

Hawstead Journal

Editor: Geraldine West

November/December 2011

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(in the hall unless otherwise stated)

Community Council - Meeting Monday 14th January - 7.30 pm All are welcome to attend.

Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 26th January - Public Forum 7.30 pm. Please come along and see your Parish Council making decisions on your behalf.

Wreath making session - Friday 9th December at 2pm.

Village Christmas Lunch - Thursday 15th December - 12.30 for 1pm.

The Suffolk Church Singers Concert - Saturday 10th December at All Saint's Church, Hawstead. See invitation page 11

Village Pantomime 'Cinderella' - 7th and 8th January. See below.

REGULAR EVENTS

Breathe Easy - Weekly on Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.30 am

Craft Group - Last Wednesday of the month 10.30am - 1 pm

Carpet Bowls - Weekly on Tuesdays 7.30 pm

Reading Group - Monthly 1st Wednesday of the month 7.30 pm

CINDERELLA - THE VILLAGE PANTOMIME

TICKETS

Performances -

Saturday 7th January at 2.30pm and 7.30pm

Sunday 8th January at 2.30pm.

Price of tickets - Adults £5, Children £3

Please order your tickets from -

Jane Holliday 386442 jsholliday@btinternet.com

Ann and Norman Gibbs 388642 nwgibbs@globalnet.co.uk

Geraldine West 388732 geraldinewest@waitrose.com

The Metcalfe Arms 388648

Do come along and join in the fun!





HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

We have had quite a busy happy time lately hosting two events for Macmillan Cancer Support, a village party and a special celebration of the bi-centenary of the Metcalfe Almshouses. As I sit here that is just what I am looking at. When I first came to live here I could read the lettering without the aid of glasses! You do get a lovely view of it from the first floor windows in our house. I have noticed that it does have a traffic calming effect for Sunday drivers new to the area!

We have made some changes to our practise and hire charges; these will take effect in January. We have removed the cleaning fee and incorporated that into the hire charge. The use of the kitchen will be a separate cost for all bookings depending on requirement. The maximum number of guests to sit down at table will be restricted to eighty and the maximum of guests will remain at one hundred in total for receptions etc. The changes to costs can be seen on www.hawsteadvillagehall.co.uk.

The Community Council would like to thank all those who have given their time and money to benefit the community in the last year, especially James Bulbrook who looks after our accounts. We have not yet reached a comfortable sum. In another year or so we should be able to put away a safety net just in case the roof blows away or the boiler blows up! However the hall is well equipped and attracting bookings.

The village hall's use for clubs is slowly increasing. We now have the bee-keepers, the Ferguson Tractor club and a reading group. Please do think about joining the carpet bowls on a Tuesday evening as more members are needed.

We are indebted to Geraldine who has produced this journal for a very long time! *(And we are hugely indebted to Sonja who has been administering the village hall and doing countless other things for our village for a very long time - Ed.)*

Next year will be quite busy, although we still only book two functions from outside the village per month. We have three village party bookings to come next year and some of us are going to be fifty, sixty or even eighty!

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Suffolk Church Singers

“Aiding Suffolk Churches”

**All are invited
to an evening of
Carols and Christmas music
at**

**All Saints Church, Hawstead on
Saturday, 10th December
at 7.30pm.**

***Treble:* William B. Morgan;**

***Soprano:* Liz Baker; *Soprano:* Susanna Spall;**

***Tenor:* Tibor Pollerma; *Baritone:* Chris Bartrop**

**There will be refreshments and
a talk by local celebrity historian Clive Paine**

**Admission by programme, £7
All proceeds will go to All Saints Church**

Letters to the Editor

FIREWORKS

Dear Editor

Now that Guy Fawkes day is past many of us breathe a sigh of relief that we no longer feel at risk. I am especially talking about residents who have thatched roofs and those who have stock i.e. cattle, sheep, horses. These animals can go wild in the dark surrounded by bangs and flashing lights. We recently had advice on how to avoid fires to thatch from ill maintained chimneys and faulty electricity: but what about the sudden rocket that lands on your house fired from too close a range?

