

Letter from the Editor



This is a shortened version of the Hawstead Journal this month due to excessive Autumnal weather causing a breakdown in communications!

The editor for the next issue will be Chris Notley

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For the Village by the Village

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Parish Council

Parish government has existed for centuries, starting in 1555 with the Statute of Highways, which required all the substantial persons in the parish to provide a team of horses or oxen with a wain or cart and 2 men and every other householder, cottager and labourer to go himself or send a substitute to work on the roads for 4 – afterwards extended to 6 – days in each year. Direction of the work of repairing the roads was the responsibility of a Surveyor of Highways or Waywarden, elected, with the Constable and Overseers of the Poor, to serve for a year at the Annual Vestry Meeting. No one received any payment and all were liable to a fine in default. Parish Council only came into being at the end of the 19th Century and when Hawstead had its first Meeting on 20th December 1894, the Rector, the Revd Leslie Mercer, was elected Chairman and also asked to act as Clerk! Mr Mercer was also expected to hold the quarterly Council Meetings at the Rectory.

Hawstead then had a school and its own Post Office (where postal orders were issued, but not cashed) and according to Kelly's Directory for 1896 the Postmaster, Reuben Bantick, had become the Parish Clerk. One of the Parish Councillors, James Death, was the publican at the Metcalfe Arms and at that time, the village also boasted a beer retailer, a general shop, a coal dealer, a wheelwright and a blacksmith; all in a parish, which then included Hardwick, with a population of 344. At that time, Hawstead Parish Council was entitled to appoint 2 of its Councillors to serve on the Rural District Council.

Robin Whitfield
Hawstead Parish Clerk

Hawstead Community Council

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Thursday 19th December - The Triple Twenties Lunch

If you can divide your years by sixty you are cordially invited to join us for a Christmas Lunch followed by carols in the village hall on the above date at 12.30pm for lunch at 1.0pm. Our usual guests will receive an invitation; otherwise telephone me Sonja Monk at Spinney Cottage on 386876.

Volunteers are always needed to help on the day, it is fun and includes your lunch and all the wine you can drink.

Friday 10th January - Cinderella Pantomime

Sandy Dawson has booked 30 tickets for us for this years pantomime. To obtain your tickets call Sandy on 386682. An adult ticket will cost £11, children under 16 go free, students 16/18 will be given a reduced rate.

Absolutely nothing to do with Christmas, I wonder if like me you are being invaded by wood mice and the like at this time of year, or have a cat that keeps bringing them in! I was given a very useful tip the other day, you just put down a Wellington boot and in it will go. I had occasion to try it last night, do be careful though they have a habit of jumping out and running up your arm, dear little things. Thank you Jane you have saved me hours of frustration.



Heard in the Village

(Watch the Grass Grow)

Purchase a lawn-mower with a pull-start.
Pull. And pull. And pull. And pull. And pull.

And pull. And pull. And pull. And pull.

Now collapse.

And watch the grass grow.

Hawstead Church Services and Notices

November

Sunday 10th 10.50 am Remembrance Day Service (Note starting time)

Sunday 17th 11.00 am Holy Communion with hymns

Sunday 24th 8.30 am Holy Communion (said) (This is a new service)

December

Sunday 8th 11.00 am Matins

Sunday 15th 11.00 am Holy Communion with hymns

Sunday 22nd 6.30 pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve 3.30 pm Children's Crib Service

Christmas Eve/Day 11.30 pm Midnight Service

Coffee Morning and Christmas Bazaar

This will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 7th December 10.00 am to 12 noon. All welcome. Further details to follow.

Village Seed Gathering Day

There was a very disappointing turnout on Sunday 20 October 2002, for seed gathering. However, some seeds from the most important trees in the village were collected. They will be planted in a nursery bed together with their provenance and recorded.

When the village allotment is finalized the saplings will be transplanted where the beginnings of the village's own tree nursery will be established. Volunteers for the upkeep of the nursery would be very much appreciated.

