
HAWSTEAD JOURNAL

Editors: Judy & Dave Carter



Come and join the fun and take in the beautiful surroundings of our own Village Green at the

VILLAGE BARBEQUE

- WHERE:** Hawstead Village Hall
- WHEN:** Saturday 22nd June at 7pm
- FOOD:** Sausages, chicken and burgers with salads and bread
- COST:** £5 adults, £3 under 16's

TO INCLUDE FIRST DRINK

There will be a cash bar and music.

*Purchase tickets in advance from
Jo Butt on 01284 388817 or
e-mail: joandstevebutt@yahoo.co.uk*



CHURCH SERVICES

JUNE

Sunday 9th

08.30 Said Eucharist in Hawstead Church

Sunday 23rd

11.00 Parish Eucharist in Hawstead Church

Sunday 30th

10.30 Benefice Service at Bradfield Combust All Welcome

JULY

Sunday 14th

08.30 Said Eucharist in Hawstead Church

HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REVIEW 2013



As usual our AGM was poorly attended. A review of the last five years was given. This outlined the current use of the hall during that time.

Our main revenue comes from private functions. It has been a pleasure to help people to get the most from this beautiful building.

Events open to the public: Civic Events and participation Community events -fêtes, flower shows, sales, festivals and shows, touring plays, drama, sales and festivals to celebrate special dates., special fundraising events for local charities, some of these are now held annually.

Many other things happen for Social benefit, Social Support, Social Interest.

A full report can be obtained from sonjamonk@btinternet.com

There are many people I have to thank for their support over the last eleven years. Christine handed the chair to me just as the roof blew away! We set up a project group to replace it. It was an interesting experience and in many ways best not to be mentioned. I don't think anything has ever caused me so much stress as that building. It is there now in all its glory and I am grateful to everyone who played a part, especially my good friend Sylvia Miller who kept me sane.

I was pleased and grateful that John West remained as our treasurer for the first year after completion. We always put the best into it and I hope that it will continue in that way. Oak is Oak. Unbeknown to most people John and I purchased the hall chairs between us. We did recoup our money when we were in funds! That was the level of our commitment.

Sylvia and I really became very ruthless when sourcing items for the fitting and furnishing. It really opened our eyes to the amount of profit that must be made in the retail industry. The lightning? well that is another story! That part was good fun. Women like spending money wisely and love a bargain.

We are now in a good position financially. We work closely with the Parish Council, in small rural communities it makes sense for the community to work together to make the most of local facilities and help with their long term viability. We have joint funded the refurbishment of the car park. It really is such a transformation. The Parish Council has the power to precept and has in the past been very generous to the Community Council. The Play Area which is the responsibility of the Community Council is insured in this way. Our hall should be able to meet all of its expenditure from income and not be reliant on constant access to charitable trust or statutory bodies for ongoing care and maintenance.

HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONT.

The Community Council , Reg Charity 1060871, will be renewing the members this year. Those wishing to stand should apply to *Rosemary Harrison* for the date of the next meeting.

This year we lose our Chairperson and treasurer. *James Bulbrook* has looked after our money for four years. I shall always be very grateful to him. We have set up a surprise for him next time he visits his favourite haunt, The Queen's Head. I'm sure he will enjoy it!

Sonja Monk

HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL - FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial report of Hawstead Community Council – year to 13/04/13

Income for year £17,868

Expenditure for year £13,701

Trading resulting in a surplus of £4,167

Resulting in closing funds held of £9,253

Noticeable increase in hall rental income of 51% - amounting to £16,069 in the year.

This is partly as a result of the increase in charges applied, prompted by the disquiet raised by several villagers about the ability to replace significant items such as a boiler if necessary.

There were only two significant capital purchases in the year, a replacement fridge due to the failure of the original and a projector to add to the hall's IT capabilities.

The current level of expenditure just to keep the hall ticking over amounts to a figure in the region of £8,000 per annum.

Of this sum, the cleaning amounted to £3,000 with heating oil in excess of £1,000 and electricity and water amounting to over £1,100.

General maintenance and repair also amounted to just under £1,000.