Neighbour Watch should also apply to all of us in the village, looking out for one another and having the courtesy to avoid such potential dangers. Without being a killjoy to people's celebrations, there is a valid case for banning oversized fireworks except at properly organised gatherings, such as those held in the Abbey Gardens. Will your Christmas go off with a bang to the possible detriment of someone else's comfort?

We may THINK BIKE, can we also THINK ROCKET?

Rosemary Carr

Dear Editor

We had fireworks going off on the Saturday night before Guy Fawkes - a whole week early! I usually will keep our cat in a few days before and after the 5th November so it was a bit worrying. Please spare a thought for pets if you are having firework displays and let your neighbours know so they can keep their pets inside.

Thank you.

Katie, Whepstead Road

HAWSTEAD WINE CLUB

We have enjoyed a successful first year with varied themes. These have included two blind tastings, "Celebration Tipples, Every Day Quaffing Wines, What do labels tell us?, Wines from South America, BBQ Wines, Fairtrade Wines" to name but a few.

The meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month in the village hall and new members are always welcome.

Please contact Judy or David Carter on 01284 386512 if you are interested or would like further information.

Dates for your diary

A wreath making session Friday the 9th December at 2pm. This is easier than you think. Come along with your secateurs and a wire coat hanger. Some holly and ivy will be provided but bring along anything that would be your personal preference. We will supply some extra embellishments you can purchase as well as Christmas, music, mince pies etc. Call me on 286876 if you are coming to give us an idea of numbers.

Village Christmas Lunch Thursday 15th December 12.30 for 1pm. This is open to anyone able to come along that day young and old. Call me on 386876 to book.

Pantomime visit Friday 30th December Geraldine has organised a party going to the Theatre Royal once again. Dick Whittington this year!

The next meeting of the Community Council will be 14th January 2012.

Hawstead's very own pantomime - Cinderella. See details on pages 1 and 12.

*Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Especially the members of the Parish Council
The Trustees of the Metcalfe Alms Houses
The Parochial Church Council
From all of us on the Community council
James, Dave, Pat, Sonja, Jo, Rosemary, Geraldine, Ruth
& Sarah without whom we could not manage.*



Sonja Monk

Chair Hawstead Community Council

FREE RANGE HAWSTEAD GEESE

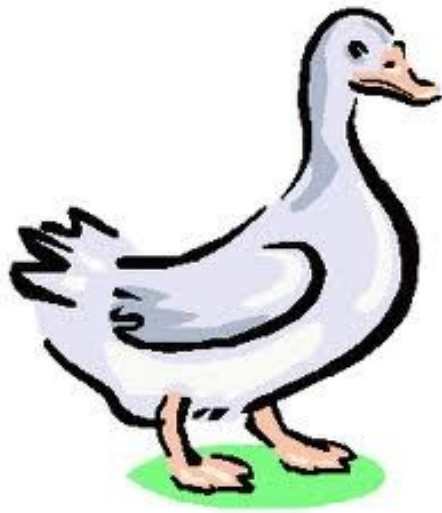
available oven ready for your Christmas dinner

The expected size of these tasty, succulent birds is 10-12lb - plenty for a large family.

The smaller birds in the flock will feed a smaller crowd.

The price £4.45 per lb.

Ready the week before Christmas.



To discuss your Christmas dinner needs
please speak to Andy or Fran on
01284 386501 or email on evershed1@tiscali.co.uk

Hawstead Oil Group

The Hawstead Oil Group is now up and running and several villagers have enjoyed the benefits of buying their oil as part of the group over the last couple of months.

There are many advantages of purchasing your oil as part of the Hawstead Oil Group – competitive prices, guaranteed supply in high demand periods, the opportunity to purchase smaller quantities at prices usually reserved for orders of 1000 litres or more, plus helping the environment by encouraging fewer tankers to travel through our country lanes.

