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# HAWSTEAD JOURNAL

Editors: Judy & Dave Carter

## The Hidden Gardens of Hawstead

Bank Holiday Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2014



The Community Council are once again planning an open gardens event in the village. Those of you who participated in 2011, either as garden hosts or as visitors, will remember what an enjoyable day this was.

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 and shrubs or just a calming lawn and trees. Please don't be deterred.

Opening your garden will perhaps give you the incentive to get outside and spend some rewarding time weeding, hoeing and planting seeds and bulbs. There is plenty of time now to get your garden into shape, giving us something to aim for in the spring.

Garden hosts, villagers and visitors on the day will be able to enjoy some of Hawstead's many beautiful gardens - some with stunning views across the Suffolk countryside - as well as enjoying pleasant company, music, refreshments, plants to buy and ideas to take home.

Please let me know if you would like to open your garden or take part in other ways. The proceeds will go to charity.

*Geraldine West*

For Hawstead Community Council

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## CHURCH SERVICES

### JANUARY

Sunday 12th	08.30	Said Eucharist in Hawstead Church
Sunday 26th	11.00	Parish Eucharist in Hawstead Church

### FEBRUARY

Sunday 9th	08.30	Said Eucharist in Hawstead Church
Sunday 23rd	11.00	Parish Eucharist in Hawstead Church

## HAWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

### ***Parish Council Meetings***

Parish Council meetings are scheduled for the following dates during 2014.

16th January, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 17<sup>th</sup> July, 18<sup>th</sup> September and 20<sup>th</sup> November. The meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

We welcome anyone to attend these meetings, as it is a good chance to keep up to date with how the Parish Council is working for the village. There is a 15 minute Public Forum at the start of each meeting, and the Councillors are keen for residents to make any comments or suggest ideas during this time.

### ***Village Email Distribution List***

Another good way to keep in touch with Parish Council news is to join the village email distribution list and receive agendas, minutes of meetings and other information direct to your in box. To sign up for this service please contact [henry.brewis@thomson.co.uk](mailto:henry.brewis@thomson.co.uk).

We do realise that not everyone has access to email, so all Parish Council correspondence is also displayed on notice boards around the village, at the earliest opportunity.

### ***Coffee Mornings***

The Parish Council will be resuming our bi-monthly Village Coffee Mornings this year. These take place on Saturday mornings during the months in between Parish Council meetings, at 10.30 am in the Village Hall. It is not necessary to have something particular to ask/discuss to attend the Coffee Mornings, please just come along for a social chat and a nice cup of Coffee /Tea. Dates for Coffee Mornings set so far for this year are Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April, with others to follow. We very much hope to see you there.

*Jayne Robertson*  
Hawstead Parish Council

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## HAWSTEAD CRAFTY TALENT!

These four youngsters used their skills to make the table decorations for the Hawstead residents Christmas lunch. Their hard work was much appreciated and the Christmas wreaths looked beautiful on the tables.



Well done to:- from left to right *Reisin, Hannah, Kirsten and Jessica.*

## PUMPKIN / BUTTERNUT SQUASH PASSION CUPCAKES

Now Christmas is over - maybe time to start thinking about Valentines Day and what better than a recipe for *Pumpkin / Butternut Squash Passion Cupcakes!*

175ml sunflower oil  
175g light muscovado sugar  
3 large eggs  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
200g coarsely grated pumpkin or butternut squash flesh  
100g sultanas  
grated zest 1 orange  
2 tsp ground cinnamon  
200g self-raising flour  
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda

### For the frosting

200g tub full-fat cream cheese  
85g icing sugar  
toasted chopped pecans to decorate  
(optional)

Heat oven to 180°C/160°C fan/gas 4. Line a 12-hole muffin tray with paper cases. Pour the oil into a large bowl and add the sugar, eggs and vanilla. Beat together, then add the grated pumpkin or squash, sultanas and orange zest.

Stir in the cinnamon, flour and bicarbonate of soda; the mixture will be quite wet. Spoon into the cases. Bake for 25 mins. until firm and springy to the touch and a skewer inserted in the centre of a cupcake comes out clean. Cool completely on a wire rack. At this stage you can freeze the cakes for 4 months.

To make the frosting, beat the cream cheese and sugar together until smooth then spread on top of the cupcakes. Leave plain or decorate with toasted pecans. Store in the fridge, but return to room temperature to serve for the best flavour and texture.

*Jo Butt*

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## HAWSTEAD'S CHRISTMAS TREES

Two Christmas trees were donated to the village once again this year, one for inside the hall and one for outside.

Graham and Rebecca Leslie and Rob and Helen Barneveld kindly supplied a tree each.

A working party of Pat Baker, Steve Butt, Bruce Monk and Clive Robinson made sure the trees were delivered and erected.

Willing volunteers from the Community Council then dressed the trees at the hall so beautifully.

Very well done everyone!

*Picture by Andy Taplin*



A photo showing the outside tree in all its glory with lights ablaze. Very spectacular it is too.

