

'Mind The Gap'



Some of you might have seen all the new trees and hedges planted at the entrance to the Millennium Field and then there's a gap or could it just be yet another 'hole in the hedge'. However, if you look closely these little twigs are the foundations for a lovingly hand-crafted 'Willow Arch' - what lucky little twigs! As they grow older and bolder they will be tenderly sculptured into a handsome golden arch, so villagers and visitors alike can enjoy their own living sculpture, encouraging them to amble through to bask in the tranquillity of the Millennium Field.

Nikki Browne

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Brian Kew accepts responsibility for the contents of this publication

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What should we call this Newsletter?

Volume 1, Trial Issue

Some months ago, it was suggested the village should have its own newsletter. This trial issue is an attempt to do just that but as with most things in life nothing happens unless people get involved. Initial soundings suggest they will, therefore, making the village newsletter a permanent feature of the village. It will be a free issue. Advertisements, For Sales, Requests etc., will be free but with some restrictions (e.g. pages and pages of car parts for sale, will serve the village no benefit at all).

It is envisaged the publication will be on a rolling editorship. Several people have already shown an interest in this idea. This trial and the first issue will be edited by Jan Kew. The Editor for the second issue will be published in the May edition.

What shall it be called? If you have any ideas, please let us know.

Parish Council

The contentious issue of the 'mound on the Pound' has at last been resolved. After many meetings and numerous discussions, the Metcalfe Almshouse Trust and the Parish Council have come to a compromise and agreed to the removal of the mound, and a minor reduction in the car-parking area. A generous offer to undertake the works free of charge has been offered by Chris Notley and should be completed during early April. The area will then be re-seeded.

Road Calming

For some time the Parish Council have been trying to respond to requests from villagers for road calming in the village. No satisfactory solution has so far been forthcoming but an idea from a resident at The Pound might have some possibilities. It is suggested that at all entrances to the village there should be a white paling fence, and in the form of a funnel in combination with the village sign and the 30 mph restriction. It is thought this would have a psychological effect on erring drivers to slow down. If you think this is an idea worth considering or you have any better ideas, please let us know.

The Role of the Village History Recorder

During the past year working as the History Recorder of Hawstead, together with a team of talented helpers, an in-depth record of the village has been published as a book. So having had a rather higher profile than is usual for a History Recorder I thought I would write about the job.

It was recognised widely in the latter half of the twentieth century that the daily lives of ordinary people were a valuable historical resource. Yet at a time when the pace of change had never been greater and the radio and TV had superseded story telling, much good material was being lost. Memories of the old ways, because they were rarely written down, were lost as people died. To remedy this and to record events, lifestyles and changes to buildings and land use as they happened the Suffolk Local History Council was set up and all Parish Councils were encouraged to appoint a History Recorder.

Harry Paling was my predecessor and in 1998 when he left the village the Parish Council asked me to take on the role. As Recorder for Hawstead I am supported by the Suffolk History Council and attend the Recorders' Day held in the Autumn. I also receive a copy of the Council's newsletter, which gives information about developments across the County and reviews the many books that set out differing aspects of Suffolk history.

With our village book Hawstead 2001, we have set down benchmark, but the work does not stop there. Changes have already begun to occur. New people have been welcomed to the village, a house has acquired a cladding; a hedge has been planted around the millennium field, these are just a few of the noticeable differences, which it has been possible to record. Others will have occurred that I do not know

The role of the village History Recorder

about and without wishing to intrude into people's private lives I would welcome photographs or information that creates an on-going picture of the village. What happens today is history tomorrow, if you find something interesting then be sure others will do so too, so let's record it.

If you would like to find out more or have material to donate please contact me.
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Copies @ £20.00 each of HAWSTEAD 2001 available from the above address or Sonja Monk Tel. 01284 386876 or The Metcalfe Arms.

Overheard in the village:-

“What is green and takes half an hour to drink?” (A Giro)

“What do you call a scouser in a suit?” (The Defendant)

For Sale

Quantity of firewood logs, not suitable for an open fire. Contact on behalf of the Parish Council, B Kew tel. 386248. Also, quantity of wood chips suitable for fuel or mulch.



