

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*(in the hall unless otherwise stated)*

**Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 19th November at 7.30 pm**  
*This meeting will begin with a public forum to enable you to express your views/concerns to Parish Councillors directly.*

**Craft Group** - Wednesday 25th November 10 am—1 pm

**Computer Classes Induction** - Saturday 28th November 10 am - 12

**Xmas Coffee Morning & wreath selling etc** - Saturday December 5th 10 am

**The Aquarius Singers Christmas Concert** - Sunday 13th December in the church from 6 pm (Please note amended time) - mulled wine and mince pies.

**Hawstead Community Council Meeting** -

Monday 14th December 7.30 pm

**Village Christmas Lunch** - Thursday December 17th 12.30 for 1 pm

**Burn's Night Supper** - Saturday 23rd January 2010

### REGULAR EVENTS

**Breath Easy** - Weekly on Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.30am

**Carpet Bowls** - Weekly on Tuesdays 7.30 pm

**Body Synergy** - Weekly on Thursdays 7 pm (Classes will finish on 10th December)

## SPONSORSHIP OF THE HAWSTEAD JOURNAL

**This month's Hawstead Journal has been generously sponsored by a small builder who lives in Whepstead Road and drives a white van. He wishes to remain anonymous(!)**

Don't forget, if you would like to occupy this slot, sponsor the Hawstead Journal for a month - just £25! Call me on 388732. Geraldine

Editor: Geraldine West



# Hawstead Journal

For the Village by the Village

November 2009

## HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

There has been considerable interest in our hall for weddings next year. The HCC think it best if we only take bookings for two per month, allowing us space for village functions. The idea of offering a walk away service has been well received.

On Friday 13th November, we were presented with our new laptop, giving the village access to the internet. There is also now the chance to increase your computer skills under Rod Jackson's expert guidance. (see page 5)

The **Thursday synergy class** will finish on 10th December. Katie Pruden will be missed by all her class. Katie will return in the early summer after the birth of her baby in April. We send her our very best wishes.

The **village lottery** was closed at the end of September. If you have any money in the fund owing to you it will be returned. The lottery was very successful, raising in excess of £4.000. It really did show our community commitment to build the new hall, when we were applying for grants etc. Thank you all.

**Christmas:** Come and have a chat and a coffee on the morning of Saturday 5th December. We shall have some wreaths for sale, some brick-a-brac and books etc. From 10am.

**Christmas lunch Thursday 17th of December 12.30 for 1 o'clock.**

You are invited to join us in the hall for lunch. We had a very enjoyable time last year - the first time in the new building. So if you are able to come along that day just let us know and come and join us for a super Christmas lunch. Dietary needs can be catered for and if you should need transport that can be arranged. To book call 386876 or email [sonjamonk@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:sonjamonk@tiscali.co.uk)

**Burns Supper Saturday 23rd January 2010.** Tickets for this will be available in early December.

**Sonja Monk**  
Chair

## HAWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

7.30 pm In the Village Hall Meeting Room

*There will be a 15 Minute Public Forum for villagers to address the Parish Council at the start of the meeting.*

The Agenda includes -

Halifax Building Society a/c

Hawstead Journal

Parking in Whepstead Road /Bull Lane & Pinford End

Notice Board(s)

Connect Villages Project

Bottle bank

Footpaths

Play spaces for teenagers

Potholes in the roads

Planning Applications & Approvals

Emergency Planning

**Maintenance of Public Spaces -**

Millennium Field

Grass cutting of play area

Phase 2 of tree cutting around the Village Green

**Finance -**

Consider and agree Precept for 2010/2011 and other financial issues

**Reports from -**

The Parish Council Chairman

C.Cllr. - Terry Clements

B.Cllr. - Nigel Aitkens

Police - PC S Tate/PCSO Bailey

**Hawstead Community Council -**

Minutes 5.10.09, Landscaping around the village hall, Parking

**Date of next meeting -** 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010

### FROM THE ARCHIVE

November is the time when we commemorate the war dead with services of remembrance. The passage below is a tribute to Raymond Mason, which was read out at the V.J. Day anniversary luncheon held in the village hall for over-sixties village residents on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 1995.

#### THE YOUNG MAN FROM HAWSTEAD WHO NEVER RETURNED FROM THE WAR

"Tonight let us think for a moment of Raymond Oswald Mason, the only Hawstead man who did not return from the war.

