

Jokers Corner

Sales staff vs Engineers

First of Three

Eleven people were dangling below a helicopter on a rope. There were ten sales people and one engineer.

Since the rope was not strong enough to hold them all, they decided that one of them had to go, to save all the others.

They could not decide who should be the volunteer. Finally, the engineer said he would let go of the rope since engineers are used to doing everything for the company. They forsake their family, don't claim all of their expenses and do a lot of overtime without getting anything in return.

When he finally finished his moving speech all the sales people began to clap

Moral of the tale

Never underestimate the powers of the engineer !

More next time

Help us to make everybody in Hawstead Smile at least Once !

Have you a humorous joke or yarn to share with others?

Then, please send them to Brian Kew before the end of the month, where we will insert as many as possible just in time for the Christmas dinner ! (Thanks, the typist)

Thanks to Geraldine Upfold for her hard work in publishing the journal during the last few months.

Malcolm Cornwell has kindly offered to continue in the publishing for the next few months.

Editor: Brian Kew

Hawstead Journal

For the Village by the Village

November 2004

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Dec 4th 11am

There will be a coffee morning in the church and we shall have cakes and home produce on sale. There is some bric a brac from Cullum House to dispose of on behalf of Elsa. You will also be able to buy a Christmas wreath for your front door, or to place an order for one.

This will be in conjunction with the P.C.C. Please come along if you can, it is so important to have personal contact with people.

Could you make a cake for this?

Dec 7th 7.30pm

There will be a meeting held in Pound Cottage to plan the triple twenties Christmas lunch. If you wish to help with this, or have ideas for improvement etc, please come along.

Please ring Margaret Crockford at Pound Cottage on 388467

Dec 16th 12.30 for 1pm

The Triple Twenties Christmas lunch will be held in Lawshall Village Hall again.

Please ring Sonja on 386876 if you plan to be there.

Early in the New Year the community council would like to get back to the residents of the village to review things in general.

Tree Warden

First many apologies for the late publication of the tree list in the last journal, due to circumstances beyond my control. If I can obtain some whips from St Edmundsbury I will do so and publish the availability in the next issue.

The 24th November is National Tree Week

It is my intention to plant a tree for all village children aged 16 or under. All trees will be recorded and if any mum or dad would like to bring their children to be photographed and to help dig the hole, you would all be welcome.

The trees will be oaks grown from acorns gathered from the Manor Cottage oaks and kindly donated by Andy and Frances Evershed and children, Laurence and Bethany.

It may not be possible to plant all the trees at one site or even one day, due to the nature of the weather or personal commitments.

In the event of children being unable to attend, their donated tree will be planted and recorded.

Help to prepare planting sites would be gratefully received. Please contact me as soon as possible on my telephone number below.

Brian Kew 386248

Brian Kew

PLANTS AND PRODUCE

the end of the season

Andy and Frances, Steve and Jo have decided that the Village Hall Car Park must be the windiest place in the Parish. For the last six months on the first and third Saturday we have been there for two hours 'manning' our Plant and Produce Stall. It is an extremely draughty place even when the weather was bright and sunny.

Maybe when the new Village Hall is completed, with its photovoltaic roof, a small wind turbine could be added. We feel sure that the entire electricity demand for Hawstead could be met.

We have now come to the end of our season, having more or less run out of surplus fruit, vegetables and plants. We intend to start again in the spring when a) we have some fresh plants and produce to sell and b) when the weather warms up again.

Meeting all our regular and occasional customers has been great, thanks you all very much for coming to see us and support us. It is good to know that the results of our labours in the garden, greenhouse, polytunnel and kitchen are appreciated.

Look out for the signs around the village and information in the Hawstead Journal – we will be back!

Steve and Jo

Andy and Frances

and THE TAWNY OWL

The sickly owl that was recently reported in the Journal returned from the Suffolk Owl Sanctuary at the end of October and was released back into the wild just a few metres from where it had been found several weeks ago. Now fully recovered and able to fly it took off into the dusk and disappeared silently towards Fyletts Manor. Lets hope it survives and joins its neighbours in the chorus of hoots and tu-whits which can be heard around the village most nights.

Andy Evershed

The Curious tale of the shrewd shrew

Bill Crockford

Whilst we were having dinner at home the other evening with a lady friend (not a friend but a friend who is a lady) our cat came in with a live shrew.

Total chaos then ensued as we all chased the cat to rescue the shrew.

The cat dropped the shrew, which then made a "bee line" (or should it be shrew line) into the kitchen where it immediately vanished.

After crawling around on my hands and knees, I declared that we would not find it as they have the ability to squeeze into the smallest of places.

Somewhat prophetic as, at that moment I felt a small movement around my left knee. Glancing down, I realised that the shrew was up my trouser leg !

My wife said 'Take your trousers off !'

