

# Christmas Bells

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old, familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet  
The words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!  
And thought how, as the day had come,  
The belfries of all Christendom  
Had rolled along  
The unbroken song  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!  
Till, ringing, singing on its way  
The world revolved from night to day,  
A voice, a chime,  
A chant sublime  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!  
Then from each black, accursed mouth  
The cannon thundered in the South,  
And with the sound  
The Carols drowned  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!  
And in despair I bowed my head;  
'There is no peace on earth,' I said;  
'For hate is strong,  
And mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!'  
Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
'God is not dead; nor doth he sleep!  
The Wrong shall fail,  
The Right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good-will to men!'



Andy

Editor: Andy Parrett

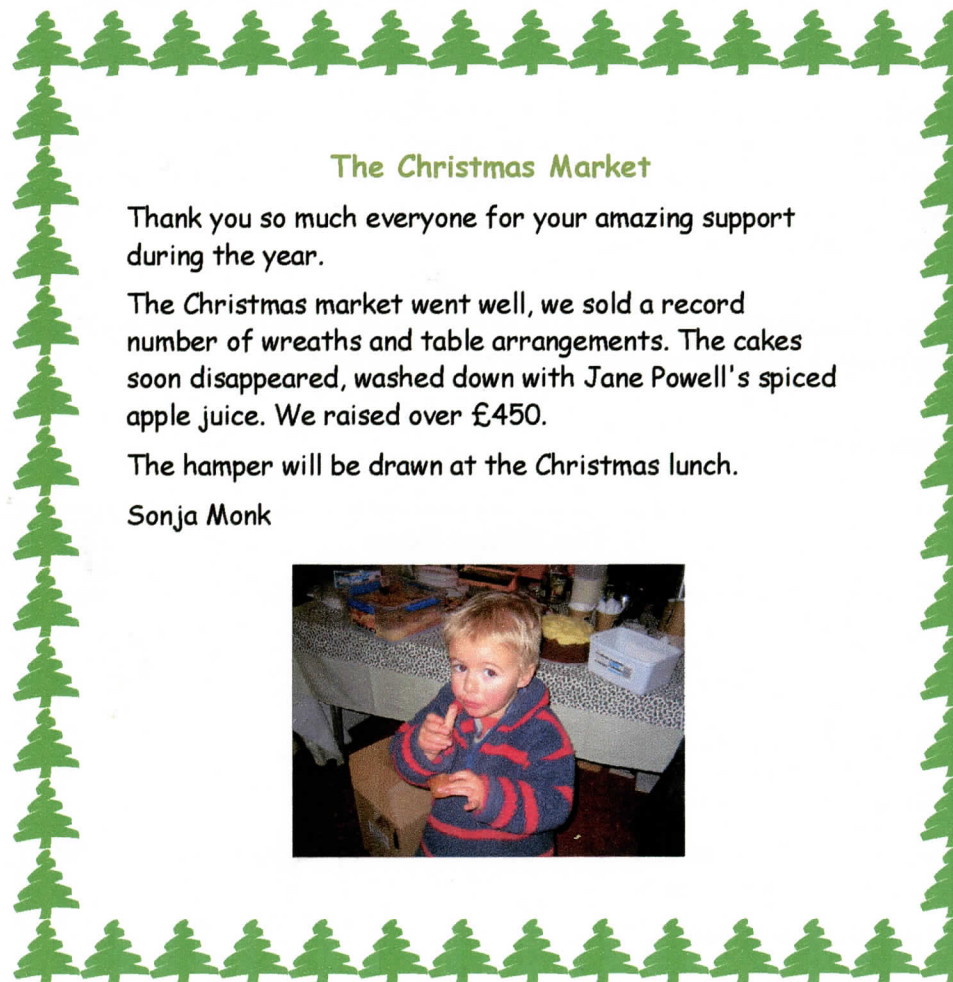


## Hawstead Journal

For the Village by the Village

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Hawstead Community Council



### The Christmas Market

Thank you so much everyone for your amazing support during the year.

