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We have just been informed the Gypsy Lane and Hardwick Lane experimental Order, is to have all relevant information and comments collated and presented to the 6th March meeting of the Council's Sustainability Panel.

A report will be issued on the Council's web site approximately 1 week before THAT meeting.

At the moment, we have no further news from Mr. Pink the publican of the Metcalfe Arms. However lets hope that we may have some positive information in our next journal.

Monies owing to you from WW2 ?

After the last world war the government of the time scrounged monies from people and issued them with documents called Post War Credits. These credits came with a promise that all monies lent would be repaid in the future with maybe some interest. It is worth looking in the bottom of drawers and at the back of cupboards for these credits as they may be valuable. They also may not. However, here is an address to which you can write to check.

Special Post-War Credit Claim Centre
Revenue and Customs
HM Inspector of Taxes
PWC Centre V
TY Glas
Llanishen CF4 5TX

Next month's editor is Sonja Monk tel 386876

If you are a reader of our Journal then why not contribute an article for others to enjoy ?

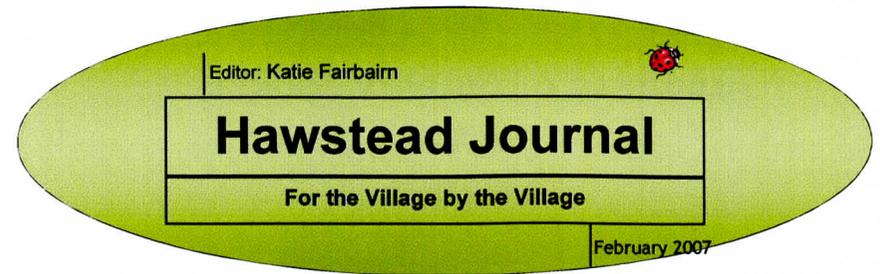
What about tales of your life in our village, especially from the 1950's and 60's, where perhaps something happened of a humorous nature?

After all, every little helps !

Then please contact Sonja before the 1st March.

If **you** wish to be an **editor for a month**
contact Brian Kew 386248

Our thanks to Jan and Malcolm for their help in compiling this edition.



Parish Council

Your Councillors

Brian Kew (Chairman)
Roz Alexander, James Carr, Malcolm Cornwell,
Dave Dawson, Katie Fairbairn and Phil Shaw

Information for those with mobility difficulties

The Parish Council has been sent several leaflets to help those with mobility difficulties to negotiate Bury.

There are two separate publications, 'Easy Routes in and around Bury' which lists suitable roads and car parks and 'Easy Routes round the town' and suggests the easiest paths and in the town routes.

More information is available on economy.environment@stedsb.gov

We are asking the PCC whether these leaflets, and those relating to the educational changes, will be able to be placed in the back of the church, as this seems to be the most accessible place at present.

Village Hall Update

This is a rather frustrating time for the hall committee as there is nothing constructive that can be done as we just have to wait for responses from others! Nicholas Edgell and the PCC are composing a request to the Diocese for funding support.

We hope to have more concrete news next month.

Village environment

When was the last time you used the footpaths or visited the Millennium Field? OR if you are unaware of the footpath routes or where the field is, please contact a Parish Councillor.

HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NEWS

BINGO

A little group of us are keeping this going in my house once a fortnight.

We do enjoy it just for the fun of it and a nice natter.

Dave Dawson makes time to be our caller, whilst Sandy marks off his book for him, sometimes he wins but not very often !

Dates: 1st and the 15th March

at 7.30pm, Spinney Cottage

Tel 386876

Bull Lane, Pinford End as a rat run ?

How many of you have read the letter in The Free Press, about Whepstead inhabitants using Bull Lane now that Gypsy Lane and Hardwick Lane are one way?

We Pinford Enders, are very aware of an increase in traffic since the restriction has been in place. It is not too late to register your opinion about the closure.

I am sure many of you will have been stuck in traffic jams going towards the traffic lights at the Spread Eagle, particularly at the time schools are starting and finishing.

The Borough says that this is only experimental at present, so please register your concern now, if you wish things to revert to the previous state.

Address your letters to Terry Clements, Traffic Management Department at St Edmundsbury Borough Council.

