

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - MAY - JUNE

HAWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting - 7.30 pm - followed by -

AGM Thursday 21st May at 8.15 pm in the village hall.

HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

AGM - Thursday 28th May 7.30pm in the village hall.

Please make every effort to attend these Annual General Meetings

Hawstead Community Council Committee Meeting - Monday 1st June, 7.30 pm

Farewell service for Revd Martin Thrower - All Saints Church Lawshall

Sunday 31st May at 10.30 am followed by lunch Lawshall village hall (RSVP)

European Parliament and Local Elections Polling Day - 4th June

Cream Teas - 12th June from 3 pm. Church Farmhouse, Hawstead £5 proceeds to the Church

A Village Party - 13th June - see page 10

REGULAR EVENTS in the village hall

Breathe Easy - Weekly on Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.30am

Carpet Bowls - Weekly on Tuesdays 7.30 pm

Craft Workshops - Last Wednesday of the month 24th June 2pm

Body Synergy - Weekly on Thursdays 7 pm

Bingo - Will start again in the autumn

LATER IN THE YEAR in the village hall unless otherwise stated

Clive Paine talk, the Church - Friday 26th June - 7 - 9pm £6

Cream Teas on the Village Green - Sunday July 5th

Pampered Chef Party in aid of PSP - Saturday 11th July, 2 - 5 pm

The Village fete, fruit and flower show - Sunday 6th September

A Tudor Supper - Saturday November 7th

Village Christmas Lunch - Thursday December 17th

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For the Village by the Village

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Hawstead Community Council

The A.G.M. will take place on the 28th of May at 7.30 pm in the village hall.

On the Agenda will be:

- ◆ Annual Report.
- ◆ Financial Report.
- ◆ Election of a new committee.
- ◆ A.O.B.

We do need some new members for the future. We meet on the first Monday of the month. You are always welcome to join us at these meetings.

For your entertainment Michael Harrison will give a short talk on his life in the Police Force. Michael & Rosemary recently retired and came to live in Hawstead from London.

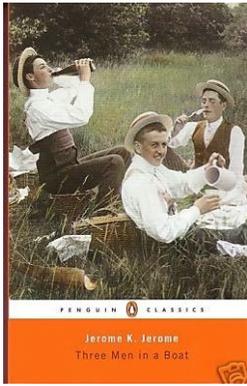
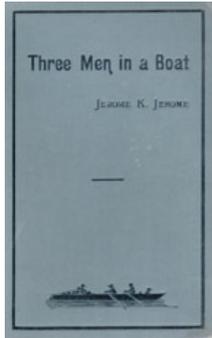
Rosemary is at present the deputy chair of the Community Council.

There will be refreshments.

We look forward to seeing at the meeting. If there is anything you wish to be discussed, even if you cannot attend please let us know.

Sonja Monk

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The real 'three men in a boat'



Three Men in a Boat (to say nothing of the dog), published in 1889, is a humorous account by Jerome K. Jerome of a boating holiday on the Thames between Kingston and Oxford.

The three men are based on Jerome himself (the narrator J.) and two real-life friends with whom he often took boating trips - George Wingrave (who went on to become a senior manager in Barclays Bank) and Carl Hentschel, called Harris in the book (the founder of a London printing business). The dog, Montmorency, is entirely fictional, but developed, Jerome said "out of that area of inner consciousness which, in all Englishmen, contains an element of the dog". The trip in a wooden skiff, is typical of boating holidays taken on the Thames at that time .

The book was initially intended to be a serious travel guide, with accounts of local history along the route, but the humorous elements took over to the point where the serious and somewhat sentimental passages seemed a distraction to the comic novel. The book has a timeless quality and even today, more than a century after it was written, the jokes seem fresh and witty .

For me the book has an element of nostalgia as my father, a Londoner, was born and brought up near the Thames at Hammersmith. He was passionate about London and the River Thames and loved this book with its quirky humour.

I enjoyed every minute of the Theatre Royal production in the village hall and of course the sparkling wine and canapés in the interval! Thanks again Community Council. GW



CHURCH SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH HAWSTEAD

JUNE



Wednesday 10th, 17th, 24th - 5pm - Benefice Prayers

Sunday 14th - 8.30am - Said Eucharist

Sunday 28th - 11am - Parish Eucharist

THE HAWSTEAD JOURNAL

Do please consider contributing to the Journal, if possible on a regular basis - items of news, anecdotes, jokes, nature notes, things for sale or wanted, poetry, book reviews, photos, recipes etc..... Please send them to me at geraldinewest@waitrose.com or post them through the door - Kellycroft, The Green, opposite the village Hall, or telephone me on 388732.

GW

HAWSTEAD VILLAGE LOTTERY

APRIL WINNERS

1ST	108	R Mackay	£16.65
2ND	003	R&J Milns	£4.44
3RD	044	N Gibbs	£1.11

If you would like to take part in the lottery, please contact Sylvia on 388841

You are invited
to
a Village Party
to celebrate the first year of our hall
on
13th of June
starting at 6pm
Food, Music, Wine, Beer
and
Good Company.

