

## Letter from the Editor

Special thanks to: Sandra Dawson, Tony Hillman, Jan Kew and David Tolhurst.....the Helpers.

The editor for the next issue will be : Brian Kew

## Caption Competition

Please send me an amusing title for the picture below.

I have some very nice books to give away as prizes. "The Good Seed Guide" is published by the Tree Council and contains all you need to know about growing trees from seeds



Entries to Brian Kew by 31st December 2002 please.

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# Hawstead Journal

For the Village by the Village

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## Parish Council

When Parliament established parish councils in 1894 they, and district councils, were forbidden to hold their meetings in "premises licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquor!" So what does one do when the roof is blown off your usual meeting place? The answer is to look at the small print and find that the Local Government Act of William Gladstone's Government in 1894, and the revisions of James Ramsay Macdonald's and Edward Heath's in 1933 and 1972, all had a get-out clause which covered Hawstead's plight and enabled our Council to hold it's November meeting at the Metcalfe Arms. Needless to say the repair and or the replacement of the badly damaged Village Hall will be the subject of consideration by the community over the coming months and there are serious legal and financial problems to be solved before Hawstead has this valuable amenity once more.

The Council noted that the St Edmundsbury Planning Committee had refused two planning applications for development at Pinford End and the Pound and also discussed and approved the budget proposals of the Finance Committee and decided on a precept of £3,555 to cover the Council's services over the financial year from the 1st of April 2003 to the 31st of March 2004. Readers are reminded that the Council's meetings are open to the public and the press and are advertised on notice boards in the parish beforehand.

Robin Whitfield  
Hawstead Parish Clerk



### Village Hall Disaster

Two meetings have now taken place regarding our village hall. At the meeting in the church on 18<sup>th</sup> November it was overwhelmingly voted that we should go ahead and make some initial investigations into replacing our village hall.

We decided that we would meet again in the church on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2002. By the time you read this the meeting will have taken place. We shall either be putting a new roof on the village hall or getting a sub committee to conduct a feasibility study into building a new village hall. I shall consult my crystal ball; it looks a bit misty right now it should have cleared a bit by then.

The village hall is so very important to the life of a village, we can only do our best. In the meantime we must carry on as best we can and use other village halls as necessary, Tony Hillman has offered the use of the church, and Elsa Kilpatrick has offered the school.

### Notices

Last public meeting regarding the village hall was in the church Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 2002, 8pm .

**Triple 20's Christmas lunch** 12.30pm for 1pm at Lawshall village hall on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Contact telephone numbers Sonja, Spinney Cottage 386876 or Sandy, Wepstead Road telephone 386682.

Please note change of date due to change of venue.

**Bingo** will begin again in January 2003 in the school room at Cullum House by kind permission of Miss Kilpatrick.

Jan 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
Feb 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>,  
March 6<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>,  
April 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Pantomime** at the Theatre Royal on Friday 10th January. Sandy still has a few tickets left, Sandy Dawson on 386682.

We wish you a joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

### Car Parking On Pound Green

The Trustees of the Almshouses, who with the consent of the Parish Council, have developed the car park on Pound Green and are responsible for its up-keep would like it to be known that the use of the car park is restricted to the tenants and their guests. In this way it is hoped that the tenants will not be disturbed by noise and the quiet rural beauty of the Almshouses can be maintained for the enjoyment of all the residents of Hawstead.

Malcolm Cornwell  
Chairman of Trustees

### Vote of Thanks

Thanks to Colin, Alf and Edie for clearing the ditch and gullies at Pinford End on 6th November 2002, together with the prompt action from the Highways Department in delivering sand bags, prospective flooding of properties was alleviated..

The first week of November has not been good for the Pinford Enders, first a majority were without power for 7 days together with the telegraph wires down, telephones and computers were out of action. And now flooding.....(averted)!

Brian Kew  
Tree Warden

### Hawstead Church Services

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<b>December</b>		
Sunday 15th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd	6.30pm	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve	3.30pm	Children's Crib Service
Christmas Eve	11.30pm	Midnight Communion with Carols
Sunday 29th	10.00am	United Benefice Service at Great Welnetham
<b>January 2003</b>		
Sunday 12th	11.00am	Matins
Sunday 19th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th	8.30am	Holy Communion (said) BCP

## Not Naked Notley

Everyone has lots of recipes for Christmas and so I think there is little point in going down the traditional road. Bruce Monk always Bar-b-que's his turkey, which I have to say is a great idea. It is however nice to think of something interesting to do with the turkey you have left over. Nikki's brother who lives in Denmark, said they always pot roast the turkey, let it go cold and then wrap it in pastry with spinach and wild mushrooms. This can work almost as well with left overs.