CRUSE BEREAVEMENT CARE PROGRAMME

For people interested in learning more about helping those who have been bereaved, Cruse Bereavement Care, West Suffolk Branch, in Bury St Edmunds is offering three pre-training mornings prior to holding its biennial training course.

These Saturday mornings are suitable for anyone caring for or concerned about those suffering the pain of grief and loss and will be held at The Risbygate Centre, 90 Risbygate Street, Bury St Edmunds from 10am to 12 noon. The sessions are free and, although they are planned as a group, you are welcome to attend one or more.

So whether you are a service professional or someone whose friend has had a recent bereavement, these meetings will bring you new information, and some clarity to an often obscure subject.

This is also an opportunity to introduce you to the aims of Cruse Bereavement Care and its workers and may perhaps encourage you to join us.

The dates for the Saturday morning sessions are:

10th March 2007

7th July 2007

6th October 2007

For further information about the contents of the mornings or the training course please call 01284 76 76 74 and leave a contact name and number. If you prefer, e-mail your query to the Branch Treasurer at: p.brasier@tiscali.co.uk.

Or leave a message on our website: www.westsuffolkruse.org.uk



One of the many attractions is the antiquated seaweed bath building. Inside are individual rooms, containing very large enamel baths with the largest taps I have ever seen, a large shower head over the bath, a bucket filled with thick, slimy kelp seaweed on the floor and an individual box sauna.

The idea is to fill the bath with as hot seawater as one can manage and then cover oneself with seaweed. As the water cools you pull the handle to let cold water gush from the shower and then step into the sauna. This process is repeated as frequently as time allows and is extremely relaxing. It's amazing how seaweed in that situation is so much more acceptable than when having to negotiate it to get into the cold sea.

Following the bath, a full Irish breakfast or glass of Guinness is brilliant. An evening then spent in a local non-smoky pub with the accompaniment of typical Irish music rounds a perfectly relaxing experience.

One of the other beauties of Carrowcardin, is the friendliness of the people.

I was helping my daughter Helen, who had moved to the village 8 months earlier, with the gardening and everyone who walked by stopped to have a chat. On her birthday, the neighbours arrived on the doorstep with a homemade cake sporting a candle and when it was time for me to leave, the same family gave me homemade butter to take home and also lent me a couple of books to take with me.

When Helen was 8 months pregnant and on her own for a few days, she was visited every day and invited out for a meal every night. Upon her return from the hospital with her new daughter, the villagers had produced a banner and balloons to welcome them home.

Ireland is close and easily accessible, either by plane from Stansted, coach or train.

We have visited several areas there and have always been welcomed wholeheartedly.

Its scenery is unique in many aspects and the pace of life can be gentle and peaceful.

It is a country made for walkers, even the rain seems softer than elsewhere, and I can thoroughly recommend it as a wonderful place to unwind.

Village Hall Draw winners Village Hall Draw winners

December

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| 1st | 43 | N. Gibbs |
| 2nd | 97 | K & P Caldwell |
| 3rd | 52 | J Powell |

January

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| 1st | 22 | G Upfold |
| 2nd | 17 | T & A Rushen |
| 3rd | 53 | J Powell |

I have been asked to include names of winners and if you do not wish to have your name published in future, would you please will you let me know

It could have been you !!

If **you** are a **new** village resident, you may not know, that last year we started a Village Draw to raise money for our NEW HALL

So far **each** month, **we have** 116 pound tickets in the draw, 20% of which goes in prizes

This is raising over £1000 per year towards our Hall

We need more people to join in the fun and then we can raise the prizes plus the funds for the Hall

Promoter: Sylvia Miller 388841

Every little helps, please join in

All Saints Church – Hawstead.

SERVICES

FEBRUARY

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| Wednesday 21st | 7.30pm | Eucharist |
| Sunday 25th | 11.00am | Family Eucharist |

MARCH

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| Sunday 11th | 8.30am | Said Eucharist (BCP) |
| Sunday 25th | 11.00am | Family 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

English Language Catches

How many ways can the letters 'ough' be pronounced ?

Answers please, with examples to fairkathleen@hotmail.com

A suggestion for future items: Energy saving tips

This is mine:

- Are you aware of the amount of energy required to dry washing in a tumble dryer? 
- Air is free and most days clothes can get largely dry on a line outside and smell much fresher (as long as you remember to get it in before lighting the fire!).
- Other advantages are that it is a reason to go into the garden and get out of the house - you may find the weather is not as bad as you feared.
- Surely having a garden to hang washing out is one of the advantages of living in the country.