Brian Kew
Tree Warden

Hawstead Fare

The Metcalfe Arms Tel 01284 386321

We offer a full lunchtime and evening menu with homemade and vegetarian courses – cooking from noon until 1.45 pm and 6.30 pm until 9.00 pm, Monday evening thru Sunday lunch.

Thursday lunch special £4.25 for main course and sweet from set menu, a choice of at least 2 main and sweet courses.

Reservations taken and booking is advisable at weekends.
We have a non-smoking dining room.

Remember, you don't have to drink alcohol because you are in a pub, we have filter coffee, cappuccino, hot chocolate and tea available at all times.

Opening times:-

Monday	6.00 pm - 11.00 pm	Food 6.30 pm - 9.00 pm
Tuesday – Friday	12 noon - 2.30 pm 6.00 pm - 11.00 pm	Food 12 noon - 1.45 pm Food 6.30 pm - 9.00 pm
Saturday	12 noon - 11.00 pm	Food 12 noon - 2.00 pm Food 6.30 pm - 9.00 pm
Sunday	12 noon - 10.30 pm	Food 12 noon - 2.00 pm

Roy Tooke



TREE SURGERY SERVICES

Quotations submitted for all jobs – whatever size

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Poem

A Winter Warmer (Poem)

Beechwood fires are bright and clear
if the logs are kept a year
Chestnut only good they say
if for long it's laid away
Make a fire of elder tree
death within your house shall be
But ash new or ash old
is fit for queen with crown of gold
Birch and fir logs burn too fast
blaze up bright and do not last
It is by the Irish said
hawthorn bakes the sweetest bread
Elmwood burns like churchyard mould
e'en the very flames are cold
But ash green or ash brown
is fit for queen with golden crown
Poplar gives a better smoke
fill your eyes and make you choke
Apple wood will scent your room
with an incense – like perfume
Oaken logs, if dry and old
keep away the winter's cold
But ash wet or ash dry
a king shall warm his slippers by.

Popular Poem in its most remembered format (Poet Unknown)

Letter of Complaint

Dear Sir

I want to complain:

My partner has over the last few months made a sterling effort to complain. He spends hours and hours in deep thought searching the depths of his mind to find something to complain about. The doctor says he had improved since we moved to Suffolk from Stoke Poges.

It really has set him back with his recovery programme on discovering there were no complaints in the October issue "Why else would I read it?" he said in a controlled but anxious voice.

Its alright for you I have to live with him.

Yours
Morris (Ms)



Pinford End



*Peter Smith and his
willow tree
Bull Lane*



*Village Hall
R.I.P.?*



Oak Hill



Tip Top Internet Tips:

The results of your Internet search will be presented as a list on the screen for you to examine. You can select any of interest and then visit by clicking on the link – in Google's case it's the word or phrase at the beginning, in blue and underlined. This will be a 'page' rather than a website as such, because the search engine has simply found the *occurrence* of your search word: you only get websites about a particular subject if you do a 'directory' search. So you may get many pages within the same website listed. In my search for Gulf War Syndrome 31 of the 57 results were from news.bbc.uk

So is the information you find any good? You know the old saying about not believing everything you read in the newspaper – well it's even more true about the web, where anyone can set up with a website and there's no editorial control at all! You need your Critical Appraisal Skills!

- Who has produced it, when did they do it (is it updated?) and why?
- Trust the contents only if you can validate the information source. Authors and contributors should be identified, affiliations and financial interests declared and contact details provided
- Question any website that credits itself as the sole source of information on a topic and any that disrespects other sources
- A comprehensive list of links does not imply endorsement; any website can link to another
- Check that the site is professionally managed and the content is reviewed by an editorial board of experts to ensure that the material is credible and reliable. Sources used to create the content should be clearly referenced and acknowledged
- Sponsorship, advertising and potential conflicts should always be clearly stated. A good question to ask is : does the author have anything to gain?

