

Hawstead Journal

For the Village by the Village



HAWSTEAD FETE

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FRUIT & FLOWER SHOW

Sunday the 5th of August 2pm

You will have noticed that the Fete is a month earlier than usual this year. We have amended the schedule to allow for the earlier date. We also now have a special category dedicated to the younger residents of the village. It would be lovely to encourage the children to enter, for cookery, painting etc - they are very capable. A three year old produced the best scones last year! The cost of entry has risen, for the first time from 20p to 50p per entry. For the under 17 age group it will remain at 20p.

We shall be discussing the Fete at our first meeting of this financial year on July the 16th. A date will be made for a fete meeting. This will be posted on the village email or call 386876. The usual help will be needed to set up and man stalls & games, serve the teas, barbeque the food, serve at the bar etc etc, We would dearly love some new faces!

Bric a brac: only sellable items only please.

Books: we would be grateful for books especially paper backs.

Cakes for the tea tent

Preserves or produce if you should have a surplus

If you are willing to get involved with the fete in any way please get in touch with any of us. You can email me sonjamonk@btinternet.com or Jo joandstevebutt@yahoo.co.uk. To help with the flower show contact Simon Miller simon.j.miller@talktalk.net.

Sonja Monk

Hawstead Community Council

Report of the AGM on June the 7th 2012

The Annual reports were given in regard to the management of the hall.



Ruth MacKay and Geraldine West resigned from the committee. They have both been very willing trustees, and I'm sure they will always continue to be interested in the goings on of the Community Council. No new members were voted in.

The Community Council now consists of - James Bulbrook, Sonja Monk, Rosemary Harrison, Dave Dawson, Pat Baker and Jo Butt. James will continue to be the treasurer for just one more financial year. James will be willing to be available in an audit capacity. Sonja will continue to take the bookings and liaise with hirers of the hall until April 2013 when she will give up the post.

The next meeting of the committee will be on the 16th of July at 7.30pm

The main items to discuss will be:

- ◆ A review of the costing of all aspects the running of the hall
- ◆ **The replacement of the booking secretary and the treasurer in April 2013.**

Enquires are now being made for next year for wedding receptions. These bookings are a big part of our income. The size of our hall does limit this type of booking. Six wedding receptions are about the usual number from May to September. We do occasionally have one in the autumn or winter.

This year there has been an increased number of bookings for Ruby and Golden wedding anniversaries. Our building is just a perfect venue for this sort of celebration.

Meeting and helping people to plan their important date is very rewarding.

Ideally we would like anyone interested in either position to come forward in the not to distance future. **The hall cannot continue without members who fulfill these posts.**

Sonja Monk

Hawstead Golf Challenge

Pictured Dave Dawson receiving the "Golden Balls" Hawstead Golf Challenge Trophy from Jacquie Milns. This was won over a hard fought 18 holes at Bury Golf Club on 17 June. Other challengers were Jacquie and Richard Milns, Dave Carter, Ollie and Norman Gibbs. A great time was had by all.



A MASSIVE thank you to the very good samaritans who helped drag my car out of a ditch on Thursday 21st June! My spacial awareness - or rather lack of it - sent me straight into a deep ditch whilst trying to avoid a van, a kind soul stopped to help and tried to guide me out but to no avail (not helped by my girly panicking & sudden inability to steer in the right direction!) Luckily a tractor was not far away and my two heroes managed to winch the car out with little trouble. Needless to say I and my 16 month old daughter who was in the car at the time are very, very grateful to everyone who came to our aid. In my fluster I didn't catch any names to thank you all directly. It was certainly an off road experience not to be repeated!

Anne - The Grange, Pinford End

Have A Go – at Archery

To celebrate the Olympics, Saint Edmunds Archers are having a free open day for the general public to have a go at archery, this event is sponsored by our national body Archery GB.



The club has hired the Whepstead Community Centre for the day for the event, as we are based in Whepstead. We would like to get as many surrounding village residents as possible to come along and see what we do. The open day will be held on Bank Holiday Monday 27th August 10 am – 4 pm.