The Christmas market went well, we sold a record number of wreaths and table arrangements. The cakes soon disappeared, washed down with Jane Powell's spiced apple juice. We raised over £450.

The hamper will be drawn at the Christmas lunch.

Sonja Monk



## Hawstead Carols on 17<sup>th</sup> December

1 conductor + 20 singers + 100 glasses of mulled wine (not counting the angel's glass - and since when did angels drink mulled wine anyway?) + 15 children + dozens and dozens of adults of all ages + £303 for the Children's society + 2 silly shepherds looking for their lost sheep + hearty singing from all quarters = the annual Hawstead Carol Service!

Someone described it as her 'essential Christmas fix', another as 'a drinks party with a service attached', but however you describe it, the service is always full of enthusiasm and Christmas cheer while at the same time retaining the central message of Jesus born in Bethlehem, our Emmanuel.

For the first time ever, the church was warm thanks to the new heating. Special thanks to the Bury family for their sterling work on the wine front and to Steve Butt for braving the freezing night to prevent a traffic jam. A special prize to Rob James for managing to find a red dog collar to match the red ties of the rest of the choir!

The £303 collected on the night goes to the work of the Children's Society helping runaways and other vulnerable children. Thanks to you all.

Anne Shorter

### The Village Draw

The winning numbers in The Village Draws for September, October & November were:

**September** 1st = 4. 2nd = 69. 3rd = 2.

**October** 1st = 112. 2nd = 68. 3rd = 47.

**November** 1st = 74. 2nd = 7. 3rd = 99.

If anyone would like to support the new Village Hall by joining the draw for just £1 a month please phone

Sylvia Miller on 388841

## Cooking for children

### Turkish Delight

#### Ingredients

3 tablespoons gelatine  
300ml/half pint water  
450g/1 lb sugar  
15ml/1 tablespoon rosewater  
icing sugar  
pink food colouring

#### You will need:

scales, tablespoon, bowl, measuring jug, large saucepan, wooden spoon, baking tray, square cake tin 18cm x 18cm (7x7 inches).

#### Method

1. Measure the gelatine into a bowl and then add 100 ml (3 fl oz) of water. Put the rest in a saucepan on the stove. Leave the gelatine to soak while you prepare the rest of the ingredients.
2. Weigh the sugar and add it to the saucepan. Put the saucepan on a low heat and then stir with the wooden spoon to dissolve the sugar. You'll know it has all dissolved when the liquid goes clear.
3. Once the sugar is dissolved bring it to the boil by turning up the heat. Get an adult to do this with you).
4. After it has boiled, add the soaked gelatine and stir until this is dissolved. Continue to boil the mixture for about five minutes, making sure it doesn't boil over at all by adjusting the heat.
5. After five minutes remove the saucepan from the heat and add a few drops of food colouring to make it nice and pink. Add more drops to make it a dark pink colour.
6. Add the rosewater and stir well.
7. Have a little taste now to make sure it is tasty. If you can't really taste the rosewater add some more - a little at a time - until you're happy.
8. Make sure the cake tin is nice and clean and place it on the baking tray. Pour the mixture in (get an adult to do this part as the liquid is very hot!).
9. Leave it to cool.
10. Once it is cool cover the tin with a plate or similar and put it in the fridge overnight. This will give the gelatine time to set.
11. When it is nice and firm, cut it into squares and take it out of the tin. Put some icing sugar on to a plate or into a bowl and roll each piece in it until it is completely coated.
12. Now you can keep the Turkish Delight in the fridge until you want to eat it!





### YOUR SAFETY

Suffolk Police have sent the following personal safety advice for you to bear in mind when out and about, especially at night.

**Plan your outing in advance**, especially how you'll get home. Make sure you stay with other people and stick to your original plans. Look after one another. If you're going to drink, know your limits and remember alcohol will make you more vulnerable.

