

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**APRIL/MAY**

*(in the hall unless otherwise stated)*

**The Annual Parish Council Meeting**

Thursday 20th May - 7.00 - 8.30 pm (Please note changed start time)

**This meeting is an opportunity for villagers to learn what the Parish Council has achieved during the year**

This meeting will be followed by the Parish Council Meeting which will start at 8.30 pm

**Community Council Annual General Meeting - Thursday May 27th 7.30 pm**

**Annual Plant Sale - Saturday 15th May.** The Hawstead Community Council breakfast, tea/coffee, cakes etc will be served from 10.00am

**REGULAR EVENTS**

- Art Group** - Weekly on Mondays 10.00am - 1.00pm
- Breathe Easy** - Weekly on Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.30am
- Country Dancing** - Last Wednesday of the month 7.30pm - 9pm
- Craft Group** - Last Wednesday of the month 10.30 am - 1 pm
- Carpet Bowls** - Weekly on Tuesdays 7.30pm

**LATER IN THE YEAR**

- Village Fete and Flower show** - Sunday 5th September
- A Village Party** - Date tba
- The Village Hall Touring play, Theatre Royal** - Thursday September 9th
- The "Biggest Coffee Morning"** - Saturday September 25th - 10am

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# Hawstead Journal

For the Village by the Village

April 2010

**Hawstead Community Council**

**Notice is given of the AGM of the Hawstead Community Council 27th May at 7.30pm in the hall. See Agenda on page 2. Do come along.**

With grateful thanks to our Parish Council we are now wired for sound! System Sound of Sudbury has done a very tidy job. It all looks very technical!

The hall is fairly well booked for private parties from May until September. You may have noticed that the Theatre Royal did not have a touring play this year. We have just heard that they are hoping to do this in the autumn possibly September 9th. We have said we would be interested. The two previous performances were very well received.

The Lent Lunch was a very enjoyable get together, thanks to all who came along from Hawstead and Nowton. St Nicholas Hospice was given a remarkable four figure sum.

In September we are planning to take part in the "Biggest Coffee Morning" these events have been organised by **Macmillan Cancer Care** for some time now. Joyce Dainty is getting all the information together. Such a good excuse to eat cake!

**The Annual Plant Sale will take place on Saturday May 15th.**

Sonja Monk  
Chair



## HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 27th May 2010 at 7.30 pm in Hawstead village hall

### AGENDA

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Approval of previous AGM Minutes
3. Matters arising from those minutes
4. Annual Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Chairperson's comments
7. Election of committee
8. Any other business
9. Coffee & tea

### Thanks

On behalf of Hawstead Parish Council

I wish to thank Sarah Lawson, who recently resigned as one of our Councillors, for all her efforts and especially the responsibility she kindly undertook in being the Footpath Warden.

Malcolm Cornwell Chair Hawstead Parish Council

### OLD COUNTRY LORE

If the rooks nest low,  
We're in for snow.  
If they be high,  
It will be dry.



The rooks are nesting low which is a sign of a bad summer. Can anyone come up with an old rhyme that refutes this forecast?

Mike Sibley

## ART CLASSES IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Weekly from Monday 19th April

10am — 1pm

TUTOR -

Jolyon Stringer BA Fine Art, PGCE

Jolyon studied art at Camberwell College of Art. He is an experienced and respected artist with over 30 years' experience in teaching both young people and adults.

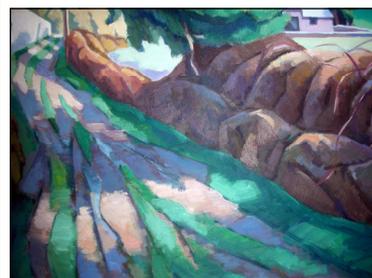


His classes are friendly and inclusive.

He welcomes all levels of ability from absolute beginners to experienced artists wishing to broaden their approach to art or to improve their techniques. All media are catered for from drawing and painting to more complex use of paint and painting techniques.

Jolyon's emphasis is on individual development, exploration and innovation.

Painting holidays, art gallery visits and painting days out will also be arranged from time to time.



Classes cost £14 per session / 12 week terms.

If you would like to speak to Jolyon about the classes please call him on

07980 478913 / 01284 388732. If you would like to take part just come along.

## RURAL NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM

Within our Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) area we are currently experiencing a number of garden ornament and planter thefts. Criminals will take advantage of the lack of security and easy access to your front garden to steal these items. We are of course putting in extra patrols in vulnerable areas, but with such a large area to cover we do need the public's support in not only helping us to detect the offenders but also to deter them.

