

A CELEBRITY IN OUR MIDST?



Brian Kew and 'Southern Comfort' performing in Bury on August 6th at a Folk Concert to raise money for the charity Headway.

THE HAWSTEAD JOURNAL

The Hawstead Journal editorial team hopes you are impressed at the quality of production of our Journal now. Last month's issue was the first to have been produced using the village's new colour laser printer. This not only prints on both sides but collates the pages as well and has made the production process much simpler and swifter. Our thanks go to the Parish Council for funding the printer and to Malcolm Cornwell for his procurement skills.

Don't forget that any and all contribution are not just welcome but are needed. We are specifically looking for some young people to be castaways on our desert island, some 'Horrorified of Hawstead' or perhaps 'Happy of Hawstead' letters to the editor, book and film reviews, summer holiday experiences, contributions to 'Heard in Hawstead', observations of nature in and around Hawstead, unusual or amusing incidents and, well, really anything you feel like sharing with the village.

If you are new to the village, please get in touch.

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For the Village by the Village

August 2005

Parish Council

What Price New Housing in Hawstead?

A Parish Council Meeting was held in All Saints Church on 28th July to hear what the Borough Council's likely reaction would be to a request for permission to build new houses in Hawstead. Notice given was so short that we burned the midnight oil to get the last HJ out in time to let you all know – and we only managed it by a few hours! Nevertheless some fifty or so people made it and listened with interest to Mr. Peter Fuller, Principal Planning Officer at St. Edmundsbury Borough Council as he gave us a clear and concise summary of planning policy and legislation in England from a national down to local level.

Bound ultimately by a series of Town & Country Planning Acts since 1948, we are more closely influenced by the County 'Structure Plan' and the Borough 'Local Plan'. Both of these are reviewed and updated regularly and currently the former dates from 2001, whilst the Local Plan is in draft form and is due to be adopted (as updated) by mid-2006.

The County Structure Plan aims to retain as much countryside as possible and as a result the main focus of new development will be in the towns i.e. Ipswich, Bury and to a lesser extent, Haverhill. Taking its lead from this, the Local Plan envisages possible small developments in large villages such as Ixworth and Stanton and in smaller villages, possibly an 'odd infill plot here or there'.

Crucially, the prime criterion for allowable development is that it must be within the 'settlement boundary' of the existing village – everything outside such a boundary is 'countryside' where virtually nothing new is to be allowed. Even social housing (for which an

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existing local need must be demonstrated) must be within or adjacent to a settlement boundary. Hawstead had no settlement boundary, so the whole of the parish is classed as countryside and therefore no new development is permissible. QED!

Mr Fuller's presentation obviously allayed villagers' fears relating to the proposal described in the May issue of the Journal as there were no questions from the audience relating to this. Concern was expressed, however, that this prohibitive policy will work to the detriment of the village. With no opportunity to expand, sons and daughters of existing occupants will be unable to acquire homes in the village - and property prices will rise as a result of a) probable excess of demand (for a rural home) over supply and b) the difficulty of limiting people's ability to add extensions to their homes. As a result, Hawstead may become an increasingly stagnated/fossilised village with an ever-ageing population.

Curiously there is a planning application currently in existence at Pinford End, as lodged by Havebury Housing Partnership. Questions were asked about this in the light of what had already been said. Clearly Mr Fuller was unable to give a definitive answer, but the logic of his explanation of the planning laws and regulations suggests that permission will not be forthcoming.

AJP

THE NEW VILLAGE HALL

Some concerns have been expressed in the Village about the size of the proposed new village hall. At the village fete on Sunday 4th September 'footprints' of both the proposed new village hall and the old hall will be marked out on the ground. The height of the proposed new building will also be clearly indicated.

This will give you an opportunity to compare the size of the proposed building with that of the old one.

The village hall project group hope that this will allay any fears you might have that the proposed building is too big.

ON THE BEAT THIS MONTH

DISTRACTION BURGLARIES

Anglian Water in Newmarket has had identity cards and uniforms stolen so do be particularly cautious about anyone purporting to be from Anglian Water. They may suggest that your water supply is contaminated and needs investigating, or that work needs to be done at your home. Although some people around the county have been taken in, encouragingly, there have also been several reports of people sending these criminals packing with a flea in their ear.

PAINTINGS AND PRINTS FOR SALE

Please, be on your guard if people come to the door offering paintings or prints for sale. Under no circumstances should you allow anyone into your home as they will just be looking to see what is worth stealing and for ways to get in and out easily. If you are approached call the police at once and if possible take a note of the colour, make and registration of the vehicle they are using.

HIDDEN KEYS

It is often tempting to leave keys hidden near the front door, but avoid doing this if at all possible. Those clever burglars know all the places you might choose. It is safer to get extra keys cut, or leave them with a neighbour.

GOING ON HOLIDAY?

Don't forget to let your neighbours know when you are away on holiday so that they can keep an eye on your house.

If you have anything to report then contact your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Joan Baker on 386657, Horringer Police Station 735637, call 999 or e.mail me at sarah.king@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

I will be back in uniform and patrolling again in August and look forward to seeing you.

Rural South - Community Police Officer PC 992

CASTAWAY TOP TEN

This month's Castaway is John West, The Green

It was difficult to choose just ten. But great fun!