Where Have We Been ?

A regular feature by the Editor

Brian Kew threw out a question last month for me to report where I had been. That is rather a difficult decision as there are so many beautiful places both in the UK and abroad which I could choose. Many are associated with a particular time in one's life and/or people with whom one has shared the experience.

So I have decided to select the latest place to which I travelled, that being a very small village in the Irish Republic called Carrowcardin in County Sligo.

In many ways it reminds me of Pinford End, although it is rather larger in area but smaller in population. It typifies many of the beauties of rural Ireland with small, strangely shaped fields bordered by small stone walls or occasional hedges. Sheep and cattle roam freely in the fields and are still frequently seen crossing roads to find new pastures. Old smaller tractors which are suitable for the narrow lanes trudge from farmyard to farmyard carrying any equipment necessary and a lot of items for which one cannot imagine a use. The bucket of a dumper can contain (literally) man, woman, dog or beast, as any lift is better than none.

Homes in the style of bungalows or chalets are scattered across the landscape in various states of repair, and tumbled down old stone outhouses have battered 'for sale' signs indicating the increasing trend for change of use to grand residential manors.

Lanes are mud spattered and narrow with a surface which makes our roads seem in an impeccable state of repair! As one walks along the undulating lanes it is easy to see why Ireland is known as the emerald isle.

The clarity of colours is evident everywhere and the tones of green, blue and grey surpass any painter's palate and is one of the reasons our son-in-law, a landscape photographer, lives there.

Carrowcardin is on an inlet of the coast and a walk down the local lane reveals beautiful sea views and a wide panorama of sea and sky. This geographical setting is the other reason for the family's choice of home as the beaches are wonderful for walking and the waves frequently provide a superb surfing opportunities.

The nearest large town (by Irish standards) is Enniscrone, which is unfortunately being vastly developed with the help of European funding to accommodate international surfers and other holiday visitors, many of whom subsequently buy second holiday homes.

Old fashioned rock buns

Are you, like me, concerned that light, over large sponge style cakes are taking over the English small cake market?

These are called 'muffins', but to me a muffin is a dough based product which is toasted and eaten with butter and jam. I am going to start a campaign to bring back traditional British cakes and offer the following recipe as a kick start. Apart from the vastly superior taste it has the advantage of being simple and quickly made.

Rich rock cake recipe:

Set oven at 250°C, gas Mark 7-8.

Grease and flour 2 baking trays - (makes 12 to 16 cakes depending on the size you like)

Ingredients

5oz margarine

8oz flour (self raising or plain with 2½ tsp baking powder)

5oz sugar

8oz mixed dried fruit

1 egg

Milk to mix.

Method

Sieve together plain flour and baking powder (if using). Rub in the margarine to fine bread crumb appearance.

Stir in the sugar.

Stir in the lightly beaten egg and enough milk to make a stiff consistency.

Be careful not to make the mixture too soft or the buns will spread badly.

Add the mixed fruit.

Place small heaps of the mixture onto the baking trays, dusting lightly with sugar.

Bake for 10 minutes near the top of the oven

Cool on a rack, or eat hot if wished!

There is a discussion in our house as to whether these should be eaten with butter. I prefer to eat them as they are, my husband always treats them as scones and adds butter.

Adaptations

Economical rock buns:

Use 4 oz margarine, 3oz sugar and 3oz dried fruit.

Saffron Buns:

Omit the dried fruit and use ¼ teaspoon powdered saffron.

Yellow food colouring can also be added, if you wish.

Language confusion

We are told, and most would agree, that children should always be spoken to with correct English as this will help them develop an understanding of the language.

This was definitely a policy we followed and so were confused when our second daughter, who appeared to be reasonably bright in many ways, always said 'this day' instead of 'today', 'the day before this day' instead of 'yesterday' and 'the day after this day' instead of 'tomorrow'.

I realised why she did this when we were walking to playgroup when she was about three and a half and said, "Mummy, is today yesterday's tomorrow and tomorrow will today be yesterday?" It took me a while to realise that she was quite correct! She had obviously been very confused by the fact that tomorrow never came.

One from a Teacher's standpoint

This is one I learnt from a pupil when teaching but, as so often, it makes perfect sense.

