

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(in the hall unless otherwise stated)

Community Council - Thursday 13th January 7.30 all welcome

Parish Council - Thursday 20th January - Public Forum at 7.30 pm

Christmas Lunch - Thursday 16th December 12.30 for 1 pm

(Book your place with Sonja 386876)

Pantomime Mother Goose - Monday 3rd January. Children go free.

Call Geraldine on 388732

REGULAR EVENTS

Breathe Easy - Weekly on Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.30am

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

Call Ruth on 388085

Carpet Bowls - Weekly on Tuesdays 7.30pm

NB No bowls on 21, 28 December or 4th January.

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Children's Party and Royal Wedding Celebration - Saturday 30th April
(Replaces St George's Day event) further details to follow

Ruby and Her Horses - Saturday 11th June

The Village Pantomime - Friday 16th and Saturday 17th December

Pilates

Gozde Acil - a pilates instructor, is hoping to hold classes in the village hall. If you are interested in attending please contact her on 01787 379131 or gozde@letsGOPilates.com

Hawstead Journal

If you are new to the village or have not sent anything for the journal before, we would love to hear from you. Please send anything of interest, to me Geraldine West, Editor, at Kellycroft, The Green, telephone me on 388723, or email me at geraldinewest@waitrose.com

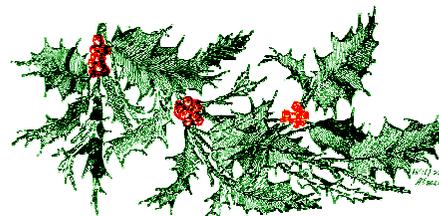
Hawstead Journal

For the Village by the Village

Editor: Geraldine West

December 2010

WISHING YOU A VERY PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS



Here we are at the end of another decade. Life seems to get more hectic the older you get. Time seems to go by in a flash. We have just ordered the turkey from Barwell's. It seems like yesterday we ordered the last one. In fact they could remember exactly what

we had without looking it up!

The Christmas Lunch will take place on the 16th. It is my favorite thing to do, lovely people and very good food. For the people by the people. You do not have to be an old foggy to be there! Just enjoying the view from the village hall in winter is a wonder. I never tire of the view from that building - it is ever changing.

We have two winter weddings this year, one this month and one in January. The annual Parish Council conference took place last month; they were very pleased with our hall.

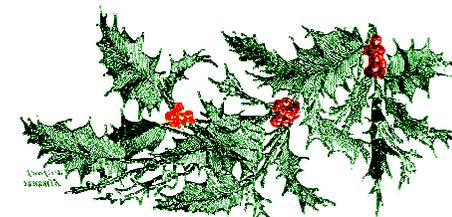
Next year we will have lots to look forward to. In the meantime do remember to be a good neighbour. I have been asked to pass on thanks to those of you who have been doing just that.

THANK YOU MALCOLM OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR OUR LOVELY TREES, INSIDE AND OUT, THEY ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

Sonja Monk

Hawstead Community Council

386876



Village Footpaths

At this time of year a bracing walk is very popular so what could be better than to explore our own footpaths in Hawstead.

An especially scenic walk is from the church car park following the signs down to the river where there are two bridges to cross on the way. This route brings you back to the church. Alternatively you can cross the first bridge then immediately turn left which brings you out at Pinford End.

The footpath warden reports that one of these bridges has recently been replaced by the local authority with a brand new structure, see photos and the other bridge has been repaired.

Go and have a look for yourself, it's very impressive!

All four village footpaths are walkable, if rather muddy in places at this time of year.

A new map of our footpaths will also shortly appear on the main Parish Council notice board for those unfamiliar with their locations.

Get those boots out and explore at your leisure over the holiday period!

John West, Footpath warden

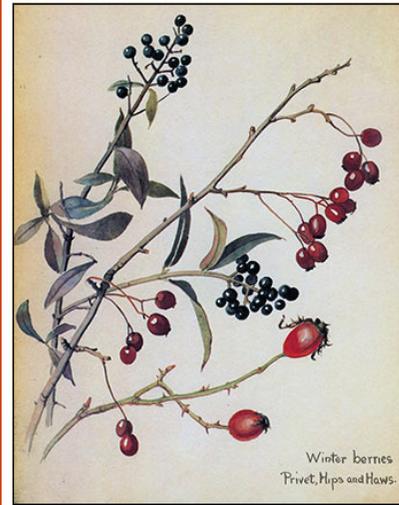


Footpaths

I wanted to express my appreciation for the recent work carried out on the footpath from the Church over the fields to the River Lark. An overgrown path has been cleared and there is now a sturdy new bridge over the stream. This is a footpath that I use every day, sometimes twice a day, with my dog. It is a lovely walk which I thoroughly enjoy and it is great that it is being kept in good order for villagers, and others, to enjoy - thank you!

