

Letter from the Editor

Congratulations should go to the initiators, for getting this village magazine up and running, and all the contributors to date. No doubt if this endeavour is to succeed then support will be required from many more.

Some time ago Brian Kew was instrumental in starting the Hawstead Carpet Bowls Club. Although it survived over several years there has been a gradual decline in members for various reasons, especially over the last 18 months, to the point that it is now no longer viable. If numbers do not increase this year then almost certainly the club will be forced to finally close.

New ideas generally have an initial burst of enthusiasm which declines after the novelty value has worn off. It would be sad to see the Bowls Club become symbolic for other village ventures such as this magazine. To use the old, but nonetheless true, adage "use it or lose it".

The Bowls Club meets on Tuesday evenings (assuming there are enough people) from about 7.40pm. Call Alf Dawson on 388232 for more information or just turn up.

And finally whilst on the subject of village facilities, a word of thanks to Roy and Bernice for their recent beer festival which included some cracking local beers. For those who were unable to make it this time another is planned for the Queen's next jubilee celebration, June 2027.

Wonder if the Journal will still be around

In next month's bumper issue:

A brief history of East Anglian Farm Machinery starting with the Ford Fiesta Van and more from our very own resident gourmet Chris 'Naked' Notley, who claimed in the last issue that good food was better than sex, or was it food is better than good sex (answers on a postcard to the editor).

The editor for the next issue will be Jessica Parrett

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For the Village by the Village

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Parish Council

As the Council only meets in alternate months the next meeting will be on Thursday 18th July, when the Clerk will be presenting the annual accounts for the year ended 31st March 2002 for approval before they go to the Auditors for examination. The year 2001 – 2002 has been an expensive one, with the Parish Council having to draw deeply on its reserves to cover the whole cost of resurfacing the Village Hall Car Park and making a contribution of £400 towards the cost of decorating the Hall itself.

Talking of Council meetings gives us the opportunity to remind everyone that they are all open to the public and you are very welcome to come along, and you may have seen in the newspapers that parish councillors are now bound by strict regulations requiring them to declare any personal interest in any matter considered by the Council and must leave the meeting while it is under discussion.

Hawstead Parish Clerk



Hawstead Road Safety

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Hawstead Community Council

Last Thursday, 20th June; saw the Annual General Meeting of the Community Council.

Both Sandy Dawson and I had been on the Committee for nine years and although Sandy was happy to stand again as Treasurer, I had decided that it was time for somebody else to have a go.

We have for a number of years had trouble recruiting people to the committee and as a consequence it has been the same people who have repeatedly organised events such as the Fete and Flower Show. Going in to the meeting, I was aware that nobody had approached me to suggest that they may wish to stand for one of the positions that were becoming vacant as Sonja Monk as Vice Chair, Beryl Kay as Secretary and Lesley Carey as Bookings Secretary were also undecided about standing again.

The outcome was that there were no nominations for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair or Secretary. There were, however, a number of nominations for general posts on the Executive Committee as follows: Amanda Brown, Lorraine Stokes, James Carr, Tracey Baker (in absentia). Elsa Kilpatrick is to remain on the Committee and Lesley Carey also agreed to stay on as Bookings Secretary. We now have enough people to run a committee but a further meeting has been arranged to discuss who will take on the relevant offices and subsequent to that an Extraordinary General Meeting will be arranged to vote them in.

For my part, I will remain as an Executive Member and I fully intend to continue with things such as the Triple Twenties Lunch and Bingo as these are the things I enjoy most.

Finally, my thanks go to the committee for their hard work over the last year, particularly the festival which I think has been a huge success.

Christine Gossett

Important Notice Community Council EGM

To elect committee Village Hall
Thursday July 25th at 8.0pm

Hawstead Church Services

July

Sunday 14th
Sunday 21st

11.00 am Matins
11.00am Holy Communion & Hymns

August

Sunday 11th

11.00am Matins

Hawstead Jubilee Festival

Without doubt, the festival has been the highlight of the year as far as the Community Council is concerned.