If you would like to join the mailing list (and receive monthly email reminders) please contact Jacqui Milns on sales@rjmcars.co.uk or 388813

OUR BUS SHELTER

Following a suggestion from a villager, the Parish Council are considering installing some form of simple seating inside our bus shelter.

However, before doing so, we would like to know to what extent the shelter is currently used, so if you, or somebody you know, uses the shelter, we would appreciate the information.

Please give me a call on 01284 386157
or e-mail me at mharrison151@btinternet.com.
Thank You

Michael Harrison
Parish Councillor

AUTUMN/WINTER CRIME PREVENTION

THIEVES LIKE AN EASY TARGET!

Make sure your bolts and locks on outbuildings are good enough to resist an opportunist thief, also consider shed alarms which are a cheap and effective way of protecting your outbuildings.

THIEVES PREFER NOT TO CARRY THEIR OWN TOOLS!

Keep garden tools locked away. Thieves often use tools found in gardens to break into homes. Consider marking your property. It is easier to identify stolen items this way if recovered.

THIEVES DON'T LIKE TO BE SEEN!

Check your outdoor lighting is in working order and covers vulnerable points of entry

The Safer Neighbourhood Team

Parish Council News

Green Grit Bins

With the possibility of a severe winter approaching, we would like to remind you of the Green Grit Bins that are placed around the village.

Twelve of these Bins were purchased last year and these are placed around the village – at junctions, on sharp bends and other areas which might be potentially dangerous during bad weather conditions such as snow and ice.

These bins are full of sand and are for village use. In accordance with Suffolk County Council guidelines, the Parish Council is currently putting together a list of volunteers who would be willing to act as 'Grit Spreaders' in the event of bad weather. It is important that villagers spreading the grit/sand are registered on the list of volunteers so that they are fully insured. Volunteers will also be supplied with a 'high vis' jacket.

Below is a list of the locations of Grit Bins around the village. If you feel you could volunteer to be part of the team of grit spreaders from a bin close to your home, please contact Michael Harrison via email mharrison151@btinternet.com, or any other member of the Parish Council.

1. Bury Road, near 'gates' at North end of village.
2. Bury Road j/w Church Road
3. Church Road, east of Church
4. Church Road, west of Church by Farm
5. Church Road, Pinford End near The Firs
6. Church Road j/w Bull Lane
7. Horsecroft Road opposite Hawstead Lodge Farm
8. Bury Road j/w Bells Lane
9. Bells Lane east of Bridge
10. Bury Road j/w Whepstead Road
11. Bury Road opposite Cooks Farm

Bin 12 was on Whepstead Road on the Melpost Triangle, but was demolished by an unknown vehicle.

Contact details for all Parish Councillors are displayed on notice boards around the village, as are the dates and times of all meetings, or look at our new website www.hawsteadparishcouncil.co.uk. Villagers are very welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting.

Jayne Robertson
Parish Councillor

Our thanks to

Pat and Ken Jago for generously sponsoring this month's Hawstead Journal.

Pat and Ken recently left the village after over 20 very happy years in Pinford End.

They send their good wishes to Hawstead.

Delia's Mulled Wine

2 x 75 cl bottles medium to full-bodied red wine

(Bulgarian Cabernet Sauvignon is ideal)

5 oranges

12 cloves

2 cinnamon sticks

8 tablespoons granulated sugar

1 whole nutmeg

2 tablespoons brandy



Method

Stud 1 of the oranges with the cloves and cut the remaining 4 oranges into slices. Put all the ingredients in a saucepan with 2 pints (1.2 litres) water then heat to simmering point, stirring until all the sugar has dissolved. Keep it barely at simmering point for at least 20 minutes – but do not boil or all the alcohol will evaporate. This can be made in advance, then re-heated just before the party. Serve it warm in mugs or sturdy wine glasses. Enjoy!

The Philip Metcalfe Almshouses 200th Anniversary Celebration