## HAWSTEAD VISITS THE THEATRE ROYAL

On a very windy January evening a record number of Hawsteadians crowded into the best seats in the house at the Theatre Royal. I believe there were 46 of us which I think is a record number!

Although the Pantomime itself is enormous fun for the adults, it is the look of delight on the youngster's faces which makes it such a magical evening. The general consensus was that it was certainly one of the best performances of recent years. Audience participation was encouraged and "Oh no she doesn't", "he's behind you" and much hissing and booing all made for a great evening. Roll on next time.

A huge thank you to the Community Council, who once again paid for the children of the village to attend and to Geraldine who tirelessly rallied support from the villagers, booked the seats and organised the seating plan so well.



*Judy Carter*

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DAVID BAKER

**David Baker**

At the end of 2013 Hawstead lost a real character when David Baker of No. 1 The Pound, died in West Suffolk Hospital. Some eight or nine years ago David suffered a serious accident at work and after a long period of recovery in WSH and then Addenbrookes Hospital was able to get about with the help of walking sticks. He also acquired a motorised wheelchair which enabled him to get to the **Metcalfe Arms** and back!

David's funeral was on December 12<sup>th</sup>



I recently came across these photos when looking through my backfile for something else. It must be sometime between 1994-97 because Elaine (of Nigel and Elaine Chadwick) is serving behind the bar. The band is "Them Harvey Boys" – and they were really very good (I just couldn't resist Brian Kew's comment from his expression!)

Andy Parrett

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## CHRISTMAS PARTY LUNCH

A big thank you to the Community Council from all who attended the fabulous Christmas Lunch on December 19th. Our caterer, Andrea Davey provided the delicious Christmas food and the wreaths, made by the youngsters, can be clearly seen on the tables.



Rosemary shows her talent singing along to the Christmas Carols - music provided by Simon!

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## CHRISTMAS PARTY LUNCH



The Hawstead Journal was kindly sponsored this month  
by Jane Powell.

Thank you for your contributions this month. Our next Journal will be March 2014.  
Please forward anything you have by 5th March 2014.

If you would like to sponsor the Journal for one month, please contact Judy.

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## THE METCALFE ARMS IS CHANGING!

The pub has been bought by Matthew and Barry Denny of the Denny Bros family in town. From this spring it will reopen as a high-end cycle shop and licensed café catering for cyclists, other visitors and local people. Barry and Matthew Denny and their colleague Lloyd are currently renovating the building to a high standard. The cycle shop will occupy the front of the building, with the café in the garage area at the rear. The café which is surprisingly spacious, will retain its original, though restored, pitched roof, have new velux windows for extra light and bi-fold doors opening onto the garden.

The business will be called MagliaRosso. The magliarosso (red jersey) is given to the most consistent finisher in the Italian road cycling competition Giro d'italia – a good omen!

The Denny family are local residents. Barry and his wife Sue, their son Matthew and his wife Jo with their children and Matthew's sister Nicole Gregory with her family all live in Little Wheltenham. Barry's Grandparents Dennis and Lilian Denny, who met whilst in service at Coldham Hall, started their family in Hawstead in the 1920's so it feels to Barry and Matthew as though they are in a sense returning to their roots.

Barry and Matthew have invited villagers to call in to see the work in progress at any time and to contact them if they have any queries.

If you would like to track Barry, Matthew and Lloyd's progress and see lots more photographs, go to their facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/magliarosso>



*Matt at work*



*The Cycle Shop*



*The Cafe*



*The Cafe - Outside*



*A lot of work needs to be done in the garden!*

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## KHAKI DEVIL AND BROOK FARM, BELLS LANE

As many villagers will already know, the company “Khaki Devil” ([www.khakidevil.co.uk](http://www.khakidevil.co.uk)) purchased land and buildings in Bells Lane, Hawstead in mid-2013: In early July they invited “neighbours” to come and be shown the site with an opportunity to hear about how the company wishes to develop the site – “to open a visitor centre and café with reconstructed First World War trenches and huts on the four acres we have there”. They subsequently submitted plans to St Edmundsbury Borough Council and a consultation period concerning these plans has now expired. In December a short article appeared in both the Bury Free Press and the East Anglian Daily Times e.g:

[www.eadt.co.uk/news/gallery\\_ambitious\\_plans\\_for\\_great\\_war\\_experience\\_with\\_trench\\_system\\_at\\_hawstead\\_1\\_3118560](http://www.eadt.co.uk/news/gallery_ambitious_plans_for_great_war_experience_with_trench_system_at_hawstead_1_3118560)

More information can be found on the Council’s website at:<http://planning.stedmundsbury.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=MVSCSLPDH1P00> including this outline plan. The area concerned is shown within the thick green line and you’ll see that it extends from a short road frontage for some distance either side of the River Lark.



If you use the above link to the Council’s website, you’ll see that there are quite a number of ‘documents’ associated with the application (x49 as of 5<sup>th</sup> January): some of these are official documents (eg a fully detailed plan – “Landscape layout...”, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>) and others are comments, letters etc. sent in by individuals or organisations responding in the consultation process. These documents can be accessed by clicking “view document”.