### Pastry

12 oz organic plain white flour  
6 oz butter  
Water, Salt, Pepper

Put the flour in a bowl and add knobs of butter (soft) to it. Mix with your finger tips until you have a crumble texture. Add the water a little at a time until the mixture starts to bind. Don't work the pastry too hard, roll in a ball, divide into 1/3 and 2/3 and allow to rest.

Grease a baking tray, roll out the 1/3 piece in a rectangle shape and lay on the bottom.

### Filling

*Strip the red meat and white meat from the carcass and slice into pieces approx 1cm thick. Lay the red meat on the base and save the white meat for 2 further layers.*

### Other ingredients

200g wild mushrooms  
4 shallots or 2 small red onions  
1 egg  
1 bag organic baby spinach  
Nutmeg  
Coriander (fresh large bunch)  
4 spring onions  
100ml cream

### Preparation

Pan fry in butter the wild mushrooms for just a few seconds and reserve. Finely dice the shallots and pan fry in butter until soft and mix with the mushrooms.

Place a knob of butter in a large heavy based pan and add the spinach with grated nutmeg. Stir with a wooden spoon until the spinach starts to soften, remove from the pan immediately. Rough chop the fresh coriander and finely chop the spring onions and mix in with the spinach and cream.

### To complete

Add the mushrooms and shallots and lay over the red meat. Put one layer of white meat and spread the spinach and coriander on top. Put on the final layer of white meat. Roll out remaining 2/3 of pastry and place over the top having brushed the edges of the base pastry with milk. Pinch the edges together and remove the excess pastry. Brush the top with egg yolk and milk and place in the oven at 200 degree Centigrade until brown (25 mins)

### Sauce

Take some turkey stock (250ml) and reduce by 2/3 add some red currant jelly and a glug of Madeira and reduce. Put in a knob of butter to shine the sauce and whisk. Keep warm, slice the dish into 2cm pieces lay on the plate with some sauce and serve with rocket and watercress salad with walnut oil and lime juice dressing and sauté potatoes.

### Vegetarian option

In replacement of the turkey use parsnips.

6 large organic parsnips  
½ jar honey

Slice the parsnip length ways and par boil. Place in a shallow roasting dish and cover with honey, put in oven until browned on top, layer the parsnip in the same way as the turkey.



### **Present Problem!**



*Help rebuild our village hall and reduce your Christmas shopping list by giving copies of our beautiful village book.*

**£20**

**Hawstead 2001**

**£20**

Available from Joan Cook, Cook's Farm, Lawshall Road, Hawstead. Sonja Monk, Spinney Cottage, Pound Green, Hawstead or The Metcalfe Arms, Lawshall Road, Hawstead

## Hawstead Village Hall

A second meeting to discuss the future of the village hall was held in the Church on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Attendance was not as quite as good as the first meeting, when over 60 people came along, but it was still well supported and underlined the level of interest we have in our village for the future of the hall. After all it is the hub of the community and the venue for most of our functions.

Sonja, Community Council Chairperson, opened the meeting by giving a report on the quotations she had received for repairing the hall. These varied in price according to the amount of repair each builder considered necessary. There was also an interim report from a structural surveyor but again this depended on whether the village required a short or long term repair. Sonja has obviously worked very hard since the previous meeting to obtain all this information.

We also had a talk from Chris Morris, from Acton near Sudbury, who gave details of how his village had set about planning a new hall and how they had raised the necessary funds. This all seemed quite daunting particularly as the amount involved was around £500,000. Matthew Roe, who used to live in Hawkedon, also brought along some details on how that village set about building a new hall with a very much smaller budget of £120,000. One thing that set them apart from us in Hawstead is that in both villages there are existing halls, which can be used whilst the new ones are being built.

