

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER 3rd - Hawstead Village Fete and Produce Show

## THE METCALFE ARMS



### JULY 7th

Oriental Night

### JULY 14th

Morris Dancing with the Green Dragons - from 7 pm.

### AUGUST 6th

Come and join us on for a BBQ. From 1 pm. There will be live music with Washboard Chris and the ladies from Shimpling will be raising money for the East Anglia Air Ambulance.

Please bring your donations of bric-a-brac, unwanted gifts, books, toys etc., for sale to the Metcalfe Arms before the 6th.

## WANTED

CRICKET PLAYERS FOR THE HAWSTEAD VILLAGE CRICKET TEAM

## THE HAWSTEAD JOURNAL

Please let us have your contributions for the July issue of the Journal. Send them to Andy at [andyparrett@rocketmail.com](mailto:andyparrett@rocketmail.com) or phone 386531

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# Hawstead Journal

For the Village by the Village

June 2006

## Parish Council

The Parish Council stages two Meetings during the month of May; its own Annual Meeting which was reported in the last issue of the Journal, and in the following week we had the Annual Parish Meeting, when the Parish Council, its Honorary Officers, and representatives of the Village's Voluntary Organisations report to the Electors on their respective activities over the past year and put forward their projections for the future.

Brian Kew, the newly elected Chairman of the Parish Council presided at the meeting and presented a detailed report from Katie Fairbairn, his predecessor. We also had contributions from Mr. Terry Clements, the County Councillor for the Thingoe South Division of Suffolk and Mr Nigel Aitkens the Borough Councillor for the Chedburgh Ward of the Borough of St. Edmundsbury.

Joan Cook gave her last annual report as Honorary History Recorder. The Chairman thanked her for the excellent service she had rendered to the Parish in that capacity over the years.

We also had reports from Tony Hillman our Churchwarden and Sonja Monk, Chair of the Hawstead Community Council, who gave details of forthcoming social events in the village. Sonja also detailed the results of the postal poll. This gave the Electors of Hawstead an opportunity to state their preferences on the type of building they wanted to replace the old Village Hall which was damaged and subsequently demolished in 2002. How time flies!

Robin Whitfield

Clerk to the Parish Council

## NEW VILLAGE HALL

On Friday 2 June members of the project group visited English Heritage Buildings factory in rural East Sussex. Sonja Monk, John West, Dave Dawson and Richard Milns left Hawstead at 8.30 am for the 3 hour drive. The meeting covered a wide range of subjects including scope of supply, projects costs and management, timescales and terms of payment. Returning to Hawstead about 6.00pm it was judged a successful day by the team.

Applications for funding have now gone in to National Lottery Awards for All, Suffolk County Council Regeneration Scheme, Garfield Weston Foundation, Charles Hayward Foundation and Suffolk Environmental Trust. It takes a long time for these bodies to make decisions, so we are not expecting further news from them for several months.

Cullum House has now gone up for sale at an asking price of £350,000 and we are awaiting news from the Diocese on the terms of their grant once it is sold.



The planning application for the new design is almost ready to go in - we are just waiting for some details to be cleared up and this will be submitted to St Edmundsbury Borough Council very shortly.

The Community Council will soon be circulating a Fund Raising Newsletter - so watch out for it on your doormats!

**Village Hall Project Group**



## Mobile library service

The Mobile Library stops in Hawstead monthly on Tuesdays in the following locations –

- ◆ Pinford End 12.45pm - 1.00pm
- ◆ Council Houses 1.10pm - 1.30pm

The dates for the remainder of the year are -

July 11; August 8; September 5; October 3, 31; November 28; December Friday 22.

You can contact the mobile library service on 01284 352549 Mon-Fri 8.30am-9am or library staff will take messages or e-mail on

[help@suffolklibraries.co.uk](mailto:help@suffolklibraries.co.uk)

The website is <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/LeisureAndCulture/Libraries/>

It's free to join the library and everyone is welcome. You can borrow books, CDs, DVDs, videos, spoken word such as story cassettes and language courses, and computer games.

## FOR SALE

Zanussi slim-line dish-washer in good working order £30

King-size bed headboard with Laura Ashley blue pattern cover £30

Contact Sonja Monk 386876

Local produce for sale on the Green – 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month

## TIPOTTA

Are you having trouble arranging for your furniture, services or general deliveries to be made at a time appropriate to you? Have you had to arrange a day off work because the only day for delivery is inappropriate to you? Have you experienced adverse comments about the difficulty of large items being delivered due to insufficient manpower or fear of injury to the delivery men? Have you had to pay for extra insurance to cover such injury? Have you had to pay for delivery because you are outside the general delivery area?