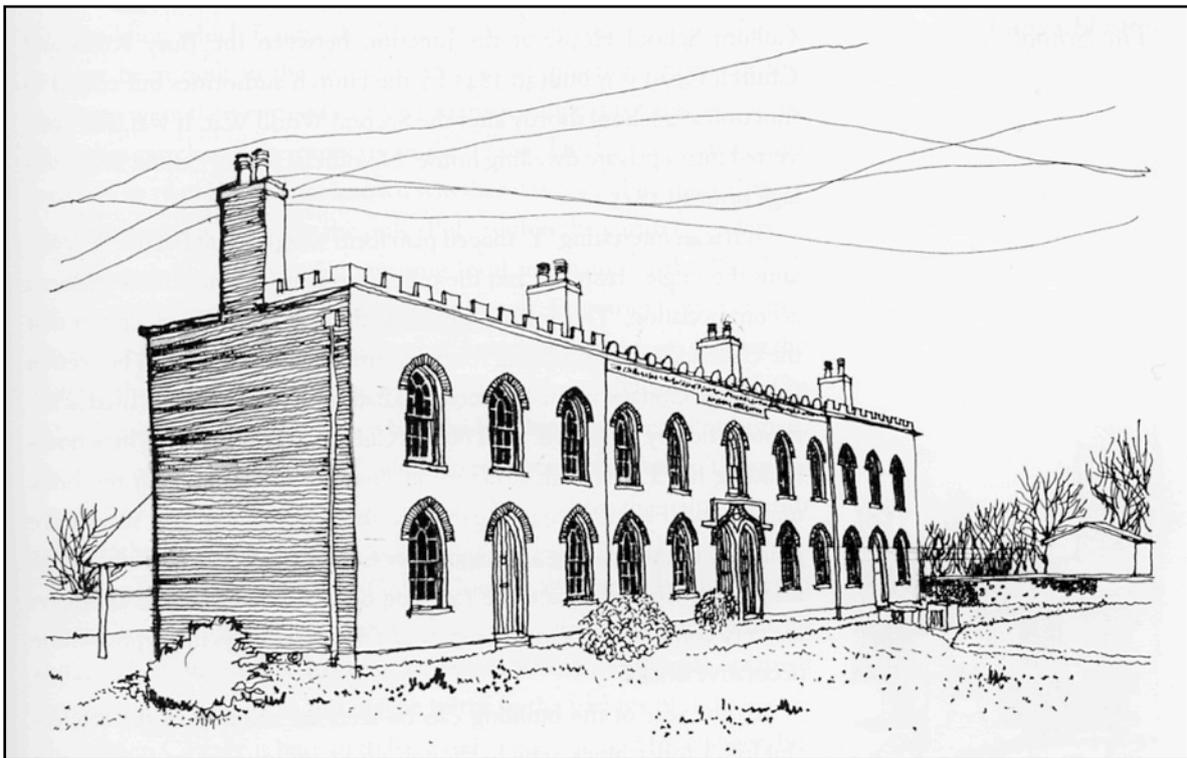
It is now four years since I took over as treasurer from John West and it has been a great privilege to be part of this wonderful facility the village has at its disposal. However due to pressure of work, I will be standing down at the AGM. To date, despite several published notifications, nobody has come forward to take on the position.

The Community Council's committee will therefore have to be discussed further at the AGM, with the possibility of this important post having to revert to the Parish Council if no one is prepared to be involved.

J P Bulbrook
Treasurer
05.05.13

THE PHILIP METCALFE ALMSHOUSES TRUST

On the Bury Road in Hawstead stands the terrace of four dwellings which are the Philip Metcalfe Almshouses. Many of you will have noticed just below the roof parapet the date of 1811, marking the year of their construction. They are funded from a small contribution from the residents and limited rents from local landowners, which hark back to the estates of Robert Drury and Philip Metcalfe. There are two charities involved in running the Trust. The oldest is the Sir Robert Drury Charity, which began with an “indenture” dated 28th March 1616, stating that “Sir Robert Drury, knight, was minded to erect an Almshouse in Hawstead for six poor unmarried women, and to allow to every one of them £5 a piece yearly, at the nomination of Sir Nicholas Bacon.” Sir Nicholas had advice from 12 others nominated from surrounding villages and from the borough of Bury. It is noticeable that the church is not mentioned. Income was derived from lands and woods, some previously owned by the monastery of Bury St. Edmunds, Drury granted (or in the word of the time “enfeoffed”) as an annuity to Sir Nicholas. The concept of a “Trust” had not been invented at the time, and so over the years, the conveyance of the lands and annuities was erratic, but by the late 1700’s the responsibilities ended up with Sir Thomas Gery Cullum. It was he, as lord of the manor of Hawstead, who appointed the poor women to the Almshouses. By now they were in a state of decay and Sir Thomas found accommodation for the women elsewhere in Hawstead and in Bury. The original buildings were situated by the village green, along Bells Lane and remains of the foundations can be just made out in the copse between Beech Cottage and the stream.