Allen S. Jones

Hon.Secretary. Saint Edmunds Archers

A Parish Plan for Hawstead



About 35 Villagers attended the meeting held on 13th June to discuss a potential Parish Plan for Hawstead.

An interesting presentation was given by Annette Gray – Parish Plan Officer for Suffolk ACRE, about the merits of adopting a parish plan. This was then followed by some lively debate during the question and answer session, which continued over cheese and wine after the meeting.

It was interesting to observe that many of the merits resulting from a parish plan highlighted by Suffolk ACRE are actually already being undertaken in Hawstead. For example keeping villagers informed by way of a village website, an email distribution list and a village newsletter. And on the social side the Community Council already does a great deal to bring the village together on a social basis.

It did seem to be generally agreed however, that it would be valuable to find out and listen to the views of a larger number of villagers, other than those who attend meetings.

The aim of the evening was to establish whether the residents of Hawstead felt the need to produce a Parish Plan along the lines set out by Suffolk ACRE, and to attract some volunteers who might be willing to help with the project. A small number of people indicated that they would be happy to assist in putting together the plan in some way, possibly by delivering questionnaires and helping residents to fill them in. However there was not a large enough response to consider forming a Steering Committee and start undertaking the project straight away.

Jayne Robertson, Henry Brewis and Clive Robinson from the Parish Council were present at the meeting. It was agreed that Jayne would report back to the next Parish Council meeting all the comments received, and that it would then be decided how best to proceed.

If you were unable to attend the meeting, and would like any further information please contact Jayne Robertson on 01284 386164 or jayne@eastward.co.uk.

HATS Meeting

A meeting of the Hawstead Appreciation & Tasting Society (HATS) was held on Thursday evening, 28th. June in the village hall, for our monthly wine tasting.

The theme this month being the wines of Italy from the Alps to Sicily. The selection was made at Majestic Wines who were most helpful with the selection. At the check out they provided details of the wines chosen i.e. grape variety, where grown, flavours to look for and foods each wine could best be consumed with. If you are interested in wine, the tasting and scoring of appearance (i.e. colour), 'nose' (smell) and taste, do help considerably in defining the wines one likes most. Very small amounts of wine should be taken with each tasting and the mouth should be cleansed between each wine with water, dry biscuit or bread. We normally taste eight wines per session. If you do decide to have a go, keep the quantities you consume low, otherwise the object of the tasting is defeated. A jolly evening was had by all. the Italian wines were very popular - a surprise to quite a few of us.

Happy drinking!

Bill Crockford



Hawstead Reading Group

June's meeting was held at Sonja Monk's where we discussed "Sister" by Rosamund Lupton. The book is about Beatrice, who cannot believe her younger sister has committed suicide and embarks on a perilous journey to discover the truth. A well written, if not very uplifting, book which provoked much discussion.

Next month's meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. at Ruth McKays on Wed 4th July where we will be discussing "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

Our meetings are friendly and informal and generally held on the first Wednesday in the month so if you are interested in coming along please contact Ann Gibbs on 01284 388642.

**This month's Journal is kindly sponsored by
Lesley Carey of Church Farmhouse**

“Music for a Summer Evening”:

The Aquarius Singers at Hawstead Church

This event took place on Saturday, 23rd June and was very well attended, doubtless partly due to the advertisement in last month's Journal! The Aquarius Singers is a ladies-only choir which has been going for many years now, created by its leader, Gill Garside. Other recent outings for the group have included taking part in the Bury Christmas Fair and the more recent “Thousand Voices” event during the annual Festival.

Nearly four dozen Aquarius Singers descended on All Saints, Hawstead and provided an extremely varied and most enjoyable programme, with their regular accompanist, Polly Carnegie on electric piano. We heard popular songs like “Fields of Gold” and “Guantanamera”; sacred music from John Rutter and the hymns “All Things Bright and Beautiful” and “Love Divine”; songs from abroad – from Australia and Russia; and as a well-deserved encore: “I Could Have Danced All Night” from the musical ‘My Fair Lady’.