There may just charge you a little for the drinks but food will be provided.

Your new committee

Does this cat belong to you?

We keep getting a white cat in our garden in Pinford End and he/she doesn't seem to belong to anyone. As far as we can tell it is all white however, we have also had a white cat with a little bit of ginger on it. Are they one and the same cat? Are they strays or are they yours? A few of our neighbours think the all white one is a stray.

Please let us know if they belong to you or someone you know or otherwise, in the interests of the cat/s, we will contact the stray cat fund to catch them and re-home them.

Paul & Kathy Maslen

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Three Men in a Boat' - Some reviews

I enjoyed Three Men in a Boat very much. I was amazed by their vigour and versatility, not to mention energy; especially as they then had to pack everything up in their van ready for the next venue. I liked the way they presented the role of the dog. Ruth MacKay

We found the production to be excellent. The actors were most comfortable in our village hall and were able to involve the audience throughout the play. The music was engaging and Florence and I have been singing "I'm Emery the Eighth I Am" all week.. The humour was a bit broad, but the silliness was contagious. All in all a success. The refreshments at the interval made the evening more memorable. Thanks to all of those who made it possible. Doc and Florence Lacey

James & I attended the performance and found it to be an extremely enjoyable evening with the play performed superbly by the actors in a highly amusing way, and of course what better way to see a theatre production but in one's own village hall a short walk across the village green - no driving no parking in town to deal with! The adaptation of Jerome K Jerome's "Three Men in a Boat" performed by the Theatre Royal's rural touring group was an extremely entertaining, amusing and witty performance from start to finish. Whilst the set was simple it was used to its full by the actors, who not only managed to fit this Victorian storytale of 3 men sharing a boat as they rowed from London to Oxford up the Thames, into two very amusing and fun filled hours but they covered expertly and with gusto the trials, tribulations and camaraderie that would have taken place between 3 men stuck in such a small space of a rowing boat - yet the actors ensured the storytale flowed. Encouraging audience participation and interaction made it all the more fun, with Victorian songs, not so bad banjo playing and use of poor unsuspecting members the audience as extras when required! This perhaps added to the atmosphere of seeing the play performed in a village hall venue as opposed to a large theatre. The professionalism and ease with which they brought the dog "Montmorency" to life was hilarious considering how do you animate a deerstalker hat with extra flaps to become a dog!!

All in all, it was well worth an evening out at our local village hall which as we all know is in a great setting. A special thanks should go out to all the Village Hall Community Council committee members who helped organise the evening, especially for organising the wine and canapes sold during the interval - no mean feat serving 50+ people in 20 minutes. Liz Bulbrook

We're back!

LOCAL PRODUCE

We will be back on the village green outside the village hall 2nd and 4th Saturday in the month from 11am - 1pm starting on the 13th June.

Early season produce is likely to include eggs, spinach, lettuce, strawberries, gooseberries, mange tout and potatoes.

Variety will increase as the season progresses.

If you want to enjoy local vegetables and fruit, and want to reduce 'food miles', come and see what we have to offer.

We would welcome other Hawstead folk who are interested in selling their own local produce, either regularly or occasionally.

For more information please contact Andy and Fran Evershed on 01284 386501.

'Food miles' is the distance your food travels from producer to your plate. Agriculture and food now account for 30% of the goods transported around the country. This adds significantly to carbon dioxide emissions which are contributing to climate change. It defies common sense that food should be grown in one place, sent to somewhere many miles away to be packaged, then sent back to the same area it came from to be sold but this is happening all the time

We can all do our bit to reduce food miles. The most effective way is to shop locally and buy local produce whenever possible.



THE PUB IS OPEN!

A message from Richard Reed our new pub landlord...

Dear Hawstead Residents

I would like to start with a big thank you for your wonderful support on Saturday, the BBQ was a great success and I hope that you all enjoyed the food.

The Metcalfe Arms' opening times are as follows:

12 - 11pm every day apart from Monday when the doors will open at 5.00pm

A lunch menu is available everyday except Monday between 12noon and 2.30pm

and a dinner menu from 6.00pm until 8.30pm. On Saturdays, food is available throughout the day and on Sundays we will be serving the traditional Sunday

Lunch - *'probably the best Sunday lunch in Suffolk!'*



To support the popularity of the Metcalfe Arms, I have employed the help and experience of Chef Phil Pesci. Phil qualified in several well known London restaurants including Boisdale of Belgravia and Chepstow of Notting Hill. He started as a production chef, moving quickly through the ranks to senior Chef De Partie, before becoming Head Chef.

We will serve local fresh produce, letting the food talk for itself, and ensuring the Metcalfe becomes a popular choice for good quality well cooked food.