Now Philip Metcalfe arrives on the scene. He made his money at West Ham and Bow in the east end of London during the Napoleonic wars in the 1790’s. His three tide mills on the River Lea, like the one at Woodbridge, together with the distilleries held in partnership with Daniel Bisson, cornered the market for grain from Essex and Kent, so much so that he was able to withdraw from the day-to-day business and appoint a manager. He moved in exalted circles, which included the Prince Regent, later to become George IV, and was exposed to the ferment of ideas from the age of enlightenment, such as the abolition of slavery. This was also the time when Jane Austen was writing “Mansfield Park”. He moved in literary circles and came across Wilberforce and Fox who

THE PHILIP METCALFE ALMSHOUSES TRUST CONT..

were the conscience of the time. As a Quaker, his views on philanthropy made him look favourably on the anti-slavery movement and the care of the poor. By the way, you may have seen the blue plaque on the wall in St. Mary's Square in Bury, commemorating the second in command to Wilberforce, Thomas Clarkson, who settled in Bury from 1806 to 1816 and would have socialised with Metcalfe, who was in Hawstead at the same time. However, Metcalfe made sure he backed both sides of the political divide by supporting Pitt on his fortification plans to defend against an invasion by the French.

Metcalfe lived in Hawstead House for a time and knew the Cullums through Sir John Cullum, who married at West Ham, Peggy, the daughter of Daniel Bisson distiller of the "Three Mills". Seeing the ruins of the old Almshouses, he demolished the buildings and erected the terrace we now see, as a copy of the ones in Brighton he came across when socialising with The Prince of Wales. The responsibilities of Sir Robert's Charity were incorporated into a new charity, the Philip Metcalfe Almshouses Trust by an indenture dated 23rd December 1811, and this is the main administrative vehicle of the Almshouses today.

This preamble is the background to the proposal by the Trustees of the Philip Metcalfe Almshouses to amalgamate the two trusts, to save on administrative and accountancy costs as required by modern charities legislation. An approach has been made to the Charities Commission and a period of consultation now follows. If anyone has any objection, comment or counter proposal, please let me know

Paul Caldwell

Clerk to the Philip Metcalfe Almshouses Trust
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HAWSTEAD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting of Hawstead was held on Thursday 16th May in the Village Hall, and was attended by around 30 villagers.

This interesting meeting lasted about an hour and included reports by Councillor Terry Clements, Suffolk County Council and Councillor Angela Rushen, St Edmundsbury Borough Council, who spoke about the work of the county and borough councils through the year, and current projects and concerns.

This was followed by reports from village organisations including the Parish Council, the Community Council, All Saints Church and the Bowls Club highlighting events and achievements of the past year.

John West, Chairman of the Parish Council led the meeting, and read out a report from the local Police PCOS Ryan Wilson, who could not attend the meeting. An extremely interesting report received from Paul Caldwell, the History Recorder for Hawstead, who was also not able to be present.

The meeting, (which Terry Clements mentioned was the best attended Annual Parish Meeting he had attended this year) ended with a chance to socialise over Coffee and Biscuits. Many people then stayed on to attend the AGM of the Hawstead Parish Council. The minutes of this meeting will be circulated via the village email distribution list, and displayed on notice boards around the village, in due course.

Jayne Robertson,
Hawstead Parish Council

OUR UNIQUE VILLAGE GREEN

Did you know that Hawstead Village Green is one of the largest area of unimproved grassland in West Suffolk, and is considered to be one of the finest areas of flower rich grassland in the region? In a county where the rich fertile boulder clay soil has largely been turned to producing crops, there is very little meadowland left - 98% of all such flower rich meadows in Suffolk have been destroyed since the end of WW II.