Well, worry no more! The answer is at hand! Move to Crete!!!!

From personal experience we can assure you that none of the above is a problem. We have moved into a house in Crete which is not yet really ready, particularly outside. It is built on a quite steep hill/mountain side and the only approach to the front door is a rough clamber of about 75yds at an angle of roughly 55degrees over loose shale interspersed with larger rocks. Wanting to move into the house as soon as possible we went to the nearest town (19miles away) to buy white goods and beds. The first surprise was the fluent English which the shop assistants spoke, followed closely by the vast knowledge which they knew about the products without reference to any manuals. There was no 'hard sell' and we were encouraged to look round before buying.

Once we made our choices we had to explain about the difficulties and said that we would be in touch to arrange delivery as soon as conditions improved. 'Tipotta' (no problem) was the response; 'When would you like the items?' Having said a time and day suitable for us the next difficulty was the lack of an address apart from the name of the small village. 'Tipotta' - the delivery man would phone us (international call to my mobile) as he was approaching the village and we would meet him to show him the way!

All happened as arranged. Their delivery was almost to the minute and the bed man ran up the slope with a mattress on his shoulder, frames under his arms and constructed the beds in less time than it took me to make him a coffee!

The white goods presented slightly more of a problem. The driver's mobile could not get a signal to mine so he arrived courtesy of an escort from an inhabitant of the local village who assumed we must be in the new houses and had hopped into his car to help! Very large fridge, washing machine and oven were duly delivered, connected and checked. (Photos of the fridge being carried up the slope to follow on our return!)

Health and Safety officers would have a heart attack at the thought of this but to Cretans 'tipotta' is genuinely meant. Maybe that is how the Greeks made such a success of the Olympics despite international forebodings. Maybe the British need a little of their attitude for London 2012.

Best wishes to you all from Crete. Back soon!

Katie Fairbairn

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH - HAWSTEAD SERVICES for FEBRUARY

<b>Wednesday 14th</b>	5pm Benefice Prayers
<b>Wednesday 21st</b>	2pm Room Communion & Visits at Pinford End Nursing Home
<b>Sunday 25th</b>	3pm Benefice Eucharist (Rev'd Rob James presiding)
<b>Wednesday 28th</b>	5pm Benefice Prayers

### EVENING PRAYER

An opportunity for silent/contemplative prayer, and to pray for the parish and benefice is held every

**Wednesday in the church between 5 - 5.30pm.**

All are welcome

**The church is open every day from 9am to 5pm**

## The Fruit and Flower Show 3rd September

On Saturday the 12th of August Peter Fisk will be here to give advice on how to prepare and present vegetables etc. for showing. This will be late afternoon at Spinney Cottage and will include some super. If you have never entered before, and are not quite sure how to present your produce, this may interest you.

Peter and his wife Anne are our judges and have been coming here to judge for thirty years.

Anyone interested should let me know on 386876 or ring Sylvia Miller 388841.

This year Sylvia will be organising the produce show.

Sonja Monk

## ELSA KILPATRICK

28 October 1909 -12 May 2006

There was sad news for the village last month. Elsa Kilpatrick, who had lived at Cullum House for over 40 years died at St Peter's Nursing Home on Friday 12th May at the grand age of 96. She was always a very active member of the community, both in the village – she was a founder member of the Hawstead Community Council and fulfilled many roles on the PCC – and in Bury. Those in the village who knew and loved her will miss her greatly. Her funeral took place on the 17th May was very well attended.



## A TRIBUTE TO ELSA

All of us here this afternoon were part of Elsa's extended family. A significant section of that "brotherhood" came from King Edward VI Grammar School, where she taught for nearly thirty years, and which she supported as a member of the Old Burians for 65 years. As in all her relationships, you were either loved or loathed (and the feeling was reciprocal too !). She once met a former pupil for the first time after forty years and said "I didn't much like you when you were at the School, and I haven't changed my mind now!" The individual was completely taken aback.

