hawstead Hall, September 1397

These "enormous outrages" took place at Hawstead Hall which stood just north of the Church, on the Sunday before Michaelmas - that is, the Sunday before 29th September -1397.

"Lord of the Manor, Sir William Clopton, brought an action against Philip FitzEustace, John Heyden, John Clerk, chaplain, Hugh de Baldwyne, Roger Gebon, Thomas his brother, John Lausele, John Smyth of Ashton, and John Waryn, for having with force of arms, that is, with swords, bows and arrows, broken into a close in Hausted, belonging to the said Sir William, and cut down there 20 oaks, 100 ashes and 40 poplars, and carried them off, together with other goods and chattels, namely linen and woollen cloths, vessels of silver, brass and copper, and other utensils belonging to his house, besides barley, pease, and oats, to the value of £40."

"Fitz-Eustace, who was the principal, after various delays, put in his answer, and alleged that the close into which he had broken belonged to him and not to Clopton. He was found guilty of the whole, and adjudged to pay £23 damages. To avoid payment, he availed himself of all the procrastinations and evasions which the law always allowed." [The case dragged on for 13 years].

"What a picture of the violent mode in which our ancestors suffered their animosities against one another to burst forth!" exclaims Sir John. He seems more concerned about the corn and "household furniture" than the trees. Perhaps they were only small. He is particularly shocked at the fact that the parties were related, if only by marriage, and that one of the raiders was in holy orders!

Interesting to think how such an "outrage" would affect the village now, how the papers would cover it, and what Sir John would make of Neighbours from Hell.

Jane Powell

Suffolk West Primary Care Trust

New out-of-hours services to meet patients' needs

New arrangements, which will come into effect on 1 October this year, are the result of the responsibility for out-of-hours cover being moved from GPs to Primary Care Trusts under the Government's new contract with local doctors.

A new out-of-hours GP emergency service for five surgeries in the northwest of Suffolk has already come into effect. Anglian Medical Care, a service co-ordinated by the East Anglian Ambulance Trust, has been responding to Suffolk West PCT patients who need urgent medical care out of normal surgery opening times since 1st July 2004.

The surgeries involved are:

- Forest Group Practice, Brandon
- Elbourne Surgery, Brandon
- Lakenheath Surgery
- Hopton Surgery
- Botesdale Health Centre

To address the needs of patients in the remainder of west Suffolk from 1st October, Suffolk West PCT is contracting with the Suffolk Doctors on Call (SDOC) service, which already provides out of hours cover for practices in the area.

You can continue to expect the same high service that is provided for you at present. The service will be focused on having GPs working from central bases in Bury St Edmunds, Sudbury, Newmarket and Haverhill. Patients may be asked to visit the centres for treatment, whilst GPs will still call on those patients who need a home visit.

The new out of hours cover will be in place from 6.30pm to 8.00am Monday to Friday, throughout the weekends and on Bank Holidays. There will no longer be Saturday morning surgeries at GP practices but the local out-of-hours centres will be manned to provide a service for people in need of urgent attention.

- During normal surgery hours Monday to Friday (except Bank Holidays) you can access your GP surgery in the normal way.
- Outside these hours you need to ring the surgery telephone number and you will be transferred or directed to the "on Call" service, the **SAME** as you are now.
- You will then be able to speak to a GP or nurse, and may be asked to attend a local base for treatment, the **SAME** as you are now.
- If clinically necessary you will receive a home visit from a GP, the **SAME** as you do now.

However, before telephoning your GP have you considered

Speaking to your pharmacist?

Calling NHS Direct on 0845 46 47?

For more information you can contact the Suffolk West Primary Care Trusts Patient Advice and Liaison Service on 0800 389 6819.

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