The Green is a pleasure to watch through changing seasons, but how many of us are aware that the covering of white flowers for a couple of weeks every May are actually 'Pignut' a rare species like a miniature Cow Parsley which is only found in areas of ancient grassland which has not been disturbed by modern farming methods; or that the mass of yellow cover in the spring is made up of at least three species of Buttercups, probably more; and that our Green is one of the few places where Bumblebees can thrive – their existence being threatened, some species already now extinct through loss of habitat and agricultural changes?

So unusual is our Green that the Parish Council are awarded an annual grant by the Rural Payments Agency – a division of DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) to manage the Green and

maintain the biodiversity of this unusual habitat. It is extremely unusual for a village green to be awarded a grant of this type and the Parish Council works hard to ensure that the Green is managed in a traditional way to specified guidelines.

For more information on the history and wildlife of our Village Green do refresh yourself by re-reading James Carr's article 'The Natural History of Hawstead' in the Hawstead Book 'Hawstead 2001'.

Photos of wild flowers on The Village Green



OUR UNIQUE VILLAGE GREEN - CONTINUED



Hawstead Parish Council

Parish Council meetings are open to all villagers and are a good opportunity to find how the council is working for the village in many ways, including this important conservation work. So please come along, you will be very welcome. Meeting dates and agendas are posted on the noticeboards around the village

Jayne Robertson,
Hawstead Parish Council



The Hawstead Journal was kindly sponsored this month by Henry & Hayley Brewis of 'Pinford End Farmhouse'.

If you would like to sponsor the Journal for one month, please contact Judy, details below. Thank you for your contributions this month. Our next Journal will be July 2013. Please forward anything you have by 5th July 2013.

Judy Carter - Oakhill House, Pinford End, judy@mmgd.co.uk

STANLEY BAILEY

Stan died peacefully on Tuesday 21st May in West Suffolk Hospital. I have had the privilege of being his friend for the last five years and will always cherish happy memories of our times together.

Stan was born 85 years ago in Brent Eleigh. He went to school in Lavenham. Following this his family moved to Shimpling. On leaving school he worked on various farms. When he was 18 he went into the army for two years.



On leaving the army he worked on the buses for Mr. Hebdich. He then worked at Cracknells Garage in Thurston. This was followed by working in Stafford Allens Chemical Factory at Long Melford.

Stan moved into the Alms Houses in Hawstead in 2000. Whenever I passed the Alms Houses he would wave to me and loved to share a cup of tea and have a natter. He was very happy living there and was sad to leave. Unfortunately after an operation on his hip he was unable to manage the stairs and had to move to Erskine Lodge.

Stan tended the grounds at the church in Hawstead for many years and rang the bells for our services. He always read the Psalms and it seems very strange at the church services without him.

Stan loved painting and produced some really lovely watercolour pictures. He spent his last few weeks in Pinford End Nursing Home and continued his drawing there.

Stan was a lovely man and will be sorely missed by all his friends. It was a privilege to know him and he will never be forgotten.



Rosemary Harrison

The funeral will take place on 7th June at Hawstead Parish Church at 2pm.

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Our play area is in need of some maintenance and update.

The play area is the responsibility of the community. It is inspected by the Borough regularly.

It has now been there for fifteen years. Some items are in need of replacement, such as the roofing board of the log cabin and one flat swing. These new items have been purchased from Playdale at a cost of £670.

The wood separating the grass from the bark may need to be replaced. It is also necessary to preserve the fencing and picnic bench with Cuprinol. This will last for many years. The gates now to be of a different colour to make them quickly visible.

Bruce M has made a start with this and the repainting and repair of the spring cockerel. It would also be so nice to have a good sort out of the grass and try and make look a bit better.

A work party is needed!!

Please join us on the morning of the 29th of June, weather permitting, lunch and suitable liquid refreshment will be provided in the village hall.