Included with these documents is the response of our Parish Council, following a meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> December (“Hawstead Parish Council –comments”, Dec.20<sup>th</sup>) which indicates the PC’s support for the project, subject to a significant number of assurances from the Borough and County Councils.

*Andy Parrett*

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## KHAKI DEVIL AND BROOK FARM, BELLS LANE - CONT . . .

**Khaki Devil Ltd**, who moved into Brook Farm, Bells Lane (Malcolm Cornwell's former premises) will be advertising part-time jobs in February when they start working full time from Hawstead. The business hires military uniforms to theatre, TV and film companies and they need adaptable, resourceful people to join their team.

### The roles are:

Stores People to help pack orders, unpack, check and replace/rehang returns and keep the store tidy.

Wardrobe Assistants to help keep the costumes clean and in good repair.

There may be some crossover on these jobs to cover holidays and any major orders.

All these positions are flexible; ideally 2 or 3 days a week, hours to suit. Pay will be on an hourly or daily rate. If you would like any further information before the positions are advertised **formally** please contact Tracey Mackenzie on 07824 631269 or Taff Gillingham on 07889 289821.

*Tracey Mackenzie*

## PAT'S PLOUGHING SUCCESS



The annual East Anglian ploughing match was held at Hall Farm, Fornham St Martin, on October 5th and 6th 2013.

The Suffolk Ferguson Club trophy was won by **Pat Baker**.

Hearty congratulations to Pat. This was no easy task. He beat off many worthy competitors to win the trophy!

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## HAWSTEAD WINE CLUB NOVEMBER MEETING

The selection included one French sparkling wine, four white and four red which were bought from several supermarkets including, Aldi, Asda, The Coop, Tesco and Waitrose.

At only £6.99 the Cremant du Jura 2011 from Aldi made a great impression, as did their Freemans Bay Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc at £5.79 which came a close second to Waitrose Montgras Reserva Sauvignon Blanc 2012 from Chile at £9.35!

The winning red was the Waitrose Montgras Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon-Syrah again at £9.35. At £10 a head - tasting 9 different wines with cheese and nibbles makes it a very reasonable evening. A great time was had by one and all.

*Richard Milns*

The next meeting will be on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

If you would like to join us please contact Judy Carter on 01284 386512

or e-mail [judy@mmgd.co.uk](mailto:judy@mmgd.co.uk).

## HAWSTEAD CARPET BOWLS CLUB

We thoroughly enjoyed 2013 at the Bowls Club. We played some away matches and had some home matches against visiting teams. These were only friendly matches and were a great deal of fun. We went to the Rushbrooke Arms for our Christmas dinner – this was a terrific success. This year we are holding our AGM at 7pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February and everyone is welcome to come along. We are very few in numbers now and would really welcome new faces. Honestly, you don't have to be able to play bowls – we will teach you!! It is just a fun evening and we would love you to join us. We meet on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

On behalf of us all at the Bowls Club may I wish you a very happy and healthy 2014.

*Rosemary Harrison*

## HAWSTEAD READING GROUP

Our Christmas meeting was held with nearly a full attendance at Jane Holliday's where we were met with an abundance of food, drink and festive cheer!

Our book for discussion was *Animal Dreams* by Barbara Kingsolver where Codi returns to her hometown of Grace, Arizona after 15 years to care for her ailing father and teach high school biology. The book is told from the perspective of firstly Doc Homer, Codi's father, and mostly Codi herself. Codi's return home raises issues concerning her family's past and the relationship of her family with the rest of the community. There is also an environmental issue running through the book which brings lots of elements together. A wonderfully written book by the author of the *Poisonwood Bible*.

Interestingly we had a vote on our best and worst books of the year and *Animal Dreams* came out top closely followed by *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *The Kashmir Shawl*. Our worst book was *Dear Lupin - Letters to a Wayward Son*.

Our next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at Ann Gibbs.

For further information about the Reading Group contact *Ann Gibbs* on 01284 765332

*Ann Gibbs*

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## REGULAR EVENTS

Breathe Easy	Weekly on Tuesdays 9.15 - 10.15 am
Carpet Bowls	Weekly on Tuesdays 7.30 pm
Reading Group	1st Wednesday of the month 7.30 pm (held in members' homes)
HATS (Wine Club)	Last Thursday of the month 8.00 pm
Hawstead Oil Buying Group	Orders placed end of each month (contact Jacquie Milns 388813 email: <a href="mailto:sales@rjmcars.co.uk">sales@rjmcars.co.uk</a> )

## HAWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

*Meetings held at the Village Hall unless otherwise stated  
Everyone is very welcome to come along.*

Meetings held bi-monthly on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm.  
Dates arranged are:

16th January	15th May	18th September
20th March	17th July	20th November

## FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*In the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.*

Parish Council Meeting	16th January 7.30pm
Community Council Meeting	3rd February 7.30 p.m.
Parish Council Coffee Morning	8th February 10.30am
Parish Council Coffee Morning	5th April 10.30am
Summer BBQ	21st June
Village Fete	7th September

*The Sky at Night  
in Hawstead*