When you visit a web page it may not be clear what the actual website is that includes the page. Have a look at the address line towards the top of the page – you should be able to work back to the start (or 'home') page by deleting parts of the address starting from the right hand end.

For Sale
MAZDA 323F L Reg.
Blue-Green. Seen around Hawstead for the past 5 years!
Phone 386531 Andy & Angela Parrett

Not Naked Notley

Having lit the fire on these dark nights, I seem to have gone into comfort food mode. I cooked a steak & kidney pudding last night which is probably the first time in years and it was great!

Another nice thing for cold evenings are stuffed apples.

Serves about 8

120g Suet
150g Brown Sugar
200g Grated Apples
100g Sultanas
60g Raisins
100g Dried Prunes (chopped)
80g Chopped Nuts
1 Teaspoon Ground Cinnamon
½ Teaspoon All Spice
A few glugs of Brandy
And of course 8 apples (Cox's)



Mix the ingredients together in a bowl put the oven on 200°C, core the apples and stuff tightly. Put the apples in a roasting tin and pile the rest of the ingredients on top of the apples. Put some butter on top and sprinkle with icing sugar. Cook for 20 minutes basting with juice.

When cooked remove apples and keep warm, put the pan on a high heat and deglaze with brandy, pass through a sieve and pour over the apples.

Sprinkle some chopped nuts on the plate and add some crème fraiche.



The Weather Report

September :

Anticyclonic conditions which dominated September's weather gave the most settled period of the whole year. Since the airflow (there was very little wind!) came from a northerly direction, the Indian Summer was not especially warm. Daytime temperatures were only a little above the long-term mean (19 degrees C, 67 degrees F). Under clear skies night minima fell below 4 degrees C on several occasions towards the end of September. The average temperature, 14.3 degrees C (57.8 degrees F) coincided with the long-term mean. Total rainfall, 25.1 mm (1 inch) was 45% of the mean. Most of this fell between the 7th and the 10th.

October:

The first three weeks.

Fine, warm weather marked the first week of the month. The thermometer rose to 22 degrees C, (72 degrees F) on the 1st.

On the 8th winds veered towards the north east, bringing noticeably cooler air, although it was not until the 12th that the month long dry spell ended. Since that date a series of deep depressions have brought plenty of rain and winds with cool temperatures. 65 mm of rain has fallen to date (22nd), a figure exceeding the monthly mean total. Streams and ponds are well replenished. A brief interlude of fine weather with clear night skies brought the first air frost of the Autumn on the 19th. The average date of the first air frost is 17th October.

GDH



Thought of the Month

If you want a rainbow, you've got to put up with the rain.

Castaway Top Ten

Tam Alexander of the Whepstead Road (the top of) selects her Top 10 music choices should she be marooned on the Village Green:-

1. Bent, 'Private Road' Programmed to Love – sultry moods
2. Dusty Springfield, 'The Look of Love' from compilation album Café del Mar, vol. seis – a beautiful lady!
3. Aim, 'Sail' (featuring Kate Rogers), Cold Water Music – got that Sunday feeling
4. Morcheeba, 'By the Sea', Big Calm – thinking of Brighton
5. Sophie Ellis Bextor, 'Murder on the Dance Floor' Read my Lips – get down to the rhythm and rhyme
6. Sophie Ellis Bextor, 'Take me Home' read my Lips – shake that ass
7. Zero 7, 'Waiting Line' Simple Things – blissed-out 'n happy
8. Daft Punk, 'Digital Love' Discovery – hummina, hummina, hummina
9. Daft Punk, 'Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger' Discovery – big and fast
10. Propellerheads, 'History Repeating' (featuring Shirley Bassey) Decks and Drums and Rock & Roll – bring it on Mr 007

Next month the Top Ten Choices will be by Tracey Baker

FIREWOOD

Any amount and size
of quality seasoned ash logs for sale

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