We will be holding a number of events throughout this year and we will submit a calendar of these events in the next edition of the Hawstead Journal.

Once again thanks for all the support to date and we look forward to seeing more of you very soon.

Kind regards

Richard Reed



SAVE OUR SPACES

What is the future of our landscape?



In today's pressured times, the potential loss of open green spaces and the contribution they make to our quality of life is a critical issue. Cherished local oases of green tranquillity are so important to local life - woodlands, urban parks village greens and allotments on the doorsteps of large towns. As our population grows, our green spaces become an ever more finite resource. Are we caring for them enough? In my view it's the land - not property- that is now most under threat. Why is green space important to the public and what can be done to protect it?

It's an escape from the city around me - a chance to see the sky, smell the grass and refresh the spirit. This land is as much a part of our heritage as are any ancient buildings and deserves the same protection. It helps me to relax. Many of us have a deep connection and love for the countryside. Many have especially cherished local places. And why not? They deliver beauty, fresh air, oxygen for the soul, and a tremendous sense of freedom.

In fact, green space, if managed correctly, can deliver a whole range of benefits, many of which go insufficiently recognised. For example, it can play an important role in preventing climate change. More than 10 billion tons of carbon are estimated to be stored in UK soil, equivalent to about a year and a half of global greenhouse-gas emissions.

Green space can also provide clean water for drinking, which reduces the need for expensive and energy-intensive treatments. And it can also act like a sponge to store water and protect communities downstream from flooding.

Personally, I like space around me. I like the sun to get at the garden. My elderly Uncle, who was in the forces, always used to sing "Don't fence me in" How apt.

**We should focus on saving green spaces from development
and saving our grass verges from erosion.**

Rosie

Did you know?

Junk Mail That you can choose not to have Royal Mail door to door deliveries of unaddressed items to your address? All you need to do is obtain and complete a "Door to Door opt out form". This can be sourced on-line through Royal Mail website. It won't stop *all* unaddressed items being delivered but does make a marked reduction.

Old Bank Accounts That there is over £14 million sitting unclaimed in old banks accounts? You may wish to search via www.mylostaccount.org.uk and see if your dearly departed Grannie, Grandad, Aunty or Uncle had an account that only they were aware of.

Your "lottery" win could be sitting there for you to claim!

MAY DAY

Thank you to all those brave Hawsteadians who ventured out at 5.15am - yes that early!! to dance the 'sun up' with Green Dragon Morris. It was a most beautiful morning and we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

If you want to see us later this summer we have a busy 'dancing out' programme. Look at our website www.greendragonmorris.org.

Do come and support us.

Fran and Andy

Yes what a wonder-full time we had watching the sunrise through that early morning mist, accompanied by the sound of music and dancing and with good company. It felt like stepping back into a Thomas Hardy novel to a time when the pace of life was slower, when rural life was truly rural and we were more in touch with nature and our earthly roots, than perhaps we are today.

After such an early start, your breakfast Fran was perfect - thank you - and our tour of the garden and Andy's round house made a perfect end to a perfect start to the day.

For those of you that were still in bed, put it in your diaries for next year - it really is not to be missed!

GW

FROM THE ARCHIVE

Pupils of Hawstead School in 1927, together with their teacher,
Miss Clark



The *East Anglian Daily Times* of 19th July, 1980, reported that about 100 people last night attended a concert and supper, held to celebrate the restoration of the Elizabeth Drury monument, in Hawstead Church.

The monument, which has taken more than a year to be restored at a cost of about £6,000, is in the sanctuary on the south side of the church.

The monument will be re-dedicated tomorrow by the Reverend Bernard Chalklen, rector of the parishes of Hawstead, Nowton, Bradfield Combust and Stanningfield.

Anna Glypta

CARAVAN FOR SALE

4 berth towing caravan 16ft long. Fridge, cooker etc, shower room, comfortable beds! 10 -12 years old. Offers around £1600

Phone Andy and Fran on 01284 386501

A VISITOR TO THE VILLAGE GREEN



Looking for that present that is different?

We have recently used a local artist for a caricature (at a very reasonable price) of a friend for a special birthday present and were delighted with his work. So, we thought we would let you know in case it gives you an idea for a special present for someone. He takes commissions for all types of artwork.

The artist is Paul Seymour and he can be contacted on 01284 728624 paul@seymour1004.fsworld.co.uk In addition to being an artist he is also a tutor and demonstrator.

Paul & Kathy Maslen

Plan your Trips

www.highways.gov.uk/traffic - brilliant website for real-time traffic reports

www.nationalrailenquiries.com - for train journeys - times, ticket availability and cost. You can also reserve your seat on some journeys. Booking ahead often saves a lot of money.

<http://www.locallife.co.uk/burystedmund/buses3.asp> - for Bury buses

<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/> - Transport for London, for all London bus, tube and train journeys.