Hawstead Community Council

The upkeep of the village hall has proved quite expensive over the last couple of months. We have encountered vandalism to one of the windows to the front of the building and also wind damage to the roof. It is most frustrating to fundraise throughout the year and spend the money raised on repairing needless damage such as that to the window. Sadly the £173 spend on the repair was not sufficient to cover the excess on the insurance. The roof damage however will be in the region of £1,000 to repair. Brian Carey and Nigel did a sterling job at battening down roofing felt but damp is definitely getting in to the roof space. We have now received quotes for the work to be completed and we are hoping to have this done in the next couple of weeks.

We are fast coming up to our year-end and as a number of people are retiring from the Committee this year (not least myself) we need new people to come forward to carry on the work of the Community Council. If you are not happy with the way things are run, this is your opportunity to come along and have your say. The Committee currently consists of half a dozen people but so much more could be done if there were more. The aim of the Community Council is to ensure the smooth running of the village hall and organise social functions etc. to fundraise for that purpose. The current village hall is in need of replacing and a lot of work will need to be put in to this project. If you are interested, please speak to either Sonja Monk or myself.

The Community Council is currently busy organising a festival to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. Hopefully you will have already heard about the events we have planned but I have included a copy of the programme. Again, if there is anything you feel you can help with, please contact either myself or a member of the Committee.

Christine Gossett
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First Sightings to Date

Already seen this year; brimstone, peacock, comma, red admiral, various bumblebees, small and large ladybirds and water boatmen. There may be a very small prize for the first sighting of bats or any migrants. The cuckoo is due – who will see or hear it first

Queen's Jubilee Programme

Sunday 2 June – Saturday 22 June 2002

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| Sunday 2 nd | Live Music & Barbecue
Metcalf Arms, Hawstead 7.30 p.m. Admission Free |
| Monday 3 rd | Street Party Village Green.
Everybody welcome 4.00 p.m. |
| Thursday 6 th | Creative Arts Exhibition |
| Sunday 9 th | An exhibition of painting, sculpture, pottery
by local artists.
All Saint's Church, Hawstead |
| Sunday 9 th | Jubilee Festival Thanksgiving Service
All Saint's Church 11.00 a.m. |
| Friday 14 th -
Sunday 16 th | Wedding Dress and Floral Exhibition
A display of wedding dresses over 50 years with
floral arrangements. All Saint's Church |
| Saturday 15 th | Tea Dance
Music of the Era and Afternoon Tea with a 1950s
theme.
Hawstead Village Hall 4.00 p.m. |
| Friday 21 st | Midsummer Morris Dancing
Metcalf Arms 7.30 p.m. |

Stop Press

Bats have been seen by Lynda Dewse at Pinford End. The very small prize is now up for grabs on sightings of the cuckoo, swallows, swifts or house martins

Forthcoming Events

Between November and next February, there will be demonstrations of hedge-laying and rustic structure construction. These will be hands on events and a good chance to learn some country crafts. The hedge-laying will be at the Millennium Field and the structures at Brook Green. Dates and times in a later issue.



Still awaiting residents! Apply Millennium Field.

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CONTRIBUTIONS**

Castaway Top Ten

“Pumping” Pete Richardson of Bells Lane, lists his top ten tunes if castaway on the Village Green:-

Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana – Mascagni

Adagio for Strings – Barber

Canon in D – Pachelbel

The Lark Ascending – Vaughan Williams

Romance (The Gadfly) – Shostakovich

Air on the G String – J S Bach

Symphony No 6 Pastoral – Beethoven

Symphony No 9 The Choral – Beethoven

Symphony No 6 in B Minor – Tchaikovsky

Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini – Rachmaninov

Pete’s Top Choice: Symphony No 6 Pastoral – Beethoven

Good choice Pete!

Next month: The Top Ten choices of Hannah Dawson

Thought for the Month

It’s nice to be important,
But,
It’s more important to be nice!