I declined, as by this time I had moved onto the front doorstep accompanied by cries of Off! Off!

After much careful pressure on the outside of my trousers (and a few nips from the shrew) it was persuaded to climb down and to disappear at high speed across the front lawn.

Moral of the story ?

Always,
put on your bicycle clips before hunting stray wild life

All Saints Church – Hawstead.

SERVICES

NOVEMBER

Remembrance Sunday 14 th	8.30am	Said Eucharist with an Act of Remembrance
Sunday 28 th	11am	Parish Eucharist

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Evening Prayer.

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Tony Hillman

Open Meeting Report on Cullum House

A meeting was held on Monday 1 November to discuss the future of Cullum House. The purpose of the meeting was to determine whether the village had a requirement for the house and if so, determine what that use may be so that Rev. Martin Thrower could go back to the Diocese to discuss such requirements.

The notes from that meeting are as follows:

Cullum House has recently been vacated by Elsa Kilpatrick and as there had been speculation about its future use, Hawstead PCC felt it appropriate to hold a meeting to decide whether there was a requirement by the village for the building.

Martin started the meeting by pointing out that it was currently owned by Barchester Trust, which ultimately means the Diocese. If the village were to rent the building, this would be based on a commercial rate of approximately £400 per month plus the usual expenses such as heating/lighting etc. Having clarified this, he asked for comments from the floor.

The ownership and whether the building had been left to the parish at some stage during its history raised various questions. Martin felt that the 1998 agreement negated any previous arrangement that may have been made but felt that this could be clarified once a decision as to its future had been made.

The question was asked that as there is a Trust involved, are there any restrictions on the use of the building? Martin pointed out that there are some restrictions at present but these are not cast in

Quote from
Cullum History of Hawstead
for November 2004

Churchyard Reflections

I shall now proceed to the description of the Church. But I must first hope to be indulged in a short pause in the churchyard, which I can never enter without a variety of reflexions rushing in upon my mind; for, exclusive of those serious thoughts, with which these scenes of mortality, wherever they occur, must necessarily inspire a contemplative mind, I consider this and other rural repositories of the dead, as the last resting-places of some of the most valuable members of society; of those who have spent their days in incessant labour and poverty, cultivating the lands of others, and reaping harvests, which fill the kingdom with plenty, and of which they themselves can purchase but a scanty pittance.

It is from these 'rude forefathers of the hamlet'* that our fleets and armies are supplied with an intrepid race of warriors; from these, that our manufacturing towns are furnished with useful mechanics, and imperial London itself prevented from becoming a desert.

What unformed Hampdens, Miltons and Cromwells* may here repose, I indulge not my fancy in conjecturing; while I am certain that under these neglected hillocks lie those who, with persevering patience, performed the task allotted them by heaven; and, at the close of it, laid down their lives with a resignation, which I can witness would have done credit to philosophers.

*Quoted, and with reference to Thomas Gray's 'Elegy
Written in a Country Churchyard'
published in 1751, and hugely popular.

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THE NINETYFIFTH BIRTHDAY PARTIES !!!!

Miss Elsa Kilpatrick celebrated her birthday among friends here in Hawstead. Twenty five or so sat down to a beautiful meal. Everyone enjoyed it very, very much. Elsa had a bit of a rest the following day, then on to the next party on Saturday evening when she came back to Hawstead and was joined by some of the boys she taught and some former colleagues plus a few friends. Elsa is now living in St Peters Cottage nursing home, in Risbygate Street. Hawstead is not quite the same without her, I'm sure people have very warm memories of her many years in Cullum House. Elsa will be turning up regularly to most things as she always did. Maybe she will write a bit for the next Journal.



Sonja Monk

In 1998 the Diocese looked at the site of Cullum House for development and outline planning permission was submitted for further plot(s) within the curtilage and we should assume that this is what they would try for again. It was noted that the house and toilet block was listed and that the two Turkey Oaks in the garden would also be listed should this be the course the Diocese chose to take.

In effect, every effort would be made to thwart the Diocese developing the site.

Various people mentioned the lack of village hall facilities currently and how important it was to have a focal point for village activities.

In summary, it was agreed that Martin should enter into discussions for the short-term use by the village and benefice and determine whether there would be any leeway on the rental.

It was agreed that valuations would be sought on the property, one by the Diocese and an independent valuation to be organised by the Parish Council.

Some sort of time-scale was required to look at the long-term option.

An opportunity to go and look at Cullum House was to be organised.

Car parking on the site was also an issue, when Brian Kew inquired about using the adjoining meadow as a car park. Malcolm Cornwell, Chairman of the Metcalfe Almshouse Trust, owners of the meadow, said he would discuss with the trustees, the possibility of using part of the meadow as a temporary measure.

Further discussion will take place between the Parochial Church Council, the Parish Council and the Community Council.

Christine Gossett

Harvest Supper - the inside picture story



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