Her scurrilous, irascible nature was one of her attractions - she was never wanting for an apposite, witty "bon mot", nor averse to some impish act! In one of my last meetings with her, I told her of the passing at 100-plus of

1. Get up early, listen to the dawn chorus and watch the sunrise.
2. Telephone an old friend.
3. Smile at someone in the street or in a supermarket car park.
4. Go & watch the Morris dancers at the pub on the 7<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm.
5. Recycle your bottles at a village bottle bank.
6. Make a daisy chain.
7. Take a ramble along a bridleway.
8. Pick up a piece of litter.
9. Make some elderflower cordial .
10. Send a contribution to the Village Journal.

Yes, please send a contribution to the Village Journal. Let us have your suggestions for 'Ten things to do this month' or your 'Castaway Top Ten' or if you have something that you want to buy or sell, or a joke or two, let us know. If there is something that you want to get off your chest, or share with others, why not write a 'Letter to the Editor' or if you have had a good day out or a nice holiday, why not tell us about it. Also if you are new to the village let us know - we would like to include a bit about you and perhaps a photo in the Journal.

## Neighbourhood Watch

There was fortunately little to report in Hawstead during May so perhaps I can take this opportunity to remind you that if you see ANYTHING that appears suspicious, odd or out of place report it as quickly as possible to the police on either 999 or to Horringer Police Station on 01284 774645 or to Joan Baker our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

I would also like to let you know that there will be a Policing Forum for the villages in the Bury Rural Sector on Thursday 22nd June at 7.30pm at Risby Village Hall. This will be to consult with you all about the proposals for amalgamation with Norfolk and Cambridgeshire Police and the boundaries for new neighbourhood policing in Suffolk. If you would like to attend please contact Joanna Spicer, County Councillor and Police Authority Member, on 01284 774222

Crime Prevention Officer PC Sarah King



## THE PLANT SALE



Astonishingly our plants brought in over £1000 again this year. The profit will go towards the new village hall.

Our thanks to all those who worked so hard to make it such a success and to all of you who braved the threatening skies to come along.



The rain eventually arrived!

our oldest ever pupil. Back she came with the retort: "I shan't make 100 - I'm not contented enough!"

In her personal interaction with me over the past 47 years, she was always "you know who", whether it was in one of those long phone conversations in earlier years, or in a brief note on a scrap of paper, kept for communicating intimate witticisms to those who were special to her! She was known as "Sir" to all past pupils (the only female member of staff wanting to be one of the chaps, and treated no differently to her male colleagues). She was also KATE. I once asked her why this was so, and she retorted: "Don't know, It rhymes with HATE!"

I have been bequeathed various notes which were passed around class members during her lessons, and eventually confiscated by her. Some are priceless quips, others protests - one from a class expecting to be tested in short answer form after a set piece of homework, only for "Madam" to change her mind and test them in another way! One lad was given 100 lines as a result of a misdemeanour. He returned them deliberately addressed to Miss Patrick to see if she would notice! Wrong - "You have missed the Kil off my name", she barked, "do them again!" (He subsequently redeemed myself in the Sixth Form by coming top in her Biology class).

The boys tormented her poodle Edward the whole day long. They fed all manner of items to whatever creature happened to be in the fish-tank at the time! I found a Valentine's card that the boys sent to her - supposedly from a male member of staff (who was named and survives her!).

Since Elsa's passing, I have received numerous emails from Old Burians, setting down their memories of her - usually short pithy remarks that she would have well understood. One such said simply: "Tough old gal - and a great sport" - and she showed these qualities right to the end. We shall miss her greatly - a real-one off character, whose like we shall not see again.

Early on Saturday morning I woke suddenly to the rumble of distant thunder, and thought - she's causing trouble to her Lord already. I phoned a friend in New Zealand later in the day, and he said that had experienced bad weather too! Elsa, "Kate", Sir, Miss Kilpatrick - we salute you. God bless, till we meet again.

**JOHN OTTLEY, Secretary, Old Burians' Association**  
17 May 2006

Elsa was always interesting to be with and had a formidable memory. On her last outing with me just a week or so before she died, she bought a guide book in Ely Cathedral in German. "Do you know you have one in German dear?" "I like to read a little German occasionally was the reply"

Each year she would discuss when we could safely take our vests off. This year was no exception. Her last letter, sent for May day, was written in French with the exception of a warning regarding the vests: "ne'er cast a clout till May is out".

Sonja



## PICNIC ON THE GREEN



The children found fascinating things from the river with the help of Emma from Suffolk Wildlife Trust.



And a wealth of seeds and small creatures from the green.



What a beautiful day it was for a picnic.