This was not all: Gill brought with her a Russian violinist, Elena Lyutserina, who entertained us for sessions in both halves of the programme, firstly accompanied by her (English) husband on ukulele (or was it mandolin?) and in the second half by Gill herself on the piano. (Incidentally, Elena's parents were in the audience, on their first ever excursion outside Russia!)

Did I say there was an interval? We all scurried across to Lesley Carey's barn for a smashing buffet of sandwiches and cake prepared in advance by Lesley, Christine Gossett, Jackie Brown and Sonja Monk, washed down with a glass of wine or juice to our own taste. This was all part of the ticket price, so all agreed that the evening was excellent value for money!

Would you believe it for June: a thoughtful Church Warden put the pew heating on for the second half!

Andy Parrett



THEY DID IT FOR FUN !

Story of the 1948 Olympic Games.

The Second World War stopped the Olympic Games for 12 years but in 1948 Britain agreed to hold the Games in London despite shortages of food and just about everything else. The Games became known as the "Austerity Games" because arrangements for it were done as cheaply as possible. Male athletes were housed in military barracks in RAF camps whilst the women athletes lived in various London colleges. The hundreds of officials and support staff were billeted in prisoner of war camps (of which there were a large number in 1948) whilst the unfortunate prisoners of war were sent to live in tents in public parks.



The weather in the 1948 summer did not help! Audrey Mitchell (Later Mrs Williamson) the 200 metres sprinter remembers running the finals in heavy rain on a cheaply made cinder track at the Wembley Stadium. The cinder track was retaining rainwater and was partly flooded ! Despite this Britain won three gold medals in various events. The U.S.A. won 38 gold medals no doubt helped by large supplies of food airlifted to the Americans whilst everyone else faced strict food rationing. The hungry Danish women athletes sent frantic calls to Denmark for more sandwiches ! 59 nations took part, although Germany and Japan were banned and the Soviet Union refused to attend.

The sprinter Audrey Mitchell and other athletes remember the very casual nature of the Games; there was no arduous training for years before events like there is now and people took part for fun ! One Gold Medal winner remembers travelling home on their local bus entirely without the media publicity that pursues sports personalities these days.

By one Of Hawstead's Older Residents.

Cake Recipe for Decorated Cake Class

Hawstead Annual Flower & Produce Show

A CHOCOLATE GUINNESS CAKE

For the sponge:

9fl oz Guinness, 250g unsalted butter, 80g of cocoa powder, 400g of caster sugar, 2 eggs, one tsp vanilla essence, 5fl oz buttermilk, 280g plain flour, 2 tsp bicarbonate of soda, ½ tsp of baking powder.

For the frosting:

50g of unsalted butter softened, 300g icing sugar, 125g full fat cream cheese (such as Philadelphia) cocoa powder and chocolate leaves for decoration. (handmade)

Method: Oven temp 170 c. Line the base of a 9inch spring form tin.

Add the butter to the Guinness and gently heat until it has melted. Remove from the heat and stir in the cocoa powder and sugar. Mix together the eggs, vanilla essence and buttermilk by hand in a separate bowl, then add to the Guinness mixture in pan.

Sift the remaining sponge ingredients into a large bowl, using a hand held electric whisk, set on a low speed, pour in the contents of the pan. Make sure all ingredients are well incorporated.

Pour the batter in to the tin and bake for approximately 45 minutes or until the sponge bounces when lightly pressed set aside to cool before removing from the tin.

Whisk the butter and sugar together until smooth. Add the cream cheese at a low speed, and then increase until the frosting is light and fluffy.

Cover generously with the frosting. Decorate in your own way using cocoa powder and handmade chocolate leaves.

The Millenium Field – a tranquil haven

The Millenium Field, next to the Church Car Park, is a peaceful meadow owned by the Parish Council, for villagers of Hawstead to enjoy. Purchased from the Church Diocese in 2000, the meadow provides a place for quiet enjoyment and relaxation for village residents.