Jayne Robertson

Hips & Haws Social Club



A number of Whepstead residents have combined successfully to form a club which meets in Whepstead Village Hall. Besides this opportunity to meet neighbours, a programme of an amusing or informative nature is pre-arranged. On the last occasion a producer from ITV Anglia gave an interesting talk on her own journalistic career and filmed our session for a DVD. She answered questions and created great enthusiasm

by inviting the group to the Anglia TV studios in Norwich at a future date.

Whepstead Hips and Haws invite Hawstead residents to visit Whepstead at their next and/or future meetings with a view to further combined events. So if you would like to make new friends, exchange news and chat, swap magazines, books, plants, etc., and enjoy tea and homemade cakes, then why not come along.

Hips & Haws meets on the 1st Thursday of the month between 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

Please note - there is no meeting in January. The February meeting will be based on 'Desert Island Discs' with people bringing music along that they find meaningful.

If you would like to go along, please contact Florence Roby Tel: 01284 735276

Or email her at florenceroby@hotmail.com

Mrs Gould

Take care if heating water in a microwave

Water heated in a microwave can quite easily reach temperatures above boiling point. This will not be apparent since there will be no bubbles or water disturbance to indicate that the water is so hot. When this happens, any movement of the water, like taking the cup or bowl from the microwave, or putting a spoon in it, can result in a violent eruption with the extremely hot water exploding out of the container, possibly causing serious burns to those nearby.



Don't forget to order your oven-ready Hawstead Goose from Fran and Andy 387501. Expected weight approximately 10lb. Cost £3.95 per lb. Contact Fran and Andy on 386501

The Bury Bach Choir

with Hawstead's Glyn Hammond and Paul Caldwell, will be singing
Bach's Christmas Oratorio
at 7.30pm on Saturday 18th December
at St Mary's Church in Bury.

Delia's Mulled wine

Ingredients

2 x 75 cl bottles medium to full-bodied red wine (Bulgarian Cabernet Sauvignon is ideal)

1 orange stuck with cloves

2 oranges, sliced

2 lemons, sliced

6 level tablespoons granulated sugar or honey

2 inch (5 cm) piece cinnamon stick

2 level teaspoons finely grated fresh root ginger or ground ginger

2 tablespoons fruit liqueur such as Cointreau, Grand Marnier or cherry brandy (optional)

Method

Put all the ingredients in a saucepan with 2½ pints (1.5 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. (Can't have that!)

This mulled wine can be made in advance, (excellent news) then re-heated just before serving. Serve it warm in half-pint mugs (in which case there will be 12 servings) or else in 24 sturdy wine glasses. GW



Our thanks to Judy and David Carter of Oak Hill, Pinford End, for generously sponsoring this month's Hawstead Journal



The Metcalfe Arms

The pub is open again!

Helen and Baz extend

a warm welcome to everyone in Hawstead



Opening times - Monday closed/Tuesday to Thursday 5 - 11pm

Friday 5 - 12pm/Saturday Midday - Midnight/ Sunday Midday - 11pm

From **Tuesdays to Fridays between 5 - 7pm**, beers and lagers will be £2 pt

On Christmas Day the pub will be open from midday until 3pm

Steve D and Karaoke will be entertaining us on New Year's Eve

Food will be served in the New Year - initially Sunday Lunch and a Fish and Chips night, together with a takeaway service.

If you would like to contact Helen or Baz please call them on 388497

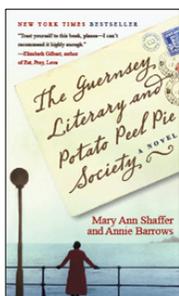


VILLAGE GRIT BINS

Twelve grit bins have been purchased by the Parish Council, distributed around the village by Dave Dawson and filled with a mixture of salt and coarse sand. It would be very helpful if villagers would scatter the grit on the roads by their houses when icy conditions are forecast. The Parish Council will arrange relevant insurance cover, so if you think you would like to volunteer to help with village road safety, please give your names to Malcolm Cornwell, as Chairman of the Parish Council. You can contact him by phone on 388142 or e-mail him at malcolmcornwell@tiscali.co.uk

Karen Caldwell

A postscript to last month's piece about Guernsey during the war



There is a wonderful novel called The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society about just that period of Guernsey history, written by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. It is a delightful piece of historical fiction. It's quirky, moving, well written - a bit reminiscent of 84 Charing Cross Road.

It is written as a series of letters from Juliet Ashton who lives in London after World War II and members

of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, a hodge-podge group of readers who formed their society to use as an alibi to keep them from being arrested by the Nazis.