To sign to help give you name to either myself 386876, Dave 386682 or Jo 388817

Sonja Monk

THE AQUARIUS SINGERS

present

MUSIC FOR A SUMMER EVENING



ST NICOLAS CHURCH STANNINGFIELD

SATURDAY 6TH JULY 2013

TICKETS **£10.00**

to include Cheese and Wine

apply to 01284 828491, 01284 827068, 01284 827314

HAWSTEAD'S HIDDEN GARDEN

16th June 2 – 6pm

Green Cottage Garden, The Green, Hawstead

£4 for adults, under 16's are free.

Sumptuous teas will be available all afternoon.
Make this a fabulous family afternoon out.
Proceeds to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

All are welcome

Glyn Hammond

MARKS QUIZ NIGHT

The village Quiz Night held on the 27th April was a roaring success. A fun filled evening hosted by Mark, who had everyone in fits of laughter for most of the event. The photographs show the triumphant team winners; Nikki and Steve accept their well earned trophy.

Many thanks to Jo and her team for the organisation and to the lady (whose name escapes me) for supplying the delicious cup cakes.

Judy Carter



HAWSTEAD WINE CLUB

May 31st saw record numbers attending our group. Seventeen of us squeezed into the meeting room for a theme of "Reds and Rose's" presented by David and Maggie Fletcher. We tasted four Rose wines of differing grapes, Pinot Noir, Malbec, Tempranillo and a Pinotage/Shiraz mix. The most popular of these was the French Pinot Noir. Our reds mirrored the same grapes and the resounding success of the evening was a Pinotage from the Western Cape in South Africa.

To commemorate a successful two years since the formation of the club, we have decided to hold a black-tie dinner at Bury Golf Club in June.

Our next wine tasting meeting will be on Thursday 25th July and will be hosted by Paul and Sheila Crossley.

Judy Carter

If you would like to join us or just request further details of Hawstead Appreciation and Tasting Society please contact Judy Carter on 01284 386512 or e-mail: judy@mmgd.co.uk.

HAWSTEAD READING GROUP

We have had two meetings since the last issue - one at Nancy Dawson's where we discussed *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett and the second at Sujarta Surtees where our book was *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. Both books following a similar theme. *The Help* tells of the turbulence of the Civil Rights movement where three Mississippi women quietly start their own revolution with a book, some toilets and a chocolate pie! *Mockingbird* is told through the eyes of young Scout Finch whose youthful optimism is chipped away by the evils of her small Southern town where her lawyer father fights for a justice he cannot win.

Both books were very enjoyable and provoked much discussion with *The Help* being made into a very successful film. *To Kill a Mockingbird* is obviously a classic book which is still read by generations and used as a school textbook.

We were, as always, given super hospitality by both Nancy and Susie and look forward to our next meeting at Angela Parrett's on Wed. 5th June at 7.30 where we shall be discussing *Change of Heart* by Jodi Picoult.

For more information contact *Ann Gibbs* on 01284 765332.

PARISH COUNCIL COFFEE MORNING

An important date for your diary

SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 10.30 – 12 noon

HAWSTEAD VILLAGE HALL

This is YOUR chance to have a say. At least one of our parish councillors' will be on hand to discuss village related matters.

It is a very informal event and coffee, tea and homemade cakes/biscuits are always available.

REGULAR EVENTS

Breathe Easy	Weekly on Tuesdays 9.15 - 10.15 am
Carpet Bowls	Weekly on Tuesdays 7.30 pm
Reading Group	1st Wednesday of the month 7.30 pm (held in members' homes)
HATS (Wine Club)	Last Thursday of the month 8.00 pm
Hawstead Oil Buying Group	Orders placed end of each month (contact Jacquie Milns 388813 email: sales@rjmcars.co.uk)

HAWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

*Meetings held at the Village Hall unless otherwise stated
Everyone is very welcome to come along.*

Meetings held bi-monthly on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm.
Dates arranged are:

18th July

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

In the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

Parish Council Meeting	8th June 10.30 - 12 noon
Green Cottage Garden Open Day	16th June
Summer BBQ	22nd June
Community Council Meeting	24th June 7.30pm
Parish Council Meeting	18th July 7.30pm
Village Fête	1st September
Fizz on Friday	6th September

*The newly graveled drive and
parking area for The Village
Hall and Children's Play Area*