It started off with the mini beer festival, organised by Roy and Bernice at the Metcalfe Arms. The weather was fantastic and the weekend culminated in the mass shaving and cutting for sponsorship, the proceeds going to the Strongbones and Nicky's Way charities.

On Bank Holiday Monday we held the Street Party. It was wonderful to see so many people there despite the weather being slightly unpredictable. Tea was followed by Punch and Judy, performed by local 'artistes' (the whole thing being made by Lesley and Brian Carey and performed to an original script), children's races and finishing off with 'quick cricket' under the supervision of Katy Fairbairn.

Bill and Margaret Crockford organised a superb Creative Arts Exhibition, which called on the talents of many local artists. The exhibition was extremely professionally put together and there is talk of running it again next year so keep creating. Dorothy Wright was probably unwittingly the inspiration for the Wedding Dress and Floral Exhibition when she happened to remark to Lesley Carey that she still had her wedding dress 43 years after the event. Lesley duly took the project on and produced a stunning exhibition of wedding dresses through the years with appropriate floral arrangements.

The Tea Dance had to be cancelled due to lack of bookings, which is a shame. I will just have to put my Waitress' outfit back in the wardrobe for another occasion. Sonja had done quite a bit of work on this so it was unfortunate that we had to make the decision only two days before the event. Ironically, we received requests for tickets after we had made the decision but by that time it was too late.

In conjunction with the Church, we held a community orientated Jubilee Service, which was both enjoyable and moving.

Morris Dancing at the Metcalfe Arms on midsummer's day enjoyed some fine weather and quite a few people to watch our old friends the Green Dragon Morris.

The culmination of the jubilee events was the concert given by the Gentlemen of St John's College, Cambridge on Saturday last. The evening was a magical affair. The music was wonderful and refreshments during the interval were taken in Lesley and Brian Carey's barn. It will be an evening to remember particularly their rendition of 'Fever' (the ladies will know that I am talking about!)

An amount in the region of £1240 has been taken from the festival which will be split between the Church and the Community Council.

The Committee has worked extremely hard over the last twelve months and I am proud to be associated with it.

Christine Gossett

Road Safety Hawstead

Due to the Editor being in Peru and the proof reader having his moustache and hair cut off, the conclusion on page 2 or my submission to the Hawstead Journal was not published. So this is where you were left last month; the dilemma, what can we do to make the roads of Hawstead a safer place.



DO NOTHING – hope you, your family or pets are not a road accident casualty?

Or

DO SOMETHING – NOW and TRY to make our Village roads a safer place for all?

Let's be positive remember 'the cause is not lost until you stop trying, SO WHAT CAN WE DO?'

1. We need to ensure we keep to the speed limit, that might persuade the vehicle behind you to do the same and after all it would be a bit embarrassing if we were caught speeding in our own Village!
2. Collect hard evidence including photographs to support accident statistics. I will collate the information and ensure the Parish Council are informed; If you see an accident in the Village and do not have a camera to hand call me Bruce Monk – 386876, Nicky Browne – 386903; If it was a near miss tell us about it.
3. Write individually to The Highways Department NOW; that will highlight your concerns, strengthen the cause and force a response; after all our taxes have already paid for the calming measures we require. The address:

Mr Jim Nunn, West Area Highways Manager, The Coach House, Shire Hall, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1RX.

With your involvement and support we WILL get action to calm the traffic through our Village making our environment safer, after all it's only our lives!
Bruce Monk

Editor's Comment:

Unfortunately speeding through the village is not confined to motorists from Bury and Lawshall. It would help considerably if the residents of Hawstead, at least, were to abide by the 30mph speed limit. Remember this is YOUR village.