The Parish Council have always kept the field mown, and have recently placed a new picnic bench in the field to encourage people to come and spend some time in this wonderful spot. The meadow is accessed from the church car park, through the large metal gate, and is always open. So if you are passing on foot, or perhaps cycling do stop for a moment and enjoy this special area of Hawstead countryside.

Hawstead Parish Council



A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY -SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29th

This is the date for the next Macmillan Coffee morning in our village hall 10.30 a.m. - 12.30p.m. I know this seems a long way ahead but time goes so quickly and we would love to see you there. Further details later.

Joyce Dainty

HAWSTEAD OPEN GARDENS 2012

Mid to Late September

Date to be confirmed

After the success of last years open gardens we thought why not try it again!

So... we are looking for willing people to open their gardens to the public later in the year. "No" we hear you say "It's too small, too unkempt, too dull or too this or that". Please don't be deterred, it really doesn't matter what your garden is like, whether it is old or new, large, very large, small or tiny, full of interesting plants or just a calming lawn and trees.

Taking part will perhaps give you the incentive to get outside this summer and spend some enjoyable time weeding, hoeing and planting.

It will also provide you with the opportunity to enjoy some of Hawstead's many beautiful gardens, some with stunning views across the Suffolk countryside.

If you would be interested in opening your garden please contact me at:

joandstevebutt@yahoo.co.uk or 01284 388817 so we can see what interest there is in holding the event again.



Mums & Daughters Race Together

Christabel and Imogen Carr, and Fran and Bethany Evershed ran a very soggy Race for Life in Nowton Park recently. We all ran all the way - 5km each!

AND we raised well over £400 for Cancer Research. Thank you to every one who sponsored us.

Hawstead Oil Group

The Hawstead Oil Group (HOG) has been running successfully now for 9 months. In that time we have ordered over 42000 litres of oil saving nearly £1000 for the members and cutting down considerably on the number of tanker journeys through the village.

We currently have 53 villagers on our mailing list and 33 of those have ordered oil, several on more than one occasion.

We order oil once a month and if you would like to be included on the mailing list (or if you're not on email and would like a phone call) please contact Jacquie Milns on 01284 388813 or sales@rjmcars.co.uk.

Note from the Editor;

I am standing in for Judy and Dave this month as they are enjoying a well earned break in the sun (obviously they are not holidaying in England!). And due to computer incompatibility we have had to revert back to the old layout of the Journal for this month only . Having sent around an email reminder that I was editor this month, I have been really impressed by the many contributions received for this issue. I think this shows just how much our monthly magazine is enjoyed and valued by the people of Hawstead. I certainly look forward to it dropping through my letterbox. So thank you to all this months' contributors, I have enjoyed editing this Journal. Any contributions for next month should be sent to Judy as usual at judy@mmgd.co.uk. I understand that Judy and Dave are off on holiday again in September so if anyone else would like to have a go at being Guest Editor I know it would be appreciated.

Jayne Robertson



Steve Butt making good use of his stockman skills (learned in New Zealand) by helping with our Alpaca Shearing



And after—cooler now!!

HAWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Meetings are held at the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

Everyone is welcome to come along.

Meetings held bi-monthly on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm.

Dates arranged are;

19th July

20th September

15th November

REGULAR EVENTS

Breathe Easy Weekly on Tuesdays 9.15 - 10.15am

Carpet Bowls Weekly on Tuesdays 7.30pm

Reading Group 1st Wednesday of the month 7.30pm in Members' homes

HATS (Wine Club) last Thursday of the month at 8.00pm

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Village Fete 5th August

Open Gardens 2012 Mid to Late September TBC

Macmillan Coffee Morning 29th September 10.30-12.30pm

Church Services All Saints Church Hawstead

July

Sunday 8th July Said Eucharist Hawstead at 8.30am

Sunday 22nd July Parish Eucharist at 11am

August

Sunday 12th August Said Eucharist at 8.30am

Sunday 26th August Parish Eucharist at 11am