Judy Sibley

Is this Cricket?

In order to assist people who not familiar with the game of Cricket and with the Ashes taking place in Australia, we offer this explanation

Cricket is a game in which there are 2 sides - one out on the field, and the other in.

Each man in the side that is in goes out, and when he is out he comes in, then the next man goes out until he's out and then he comes in.

When the side that is in is all out, the side that has been out goes in, and the side that was in goes out and tries to get out the side that went in. Sometimes there are men still in and not out when the side that is in is finally out. When both sides have been in and out, including those not out and no longer in - that is the end of the game.

Anon

Supermarket scam - check your receipts before leaving the shop

It seems that sometimes 'cash-back' amounts are being added to till receipts when no cash-back has been given to the customer, with the check-out attendant pocketing the money. Giving your receipt a quick scan before moving away will prevent this happening to you.

Now that you have seen the types of projects that have already taken place, we would like answers to the following questions please -

1. What project/s would you like to see take place in your village?
2. Do you have any spare time? Would you like to do more to support your community? Can you give examples of the support you could offer?
3. Lastly, is there anything else that you would like to let us know about?

Please let us have your name, phone number and email address if you have one
You can let us know your views in several ways -

- You can complete our online questionnaire which is available at: <http://eforms.stedmundsbury.gov.uk/AF3/an/default.aspx/RenderForm/?F.Name=i1PgJuuBQQE>
- You can email us your comments at: rural@stedsbc.gov.uk
- You can phone us on: 01284 757109 and we will note down your comments
- You can post your comments to Economic Development Services, St Edmundsbury Borough Council, West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 3YU.

The deadline for responses is Friday 24 December.
We would be very pleased to hear your views and hope that you will take the time to consider what would be useful for your community.

Thank you.
St Edmundsbury Borough Council
Rural Action Plan Team

A Village Pantomime

We are going to put on a pantomime in the village hall in December next year.

Cinderella seems to be the front runner at the moment. We want to involve as many people as possible so, if you have any experience in producing, directing, acting, singing, playing a musical instrument, making scenery, etc., or would just like to be involved, then please get in touch. Call me on 388732 or email me on geraldinewest@waitrose.com.
We will start working on it in January.



Cinderella

Rural News produced by St Edmundsbury Borough Council

This is a special edition of Rural News to enable us at St Edmundsbury Borough Council to ask for the views of people with an interest in rural life for our new Rural Action Plan.

Our current Rural Action Plan is due to expire in March 2011, so we are now looking to develop our next three-year action plan to cover the period from April 2011 to March 2014.

Our aim

We would like to continue to deliver, with our partners, small and practical projects that will really make a difference in your village. We also want to continue to make it easy for you and your fellow residents to get involved in projects if you wish to.

What we need from you

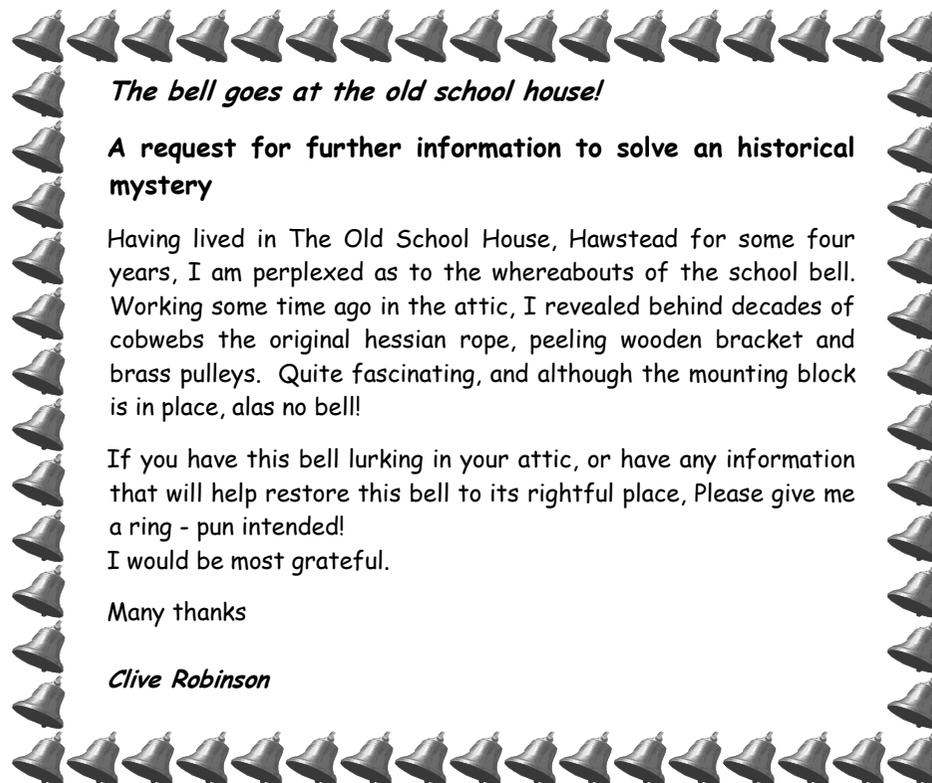
We need you to let us know what projects you think your village would benefit from and how you think St Edmundsbury Borough Council could support these projects. Please take a look at the questions below and let us have your views. As with the previous plan, all your comments will be carefully considered.