Not Naked Notley

Rack of Lamb with tomatoes, fennel and asparagus

3 1/2 racks of lamb (7 chops/rack)	Tomato puree
4 ripe tomatoes	Garlic
3 shallots	Olive Oil
2 bunches of asparagus	1 lime juice
Jersey new potatoes	Redcurrant jelly
Red wine	2 oz unsalted butter

Lamb:

Brown the racks fat side down in a heavy frying pan. Place on a meat tray fat side up. Season and place in a pre-heated oven for 10 to 12 minutes, remove and allow to rest.

Potatoes:

Clean the potatoes and boil with mint until tender, pour off water and add the juice of one lime, some pepper and olive oil. Leave to stand for the flavours to infuse.

Tomato Fondue:

In a heavy-based pan put 2ozs butter unsalted and add the shallots finely chopped. When soft add the garlic finely chopped, tomatoes and tomato puree (a good squirt). Cook on a low heat for 20 minutes or so until all the tomatoes cook down and you end up with a paste.

Asparagus:

Boil in water for 5 mins until tender.

Sauce:

From the meat pan pour off the majority of fat, add a glass of red wine to deglaze, add one tablespoon of redcurrant jelly, stir in and reduce to a syrup.

Lay up:

Cut the racks into chops, arrange a few potatoes in the centre of the plate. Stand 3 chops against the potatoes. Scatter the asparagus around the edge of the plate. Sprinkle the tomato fondue over the asparagus. Pour a little sauce over the lamb and serve.

The Community Council are organising another trip to Newmarket Races.

The date is 2nd August and the entertainment that evening is from The Pretenders. As with last year, we will travel by coach, picnic and enjoy the racing. Last year was a huge success so if you are interested, please telephone me on 386764. Christine Gossett

Hawstead Jubilee Celebrations



The Jubilee creative arts exhibition



The Jubilee Street Party 'cake eating contest' "Come on Joey"



The Jubilee street party sack race



The Jubilee street party 'Full up with cake' "Cheers Rene"



*The Jubilee wedding gown exhibition
Twenty seven wonderful exhibits*



*Jubilee street party Punch & Judy
Brian & Nigel's portrayal of a Shakespearean theme. Brilliant*



*The Metcalfe Arms Beer Festival
'Watching Bev's hair disappear'*



*The Metcalfe Arms Beer Festival
'Bev's lovely locks go for charity'*



*The Jubilee street party nosh up
'Alfs years after Les's cake'*

Tip Top Tips

Any Tip Top Tips, on any subject, will be gratefully received by next month's Editor.

This month's Tip Top Tip is from Andy Parrett and is something to do with computers.

Internet Tip Favo(u)rites (i.e. using Microsoft Internet Explorer)

Save time and effort when using the 'net by managing web addresses you use regularly as 'favorites' – you'll have them there to use at any time rather than a) having to remember the address and b) having to type them in each time you use them.

Go onto the Internet. When you get to a website you think you'd like to access on another occasion, click on the **Favorites** pull-down-menu within the horizontal list starting with 'File' at the top of the screen.

Select the top item '**Add to Favorites**' (click on it).

Click the 'OK' button straight away or after you have edited the title which is shown in the 'Name' line.

When you have created a favorite, to get at it next time you simply click the Favorites pull-down-menu: select the one you want by pointing and clicking on it in the list which is then shown.

You can go further: use '**Organise Favorites**' to tidy things up: rename or delete redundant favorites: create 'folders' for each member of the family to put their own favourites in; or separate ones for different subjects. 'Organise Favorites' is the second item in the Favorites pull-down-menu

Overheard in the village:-

"What do you call a one-eyed dinosaur?"

Douthinkisaurus

The Creative Art Exhibition

The exhibition, held in the church as part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations, brought together a diverse selection of creative works executed by members of the village and surrounding districts.

These included painting, sculpture, pottery, tapestry, patchwork quilts, wood carving, horn handled walking sticks and even a few works by children. The variation greatly enhanced the interest of the exhibition and showed the large range of skills being exercised locally.