A pupil was having great difficulty with numbers, particularly in saying and writing digits. I spoke to him quietly after a lesson in which he had obviously been embarrassed by this problem and he asked me why numbers had so many different names and were sometimes given the same name as letters.

These were some he mentioned:

0 = zero, nought, nil, nothing, love, zilch, and the letter O.

(This caused him particular problems when using a computer as he would press the O key, instead of the number zero)

2 = a pair, a couple, duo, two

(which causes confusion with spelling ie. to or too)

3 = triple, trio, triplet.

My I suggest that parents use the term zero when counting, rather than the letter O.

It can clarify numbers from letters and is recognised internationally.

Question

Have you noticed the number of adverts which use incorrect phonetic spellings, unfortunately in particular with items aimed at children ?

Does this occur in other European countries?

Three Tier or Two?

Many of you will be aware that the Education Authority is seriously considering altering the system of schools in Suffolk to make it a two tier system (5 - 10 and then 11 - 16/18) rather than the present three tiers (5 - 8, 9 - 13 and 14 - 16/18).

The two tier system is far more common across England with only a few rural counties maintaining three tiers. An anomaly in Suffolk is that only part of the county has the three tier system.

The adoption of the three tier was decided in 1972 when the county went comprehensive as it was felt that this was better for the maintenance of small rural schools with limited 'bussing' of pupils.

Educationally and socially a middle school was seen as a gentle step to the more stringent stricture of exams and adulthood. With the advent of SATS and frequent testing of pupils the system is now under threat as pupils are having to change schools halfway through a 'Key Stage' and it is thought that this is adversely affecting the levels being achieved, particularly at 11 and 16+.

Financially it is expensive to run two different systems in one county and overall a two tier system is cheaper to run. Teacher training is aimed at two tiers and it is felt that staff may be more difficult to recruit. Less pupils stay in school after 16 than the national average and reorganisation will result in secondary schools of up 1200 pupils with a 6th form of at least 200 enabling a wider range of courses for older pupils.

There has been a wide consultation process but it was indecisive and the panel set up to review the system had to decide on the best policy for the whole county, educationally and financially.

Their recommendation is that this would be achieved better in a two tier system and the reasons for this are set out in a pamphlet called School Organisation Review (several of which have been sent to the Parish Council, ask if you would like one. Alternatively the full PDP report is available on line at www.suffolk.gov.uk/sor

The final decision will be made next month and should the recommendation be upheld changes will start to be implemented this summer.

I have tried contacting the numbers on the back of the pamphlet for clarification to find the published phone numbers are not reaching the right people!

However, I am assured that Trishia O'Brien, 01394 448085 and Rosalind Turner, 01473 265353 are the people who know!

Parents of pupils already in school have been informed of the review but The Parish Council felt that all villagers should be made aware of the situation.



Stranded on the Village Green



Top ten favourite tunes, should **Jan Kew** become stranded on the Village Green ?

The Pogues
Sting
Bryan Ferry
Procol Harum
Coldplay
Keane
Jacqueline Du Pre
London Philharmonic
Itzhak Perlman
Shane McGowan &
Kirsty McColl with The Pogues

And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda
Walking in Fields of Gold
Let's Get Together
Whiter Shade of Pale
Yellow
Somewhere Only We Know
Elgar's Cello Concerto
Prokofiev's Romeo & Juliet
Beethoven's Meditation

The Fairytale of New York

When my power source has run out, I would indulge in a really good read which is Fingersmith by Sarah Waters, a gripping tale, which was short listed for both The Man Booker & The Orange Prize.

It certainly makes a change from Bridget Jones Diaries and Richard & Judy's autobiography!

An evening out For those of you with long memories. Dance East visited Hawstead village hall several years ago on their Village Hall Tour and it was fascinating to see a production at close quarters and chat to the troupe later.

There is an opportunity for you and your children of 7+ to see them again in their production of 'digit01'.

This is described as a 'fantastical dance journey into the magical world of digit01. A place where nothing is as it seems, where time is altered and space transformed, meeting an array of strange digital characters and virtual personalities'.

The tour runs throughout **March** with the closest venues at Haverhill (3rd) Clare (7th) Sudbury (17th) Woolpit (18th) and Horringer (28th), all starting at 7.00pm. For more information 01473 639230 or info@danceeast.co.uk