Judging from the number of questions and discussion that followed there is a fairly strong division of opinion in the village between those who would like to repair the building and those who would like to build a new one. Obviously it is the village as a whole that must decide what they want, probably by means of a written ballot. However before that can be done there are still a large number of issues that need to be looked into and answered. It was therefore suggested that it might be appropriate for the Community Council to set up a small steering committee of say half a dozen people who would consider these issues in detail and then report back to a meeting early in the new year.

**Tony Hillman**

## Hedge Laying

The upgrading of the Millenium Field has been very much enhanced by the layering of the hedgerow bordering Church Road. James Carr has layered the hedgerow using traditional methods and has managed to turn a rather sparse and 'untidy' hedge into a rural sculpture. During this Winter the density of the hedge will be increased by infilling with mixed species whips. Thanks James.

Brian Kew  
Tree Warden



James's Hedge :Laying

### Heard in the Village

What is ET short for?.....  
So he can get into his spaceship!

## Castaway Top Ten

This months Castaway is Tracey Baker also known as 'Ma' Baker form the Whepstead Road.

AC/DC	<b>Whole Lotta Rosie</b>
AC/DC	<b>Touch Too Much</b>
Queen	<b>We Will Rock You</b>
Simply Red	<b>If You Don't Know Me By Now</b>
REM	<b>That's Life</b>
Free	<b>All Right Now</b>
Nickleback	<b>How You Remind Me</b>
Nirvana	<b>Smells Like Teen Spirit</b>
Lynryd Skynrd	<b>Free Bird</b>
Black Sabbath	<b>Paranoid</b>

**Favourite Track:** "Smells Like Teen Spirit"

So many good tracks to choose from, so I chose many from my teenage years that I still love now.

Next months Castaway is Norman Gibb of "The Pound."

## Letter of Complaint

Dear Sir,  
Why have I received all these Get Well cards? I didn't know there was anything wrong with me. I keep shouting at the postman to take them somewhere else but I think he must be deaf.  
"Where have all the flowers gone?" Pete Seeger sang that. I know where they have gone, they are dead, that's why. It's because it's Winter. I think he would have known that. Oh dear.  
Yours , Morris.



Whilst jingling your bells this season think of those whom have no bells to jingle.



The Metcalfe Arms  
Hawstead

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*Remember, you don't have to drink alcohol because you are in a pub, we have filter coffee, cappuccino, hot chocolate and tea available at all times.*

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*Monday 6.00pm- 1.00pm Food 6.30pm 9.00pm*

*Tuesday- Friday  
12 noon-2.30pm Food 12 noon- 1.45pm  
6.00pm-11.00pm Food 6.30pm- 9.00pm*

*Saturday 12 noon-11.00pm Food 12 noon-2.00pm  
Food 6.30pm- 9.00pm*

*Sunday 12 noon-10.30pm Food 12 noon-2.00pm*

*Roy Tooke*



## The Weather Report

### OCTOBER

Until the last weekend of the month there had been the promise of a good show of autumnal colour but the high winds of Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> tore away most of the deciduous foliage. The gale damage, illustrated in last month's issue ranks as the worst since the storm of October 1987, but was in no way of comparable ferocity. However many of us were without electricity and telephone for a longer period.

To summarise! Apart from the first week October was cool and wet. Total rainfall, 78.7 mm, (3.1 inches) was 137% of the long term average. The average temperature was 0.8 C, (1.5 F) below the monthly mean of 10.8 C, (51.6 F).

### NOVEMBER

The first three weeks

In 2001 autumnal colour climaxed during the second week of the month by which time this season most trees were stripped bare for the winter. There have been few other signs of the approaching winter. Temperatures have been well above the season's norm by about 3 degrees C (5 F), due to a succession of depressions from the South West which have deposited copious rainfall, 89mm, (3.5 ), a figure well in excess of the monthly mean has already been recorded to date (21<sup>st</sup>). A brief calmer interlude between the 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> brought seasonable mists and the first air frosts of the month albeit light and brief.

Soil temperatures have remained relatively high delaying dormancy in plant and animals. Cold Novembers reputedly forecast a wet winter.



If November ice will bear a duck,  
The winter will be slush and muck.  
Weather a mild November presages,  
A cold dry winter will have to be seen inches.  
GDH



## The Hawstead Floods— October 2002



The river Lark in full flow.



Jackie, Anabelle & Milly brave the Pinford End Floods.