To help give you some ideas of the type of projects we are after, please see some examples of projects that have already taken place.

- Financial and non-financial support to assist villages to set up Community Cafes in their village halls
- Grant to Bury Rural South Community Speed watch team towards equipment to help make local roads safer from speeding traffic
- Transport provided to enable people from a selection of villages to get into Bury St Edmunds
- Useful leaflet and templates produced to help villages create their own village welcome packs
- Financial support to assist with the development of the recently launched demand responsive transport provision 'Suffolk Links'
- Delivered the Connected Villages project which enabled 10 villages to become wi-fi enabled
- Provided tours of some of our larger villages, for example in Clare
- Commissioned Suffolk Wildlife Trust to provide us with wildlife articles that were included in our Rural News
- Commissioned the Rural Coffee Caravan Information Project to visit several of our villages
- Commissioned Suffolk ACRE to develop a village halls website to help promote the opportunities for village hall hire

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

Saturday 18 th	2.00pm Carols	Pinford End
Sunday 19 th	6.00pm Carol Service	Hawstead
Monday 20 th	2.00pm Room visits	Pinford End
Christmas Eve	11.30pm Midnight Eucharist	Lawshall
Christmas Day	9.30am Parish Eucharist	Gt Whelnetham
	11.00am Family Service	Bradfield Combust
Boxing Day	11.00am Parish Eucharist	Hawstead



The bell goes at the old school house!

A request for further information to solve an historical mystery

Having lived in The Old School House, Hawstead for some four years, I am perplexed as to the whereabouts of the school bell. Working some time ago in the attic, I revealed behind decades of cobwebs the original hessian rope, peeling wooden bracket and brass pulleys. Quite fascinating, and although the mounting block is in place, alas no bell!

If you have this bell lurking in your attic, or have any information that will help restore this bell to its rightful place, Please give me a ring - pun intended!
I would be most grateful.

Many thanks

Clive Robinson

Postal Scam

If you receive a card from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) stating that they were unable to deliver a parcel to you and that you should contact the company using a premium rate number beginning with 09. If you call this number you will have been billed as much as several £100 for the call. DO NOT call any premium rate number unless you are sure that it is legitimate.

THE HATCHMENTS OF HAWSTEAD ALL SAINTS CHURCH



Generally most people are unaware of the meaning of the word 'hatchment'.

The dictionary defines them as 'a diamond shaped tablet displaying the coat of arms of a dead person'. Normally these were painted on canvas secured to a timber frame and fixed to a pole. This was carried before the procession to the church at the person's funeral.

Hawstead church has five of these hatchments, four relating to the Metcalfe family and one to the Hammond family. In 2004 it was noted that they were all in very poor condition with cracking and peeling paint, a few small holes and exceedingly dirty. It was decided that

something must be done to conserve and save these historic items.

Tony Hillman, the then church warden, commenced the process of attempting to raise the funds for the conservation work and negotiating with the Diocese regarding their removal for conservation. This requires an approval called a 'Faculty' for their removal and replacement.

After many letters to the various charities, funds were raised for the conservation work to commence. The hatchments finally departed to the conservator in September 2008.

On their return in July 2009 the question was raised of, where in the church the hatchments could be re-hung as their original location in the bell tower was deemed inappropriate. Owing to the considerable number of existing monuments in the church, the only other possible place was the chancel arch.

This was raised with the Diocese who convened a meeting at the church to examine the problem, bringing with them an historical advisor. After much discussion it was agreed that this position i.e. the chancel arch, would be accepted subject to no 'Doom' painting being present under the existing wall decoration.

A 'Doom' painting is a depiction of Hell, apparently used in medieval times to keep the congregation on the straight and narrow path, otherwise that may be where they end up. So another conservator was required to establish that the answer was in the negative and luckily it was so and a faculty was granted to proceed. A scaffold was erected and the hatchments were re-installed on the 18th November.

It has been a rather long journey but we think it has been worth it.

Please come and see what you think of them. The church is usually open during daylight hours.

Bill Crockford