Requiem - Pie Jesu Julian Lloyd Webber
Chilling out with the cello and a glass of red wine always works for me.

Blue Bayou Roy Orbison
I never tire of hearing the "The Big O."

I believe I can fly R Kelly
Inspirational stuff.

Knockin' on heavens door Bob Dylan
Just one from this songwriting colossus.

The great pretender Freddie Mercury
Freddie's kinda magic brings this old (1956) Platters hit to life.

Isn't it a pity Eric Clapton and Billy Preston
From- "A concert for George" (George Harrison tribute at the Albert Hall).

Tower of song Leonard Cohen
He's never the most up-beat but he's a real favorite of mine.

I don't wanna fight Tina Turner
Simply the best ever live.

O Sole Mio Luciano Pavarotti
The big man is at his very best singing this.

I've got a brand new combine harvester The Worzels
Sad eh! But "Nothing runs like a Deere" or "A John Deere on every landscape" as we say at work.

If I could only take one it would be the chill out cello.
And a book? Well Wisden of course.

Next month's castaways are Bill and Margaret Crockford

ALL SAINTS CHURCH - HAWSTEAD SERVICES SEPTEMBER Sunday 11th

10.30 am Benefice Eucharist & Confirmation by Bishop Clive
Sunday 25th

11am Parish Eucharist

A Service of Harvest Praise

will be held at 6pm on **Saturday 1st October** followed by a **Harvest Supper** in the Barn at Church Farm House. Tickets for the supper are £10.00 adult & £6.00 for children. Booking for his is essential from Christine Gossett 286764 or Tony Hillman 386527



Please visit the church during the day to see the display of Flowers and Produce.

EVENING PRAYER

An opportunity for silent/contemplative prayer and to pray for the parish and benefice is held every **Wednesday in the church between 5 - 5.30pm**. All are welcome.

The church is open every day from 9am to 5pm

For all other Services in the Benefice please see Church Notice board

A reminder—

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY - LOCAL HISTORY LAW AND ORDER IN SUFFOLK

After 2 years away, I am pleased to announce that the next course **LAW AND ORDER IN SUFFOLK** will start on Thursday mornings in Lawshall Village Hall 10 a m -12 noon on September 22nd and will run for 10 weeks. We are again lucky to have Clive Paine as our tutor. Fees will be Senior Citizen £40 and standard rate £45. The University, as with all other colleges, have had to increase their fees this year. Everyone is welcome. Enrolment will take place on the first morning.

If you require further information please contact Joyce Dainty on 01284 386314

bouncy castle

Village Fete and produce show

Sunday 4th September 2005 at 2pm

This year's fete and produce show will be held as usual on the green. The produce show will be under canvas with thanks again to R.A.F. Honnington.

We are delighted to have our local historian Clive Payne to open the fete and to present the prizes. Clive will be accompanied by his wife Christine. This will take place at the beginning of the fete as in previous years. The produce will be auctioned at around 4.30pm. Anyone wishing to remove exhibits not intended for auction should remove them before 4pm.

The sunflowers sold at the plant sale will be measured in the first week of September. The pumpkins could be brought to the Fete for judging, or if you have one that is too heavy, we can visit!!

music

THE FARMING YEAR IN HAWSTEAD AUGUST



Big Tackle for a big field. The new Caterpillar tractor cultivates after oilseed rape in Cook's Field.



Sheep shearing under way in the pasture next to the Metcalfe Arms

PLANTS AND PRODUCE

Home produced Hawstead goods for sale -
seasonal vegetables and fruit, herbs, plants etc

HAWSTEAD VILLAGE GREEN
Saturday 10th and 24th September

11am-1pm

COME AND BUY!

For more information call

Andy and Frances on 01284 386501

Our next appearance will be at the

Hawstead Village Fete on Sunday 4th September,
where we will also be selling plants and produce donated by others.

All proceeds from this stall will go to
the village fund so PLEASE bring along your surplus.

Please note

there will be no plant and produce sale on the 27th August

A Lunch to raise money for the windows of Nowton Church

Jane Holliday of Larkfield, Bury Road will be hosting a lunch on Thursday the 6th of October at 12.30 pm. Jane will entertain us with an insight into her walking exploits and what motivates her to do it.

Jane can cope with no more than twenty so please let her know well in advance.

You can reach her at Larkfield, Bury Road or telephone 386442.

fun
games
surprises

We urgently need volunteers to help with all sorts of things. So if you would like to help or contribute items for the raffle or any of the stalls or have any questions to ask please get in touch - 386876.

A programme will be available at the Fete.

Let's hope we have fine weather again.

Children - don't forget to dress up !!!!!!!

cakes
bricabrac
competitions
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A COMMUNITY COUNCIL 'THANK YOU' BARBEQUE



Sonja Monk presents a token gift of thanks to



Jo Butt



Nikki Browne



Tony Hillman

On a lovely Sunday afternoon in July the Community Council held a barbeque to thank all of those who had helped with the plant sale, especially Jo and Steve Butt, Frances and Andy Evershed, James Carr, Nikki Browne and Brian Kew.

The opportunity was also taken to thank Nikki Browne and Lorraine Stokes, who have retired as Council members and Tony Hillman who has retired as a Trustee.



Ice-cream cornets were the order of the day for Bethany Evershed and Reuben Carr.