Garden ornaments can be chained and secured to a fixed position as can hanging baskets, and most garden centres and DIY stores sell plant anchors to secure your planters. Always mark your garden ornaments and planters by etching your post-code and house number, or name so that in the event that your property is stolen we can trace it. It is also a good idea to photograph your property, digitally if possible. All of these steps help to keep your property safe and ensure we can prosecute the offenders. Remember - if you see anything or anybody you consider suspicious then let us know immediately.

The police non emergency telephone number is 01284 774100, or you can e-mail us at [stedsruralsouth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:stedsruralsouth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

## Local Produce

We will start this year's fortnightly **Produce Sales** on Saturday 22nd May. We plan to be on the village hall car park from 11am to 1pm on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month throughout the summer.

We will be selling seasonal vegetables, salads and fruit as well as eggs. For more information telephone 01284 386501.

Fran and Andy

## A Good Good Housekeeping Tip...

Always keep several get well cards on the mantelshelf, so if unexpected guests arrive, they will think you've been sick and unable to clean.....

Rosie



This month's Hawstead Journal  
has been generously sponsored  
by  
Bill and Margaret Crockford

## Bill's Art Exhibition



## Mayday 2010

The year turns, and once again we approach the season of growth and burgeoning new life. The sun rises higher in the sky each day, and to celebrate the coming of summer Green Dragon Morris will once again dance in the dawn on Mayday at the corner of Bells Lane beside the village green.

Anyone who can manage to be up and about at 05.15 on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May will be welcome to join us to watch or even try a dance or two. Afterwards Fran and Andy will provide a

cooked breakfast at 1, Fyletts Manor Cottages. Caffeine and cholesterol or something healthier if you wish.

Everyone is welcome.

For more details telephone Fran and Andy on 01284 386501.



*There is something truly magical about greeting the dawn on Mayday and Fran and Andy's breakfast is something else - a fabulous way to start the day. Since it falls on a Saturday this year, there is really no excuse for not coming along. Ed.*

**Chairman's abbreviated notes of Hawstead PC meeting -  
held on 18th March 2010**

Cllr West request for council to consider meeting monthly - Majority vote not in favour.

Minutes for the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010 approved.

**Hawstead Journal** - Sponsorship now obtained for the whole year.

**Parking in Whepstead Rd/Bull Lane & Pinford End** - No funding until new financial year.

**Notice Board** - Pinford End pending site inspection by C Cllr Clements for location.

**Bottle Bank** - Filled up and collected on a regular basis via St Eds BC - Shrubs have been planted.

**BT adoption of phone kiosk** - Possibility it had initially been sited on private land.

**C.Cllr T Clements** reported lowest SCC Rates increase at 2.4%. They were hard pressed in respect of pot hole repairs caused by the recent bad weather. Clarification being considered on planning - County or Borough. Second budget expected following the general election.

**B.Cllr N Aitkens** reported 1.9% Council Tax rise, Councils looking to work together, SEBC working with Forest Heath in respect of waste. Essential services looking to merge with other councils.

**Police** - No crimes reported, person caught causing damage in the village. Need to keep vehicles locked and doors and windows at home locked at this time of year. Speeding still a priority.

**Community Council** - Additional 46 sq m required for patio proposal. Estimates received were rather high and was felt the work could be carried out by volunteers. HCC considered it would be sensible to make more use of the area. Council expressed concern in respect of the proposal but were pleased to note there would be no change in the footprint of the old village hall.

**Emergency Plan** - Chairman confirmed having received a written response from HCC agreeing to the village hall being put in the control of Parish Council as an Emergency Shelter.

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**VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL  
(Or your village needs you, part 2)**

**If you have been paying attention you will know that there is currently a vacancy on Hawstead Parish Council.**

Hawstead Parish Council's role is to represent the residents of Hawstead. It is responsible for the careful allocation of the precept i.e. the money that residents pay for the upkeep of the Parish as part of their Council Tax. The Parish Council makes decisions on behalf of residents on where and how this money is spent, what services are delivered and what policies are implemented. It makes recommendations on planning applications and ensures that all areas of village green, trees and footpaths are well-maintained. It is, as you will know, currently putting in place an emergency plan. It liaises with the Town and County Council and the Police in respect of road maintenance, speeding in the village, etc.

In short, the Parish Council generally keeps an eye on the village to ensure that everything is as it should be, that the village is well-maintained and that any issues that arise are dealt with effectively and efficiently.

The Parish Council meets once every two months and meetings last for between two and two and a half hours.

