

Hanworth Herald

Films cards and stars fill our hall

The Memorial Hall committee's attempt to get the village hall back into use by the community hit a peak in November with a variety of different events - some of which filled the hall.

The audience for the monthly film nights has gradually increased, to become profit making in November to a full house in December.

More are planned for the new year and we hope that more residents in Hanworth and Gunton will come to these entertaining evenings.

Telescopes

November also saw, Stargazing, a Bridge Drive, and a Sugarcraft session. All were well attended and proved the hall can provide a service for the local community.

The Stargazing was delivered by the Norwich Astronomical Society which brought

five telescopes for the public to use.

The talk was given by Mark Thompson of the BBC *The One Show* fame. The audience had to be split into two groups so that they all could be accommodated.

Sugarcraft was also a sell out with 12 students decorating a cake a cake for Christmas.

However, at all these events Hanworth and Gunton residents were in a minority.

The most disappointing event was the annual quiz in October, which poorly attended. Those who did face the questions had a warming supper and a delightful evening.

Tree work

A commons committee working party have replaced rotting tree guards on the common - in early readiness for the cattle next year.

A large, dead oak has also been felled and is currently being cleared.

The committee still strives to plan and put on events which it hopes the residents will appreciate. They would like those residents who have found nothing they appreciate in the 2009 programme can suggest what they would attend in 2010.

AGM

The AGM of the Hanworth with Gunton Memorial Hall will be on Wednesday 17th February. The committee hopes that many residents will find the time to attend.

□ The hall now has a full license - including alcohol as well as performance.

Parish council notes

□ The Parish Precept, that is the part of the community charge levied by the Parish Council, will remain at the same level as 2009/10. The Parish Council will charge a total of £2,200 across Hanworth and Gunton.

□ The Parish Council is to write to the police to complain about their lack of response to three incidents relating to dogs at White Post Green.

□ A complaint about bus drivers refusing to stop to allow passengers to alight at Hanworth Cross and Hanworth Post office has been dealt with by the Parish Council which has written to all relevant bus companies. Saunders Buses have responded to a letter and assured the chairman that bus drivers have instructed that they are to stop if requested. Other companies have to respond.

□ Following legal advice letters are to be written to residents on White Post Green to point out that parking is not permitted on the green which is a public space and owned by the Parish Council. The concern is that a 'right to park' will become established and the green lost to parish.

Village contacts

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The village Christmas Tree lights will be switched on on Friday 11th December - followed by mulled wine - for all the village

Planning applications

Three planning applications have been made to the district council. Hanworth Timber has again applied for permission to convert their premises into five units of holiday accommodation with a

swimming pool. Although the parish council expressed support with a few conditions previous applications have been refused on the grounds of over-development.

Two applications have been made by the owners of 2 Thatched Cottages, White Post Road. They are seeking permission for a single story extension and to convert a shed into habitable accommodation. All three applications are out for consultation.

Pocket money anyone?

The committee of the Memorial Hall are seeking a caretaker for the hall, a role that used to be filled by the late Bessie Rouse.

As the hall is now in greater use and the committee spends a great deal of time preparing the hall someone is needed to clean and the check the hall on a regular basis.

The committee would expect the work to be on average about two hours per fortnight (or an hour a week) and the payment would be £10 per hour.

If you are interested or think you know that is could you contact Jeanette Ayling on 768875.

Cream tea for heros

Joan Taylor and Gill Wilton are planning to hold a cream tea on the common in aid of the Help for Heros fund.

Joan's grandson has just passed out from Sandhurst and will be returning to Norfolk to join the Light Dragoons. Gill's father was disabled by a war wound.

The tea will be on July 10th outside Joan's house on the common. It was a venue used with

great success to raise money for the commons fight.

Music will be proved by the Sam Smith singers and other groups have been asked to play.

There will be pony and trap rides and other diversions.

Our MP, Norman Lamb has said he plans to attend.

Help would be appreciated in the form of cakes and helpers on the day.

Get your gardens ready

The most profitable annual event held on the common is the Open Gardens. The hall committee is planning the opening day for Sunday 27th June this year. Once again the committee is asking if residents would open their gardens and while you are dividing your hardy perennials this winter can you put aside a few extra plants for the plant stall.

Future events

Date	Time	Event	Venue	Co-ordinator
Friday 11th Dec	6pm	Christmas lights and village party	Memorial Hall	
Weds 16th Dec	7pm	Carols by candlelight	Church	Liz Ranger
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Friday 15th Jan	7.30pm	Film: A Bunch of Amateurs	Memorial Hall	Peter Busby
Weds 10th Feb	7.30pm	Parish Council	Memorial Hall	
Weds 17th Feb	7pm	Memorial Hall AGM	Memorial Hall	
Friday 19th Feb	7.30pm	Film: Glorious 39	Memorial Hall	Peter Busby
Sat 6th March	7.30pm	Race night	Memorial Hall	Peter Busby
Friday 26 March	7.30pm	Film: Julie and Julia	Memorial Hall	Peter Busby
April		Half Marathon		
Sunday 27th June		Open Gardens	Everywhere we hope	Jeanette Ayling
Sat 10th July		Help for Heros cream tea	Mr & Mrs Taylors The Common	Joan Taylor Gill Wilton