**If you have to go out alone**, make sure you let someone know where you're going, and what time you'll be back. Keep to well-lit streets and have your mobile phone handy. Don't forget you can get **personal attack alarms** from the police crime reduction unit.

**Whilst on foot** - be alert to who/what is around you. Be aware that your personal stereo may prevent you from hearing traffic or somebody approaching behind you. Walk with purpose and confidence. Avoid short cuts through unlit or deserted areas. Walk facing the traffic so a car cannot pull up behind you unnoticed. Cover up expensive-looking jewellery.

Do not use **mobile phones** in open view. Keep your house and car keys in a pocket, not in your bag and have them ready so that you can get into your house or car quickly.

**If you are driving** - Be aware of this car-jacking scheme - You get in the car and start the engine then notice a piece of paper stuck to the rear window. You get out of your car to remove the paper. Car-jackers appear from nowhere and drive off not only with your car but probably your wallet, purse and house keys. So be warned!

### For Sale

#### Proceeds of these sales will go to the Village Hall Fund

**Evesham Technology Nav-Cam 7000** - Offers above £50.

This Satellite Navigation System provides door-to-door information for your journey complete with visual, voice guidance and maps. This product is currently being offered for sale on ebay at £229.98.

Contact Sylvia Miller on 388841

**Epson Scanner** complete with software and cables. Will scan photos, documents etc and make photocopies. Good working condition. £20

Contact Geraldine West on 388732

### ALL SAINTS CHURCH - HAWSTEAD SERVICES DECEMBER

<b>Christmas Day</b>	11am Christmas Family Eucharist
Weds. 27 <sup>th</sup>	5pm Benefice Prayers

### JANUARY

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 pm Benefice Prayers
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	5 pm Benefice Prayers
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am Said Eucharist
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	2 pm Room visits & communion
	Pinford End NH
	5 pm Benefice Prayers

### EVENING PRAYER

An opportunity for silent/contemplative prayer, and to pray for the parish and benefice is held every

Wednesday in the church between 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

### News

During 2007 the Hawstead Journal will be edited by a different person each month. We kick off in January with Brian Kew.

#### The Metcalfe Arms

The pub is still locked and very dark at night. We have no news to report following what was said last month.

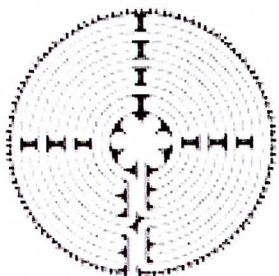
The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Church.

Bingo begins in Spinney Cottage on the 12<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm.

## Things to do

### Walk the Oak Lane Labyrinth

Oak Lane Labyrinth at Rougham is an outdoor labyrinth with a grass path, created in 1998. The pattern of the labyrinth is the same as the sacred geometry used by the medieval architects and in walking and working with it we can re-connect to our heritage, to the energies of the earth and the spirit of the place.



Visitors are welcome to walk the labyrinth whenever they want to. There is no charge although donations are much appreciated.

Wear waterproof boots and appropriate outdoor clothing.

[www.oaklanelabyrinth.co.uk](http://www.oaklanelabyrinth.co.uk) 01359 271017

### 23 December

#### Festival of nine lessons and carols

St Edmundsbury Cathedral

7pm

01284 754933

### 1<sup>st</sup> January

#### New Year's Day Treasure Hunt

Nowton Park

Get out and about and test the mind with the first quiz of the year. Suitable for all the family & accompanied children. Please wear warm clothes and sensible footwear. Pick up a quiz sheet from the Rangers Centre. £2 per family. No need to book. Starts 2pm 01284 757067

### 14 January

#### Guided Walk: Winter Birds

West Stow Country Park & Anglo Saxon Village

10.30-11.30am

£3 adults/£1 children

01284 728718

#### For the children



#### A picture to colour!

Send your picture to Andy\* and we will choose one to print in next month's journal. \* Meadowview, Lawshall Road (next to the pub)