Parish councillors are formally elected by the public every four years. Hawstead Parish Council's four year term will come to an end in May 2011. Councillors who wish to continue will be required to put themselves forward for re-election at this time. As you will see from the Chairman's notes on page 5, an election will not be needed to fill the current vacancy, however the successful applicant will be required to stand for re-election with other Councillors next year.

To qualify as a councillor you must be a British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union, be 18 years of age or over and have resided or have had your main work in the parish for at least 12 months.

If you would like more information on what is involved go to the National Association of Local Councils at <http://www.nalc.gov.uk>.

Please consider putting your name forward for the vacancy on Hawstead Parish Council. Being a councillor is an enjoyable way of getting involved and making a contribution to village life. If you are interested in taking on this role, please contact Malcolm Cornwell or any Parish Councillor.

Geraldine West

**A VILLAGE AFFAIR**  
**(Or your village needs you, Part 1)**

**The village fruit and flower show**

We need someone to administer the fruit and flower show. This has been ongoing for over thirty years. It is a very rewarding thing to do. You need to book the judges, look over and update the schedule, get it printed and out to the village by July. Wait for the many entries to come flooding in, and they do, we are always surprised by the response.

On the day of the Fete at least four people are needed to lay things out, to help the judges and to record the points. The names of winners of the various trophies are needed by 2pm to be presented at the beginning of the Fete. People who have experience of things would be able to guide you.

**The village fete**

Feed back from the first meeting.

It was decided that the aim of the day would be to have a pleasant afternoon on the green and just to enjoy it. There is no real need to try and attract vast crowds. We do need people to help to make it enjoyable and interesting for all. If there is anything you feel you could offer let us know.

We are looking for people to be responsible for the following.

Traditional stalls	Books, bric a brac, tombola, plants & produce.
Games	Coconut shy, splat the rat, bowling etc
A grand draw, raffle	Prizes to be sourced
An auction of promises	Promises to be sourced
Refreshments	The tea tent, barbequed food (the Metcalfe will be asked to be involved)
Music	We shall be able to play CD's. The Green Dragon - Morris dancing side
Attractions	Tractors & vintage cars.
Children's events	Fancy dress competition, crafts, races

**Car parking and general safety, setting up on the morning, cleaning up**

It is always nice to have some animals at the fete. We could have a dog show, we could offer pony rides.

This is our village fete, just for two hours once a year. If we all join in we can have a lovely peaceful day. There will be news each month. Any good ideas are welcome. Our meetings are always online or in the journal. Email [hawsteadcc@btinternet.com](mailto:hawsteadcc@btinternet.com)  
Tel 386876 /386157  
Sonja Monk

Chairman's Notes Contd...

**Maintenance of Public Spaces** - Accepted estimate for Millennium Field, grass cutting in Bull Lane, The Pound, path around village green, top of Wepstead Road, area opposite village hall and right side of track to Shepherd's Cottage, verge from corner of Bells Lane and the area from the bus stop to the pub.

**Horses** ridden on the path around the green. Cllr Evershed to investigate on suitable signage.

**Working parties** to be set up in respect of Bylaws and other areas of land for registration.

**Phase 2 of tree cutting around V. Green** - Completed, except tree trunks removed from stream.

**Emergency Planning** - Villagers to be advised by letter it is now in place. Cllrs West, Evershed & Alexander would continue with areas that require further work.

**Planning Application** - SE/10/0207 Bull Green Cottage, single storey rear extension. Support by Council with comment - contractors not to park on the green and no skips permitted.

**Christmas Lights** - HCC advised adequate storage facilities in the village hall loft. PC agreed to finance sound system for village hall. Expenditure budgeted for in new financial year.

**Teenagers Play Space** - Information circulated to councillors by Cllr Evershed, for consideration to have a BMX and cycle area on the site of the green. Working Party to be set up to report back.

**Potholes in and around village** - Cllr Caldwell concerned over how many pot holes had been identified throughout the village.

**Resignation of Councillor - Mrs S Lawson.** The Election notice placed on Notice Boards. SEBC subsequently advised that no election had been requested. PC co-option could now take place.

**Malcolm Cornwell**

**Chair**

**Hawstead Parish Council**

## The Metcalfe Arms

(Our Blooming Pub!)



Sam, Darren and the team are getting their feet well and truly under the table at the pub, to the extent that they have recently planted some flowers that will not even begin to bloom until well into the summer.

That means that they will be the longest serving landlords at the Met

for some time should they be there to see them flower! Such optimism comes from the fact that your recent support has made long term planning at the pub a viable option! The pub is finally beginning to develop its own character and atmosphere and there is a buzz about the place that has not been seen in a long while.