Financially the display grossed £156.70 from entry fees, commissions on works sold and donations at the door. This money will be divided between the new Village Hall fund and the church.

Thanks are due to Brian and Lesley Carey and also Eric and Carol Massey for the supply of display screens and lighting units, without which the exhibition would not have been possible.

Many thanks also to the bands of helpers who erected, hung and dismantled the exhibition and the teams of supervisors who provided the security for the works and dispensed catalogues and refreshments to the steady stream of visitors.

Bill Crockford

Letter of Complaint

Dear Sir

Re last month's menu I want to complain:-

A pan at the ready and with taste buds on red alert, I rushed to the market in search of squib.

"Got any squib?" I panted.

"Got Whelks and Haddock" he said.

"No must have squib" I said, "Doing a menu".

"Delia?"

"No, Notley!"

"Ooh!!! Try Billets" he said.

Would you believe it, Billets only had John Dory and crab sticks.

Dismayed and with pan in hand I went home

What I suggest is this, that packets of dried ingredients be stapled to the front of all future Journals which contain menus.

Yours truly,

Morris

PS. I'm really looking forward to the main course in next month's edition.
I hope it's not lamb..

The Weather Report

The last ten days of May brought frequent heavy showers. Rainfall totalled 71mm (2.8"), a figure 60% above the mean average. "Rain in May fills barns with hay", so the old saying goes ... The average temperature for the month exceeded the mean by 1.5°C (3°F) more on account of mild nights than daily warmth.

A flaming, sunny start to June soon deteriorated. There followed a fortnight of overcast weather with showery outbreaks of light rain. Warmer air from the continent arrived on the 15th; the clouds parted and the temperature soared to 29.4°C (85°F) on the 17th. The heat ended abruptly the following morning with a series of thunderstorms which deposited 12.4mm (12") of rain. This was the only appreciable fall of rain during the month.

Post June 18th, proximity to a large area of high pressure over Europe has maintained fair dry weather, the mornings being particularly sunny.

The June average, 15.1°C (59.3°F) was 0.6°C (1°F) above the mean. In contrast to May, June was a dry month – 26mm (1"), a total rather less than 50% of the mean. "Rain in June sets things in tune", so the old saying goes – it's time for a good rain.

GDH

Poem

Dusk

As shadows lengthen
And the moon climbs high,
The stars all sparkle
And take the sky.
The owls wake up,
The foxes hunt
With teeth quite sharp
And claws not blunt.
The eerie echoes
And the nights high screams,
As a barn owl perches
On a barns high beams



By Jennifer Gilham
Submitted by Joseph Gilham

Castaway Top Ten

Bruce Monk of The Pound.

Freddie Mercury – Montserrat Caballe: **Barcelona**
Freddie Mercury – Queen: **Let's Turn It On**

Take with a couple of beers – Just to get me in the mood for rhythm.

Mud: **Tiger Feet**

Another beer – Just to get me moving.

Now flow into Scottish ancestry the Glen Morangi Malt Whisky.

Ann Williamson: **The Water is Wide**
Amazing Grace

Caledonian Pipes and Drums: **Flower of Scotland**

A few more Glen Morangi and now wearing Tammy shatter with false mop of ginger hair sewn into rim.

Jimmy Shand and His Band: **Heather Two Step**
Bluebell Polka
Scots Wha Ha'e

Andy Stewart: **A Scottish Soldier**

My favourite Barcelona
(Whatever happened to the Scottish World Cup Football Team?)

Editor's Comment:

Good choice Bruce!

Next month we will take an in-depth look at Scottish music and ask the question – "Can the words Scottish and music be used sensibly in a single sentence?"

Next month : Top ten choices of Jessica Parrett.

Thought of the Month

Wrong always comes first other wise it wouldn't get a look in at all

.or

Wrong allas come fast do that wont git a look in at all

(to avoid confusion 'fast' has nothing to do with speed, it is just the way edicearted people say first).