The first of our quiz nights was held at the end of March, hosted by the brilliant Mark Andrews. By the end of a very entertaining evening no one seemed to care who had won, all having had a very enjoyable night at the pub. Mark will be back on 22<sup>nd</sup> April from 8:00pm with more random questions, and camp banter. (We are not too sure if he is hilarious on purpose or just by default.)

Nick Lowe entertained our guests on a Saturday evening with his musical talents and was very well received. Other local acts will be advertised in future on a not too regular basis (we don't want to overdo it.)

The Easter egg hunt went down a storm with our younger guests as well as some of the older ones, Darren enjoyed being dressed up as a white rabbit in a little waist coat rather too much. So much so that St George's day will be celebrated with a fancy dress night with St Georges Ale (from our friends at Nethergate Brewery) at £1.50 a pint and prizes for the best costumes.

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## The Ticking of the Clock



A group of 40 year old friends discussed where they should meet for dinner.

Finally it was agreed upon that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the waitress's there had low cut blouses and were very young.

10 years later at 50 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the food there was very good and the wine selection was good also.

10 years later at 60 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because they could eat there in peace and quiet and the restaurant had a beautiful view of the ocean.

10 years later, at 70 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the restaurant had an early bird special, was wheel chair accessible and they even had an elevator.

10 years later, at 80 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because they had never been there before . . . . .

*Rosie*

### Church Services at All Saints Church Hawstead

MAY

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> - 8.30am - Said Eucharist

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Parish Eucharist (Whit Sunday)

## The Elegance of the Hedgehog

By Muriel Barbery

Translated by Alison Anderson

Gallic Books

320pp paperback £7.99

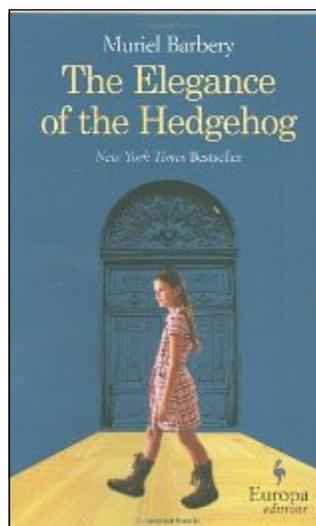
The story unfolds as a narrative by the two main characters, Renée Michel, a 54 year old concierge in a Parisian block of luxury apartments, and Paloma Josse, a precocious 12 year old girl, the daughter of one of the families in the house. They share the common trait that they are both very intelligent and are doing their best to hide the fact.

Each protagonist speaks alternately in each short chapter, although Renée dominates throughout. Fortunately, who is speaking is signalled by change of font, so that the reader can keep track.

The author is a philosophy teacher in France, but do not be put off by the style, which is of a series of essays on philosophical themes and relating to class consciousness and personal conflict. There are comic moments in the book, but I suspect that more subtleties in the inversions of stereotypes pass us English by. The narrative has passed through the filter of a translator who is also interpreting French culture, which gives more importance to philosophy than we do in Britain.

Read this accessible novel for its characters, to experience the world they inhabit and discover what will happen to them next.

**Paul Caldwell**



## The Metcalfe Arms Contd...

### Other events coming up are:

April 16th Crazy Horses Race Night and quiz.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> Mark Andrews Quiz Night, the ultimate pub quiz, don't miss it.

April 23<sup>rd</sup> St George's Day fancy dress. (£1.50 a pint)

April 29th Indian Experience, see below.

June 18-20 Metcalfe summer beer festival, over 20 Real Ales and ciders and a hog roast/BBQ

World Cup games will be shown on the big screen.

You've tried the cowboy now try the Indians!

Ben continues to work his magic in the kitchen and has been consistently turning out delicious plates that all return empty. He is due to spend some time with double Michelin starred chef John Campbell at his new restaurant in Ascot and will return with new ideas and even more enthusiasm. This came about because we have been chosen to brew beer for the restaurant and help John develop some recipes using our chilli beer. (Hard life!)

While he is away we are having the curry experience when the kitchen and restaurant will be taken over by an independent team of chefs cooking authentic Indian fare. Their food is first class and unlike any Indian takeaway restaurant, this is the real McCoy and we hope that you can come and enjoy their traditional dishes.

Finally we really would like to thank all of you for what has been a very warm welcome and are all looking forward to a very enjoyable summer when we hope to generate a real sense of community at what could be a "proper village pub".

### The Metcalfe Arms Team





The Lent Lunch  
in aid of  
St Nicholas Hospice