It was a tragic series of events which led to this young man from his home in a quiet village in Suffolk to die in the Far East on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1943 at the age of 24 years, after enduring terrible hardships. Raymond Mason has no known grave but thanks to the combined efforts of the British Legion, our Parish Council and Hawstead Church we have ensured that his name appears on the village war memorial.

Raymond lived in the council houses in Whepstead Road and worked in agriculture like most of the other lads in Hawstead. He is remembered as a good-natured and friendly person who had many friends in Hawstead. He served as a Private in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the Cambridgeshire Regiment and proudly stood in his army uniform on his wedding day when he married Phyllis Tooke at Hawstead Church, no doubt he realised that he would soon be serving overseas.

On 29<sup>th</sup> October, 1941, Raymond's troopship left Greenock in Scotland for an exhausting voyage that was to last eleven weeks. Raymond's Regiment called at Halifax in Canada, where they changed ships and were crammed into another troopship to continue their journey to Cape Town and from there on to Mombasa. It was at this point that the troops realised that they were going to Singapore to fight in the Malayan jungle. They had no jungle training and the cramped conditions on the ships made any attempt to keep fit quite impossible.

Raymond Mason arrived in Singapore on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 1942 and his 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the Cambridgeshire Regiment was immediately rushed into the Malayan jungle near Bata Pahut. Three-quarters of Malaya was already over-run by the Japanese and the situation was now desperate. The British troops had no tanks, almost no planes and were driven back onto the island of Singapore by a well equipped enemy. Raymond and thousands of other young men from East Anglia had fought terrible battles in the jungle for 30 days before Singapore finally surrendered on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 1942. Poor Raymond then endured 15 months of hunger and cruelty as a prisoner of war, before dying in July 1943.

Along with the joy and fun of our commemoration, let us remember one of our village lads who never came back."

Anna Glypta

### Church Services at All Saints Church Hawstead

#### December

Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Carol Concert by the Aquarius Singers
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Carols & Readings Combined Service at <a href="#">Nowton</a>
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm	Nativity in Hawstead Place Barn
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist

The Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich, the Right Reverend Nigel Stock, will be officiating at Lawshall Parish Church on Sunday 6 December at 10.30am.

### The Santa Run

This year's Santa Run in aid of East Anglia's Children's Hospices is on Sunday 29th November. It will start at 10.45 at Charter Square in the Arc. Register online at [www.each.org.uk](http://www.each.org.uk) or call 01223 205180 or 01473 276117

Sponsor or make a donation at [www.justgiving.com/aghohoho](http://www.justgiving.com/aghohoho)



### A PUZZLE

Move one number to make the equation accurate.

$$101-102 = 1$$

If unable to solve, contact Doc at [docnana@aol.com](mailto:docnana@aol.com)

If you solve it you can brag to me.

### HEART ATTACKS IN WOMEN

Heart attack symptoms in women are different from those experienced by men and can easily be missed. When symptoms of indigestion-like discomfort accompanied by squeezing sensations in the upper spine and breast bone and pain in the throat and jaw occur together, urgent medical attention should be sought.

### WASH THOSE CANS

Always wash cans before drinking from them, or better still, use a glass. A woman died recently after drinking from a can which was contaminated with rat urine. Even if cans are not exposed to rats, they are likely to have been handled by a number of people and are generally found to be contaminated with bacteria.



Hawstead Community Council

Invite you to

# Hawstead Burn's Supper

To be held at  
Hawstead Village Hall

on

23rd January 2010, 7 pm for 7:30 pm

For your Enjoyment:

Traditional Scottish Fayre  
Burn's Verse  
Sangs and Clatter  
The Skirl of the Pipes  
Scottish Dance

**Tickets £22** inclusive and will be on sale from 8th of December; to book call Bruce or Sonja 386876. Places are limited to 46 and allocated to Hawstead residents first. Dietary needs catered for.

### THE HAWSTEAD JOURNAL

We are looking for sponsors for the Hawstead Journal for the coming year. £25 a month will be sufficient to 'top-up' the £200 per annum that the Community and Parish Councils are each providing to pay for its production. In return, if you wish, you can have your name and your business details printed in the Journal.

So for those of you who enjoy reading the Journal and would like to contribute towards its cost, please contact me at [geraldinewest@waitrose.com](mailto:geraldinewest@waitrose.com) or call me on 388732.

Geraldine West

## Emergency planning for Hawstead

I delivered a letter and questionnaire from the Parish Council to every home in Hawstead on a very wet afternoon in mid October. Any more rain that day and we might well have had emergency flooding on our hands! My thanks to those households who have since completed and returned the questionnaire in the stamped, addressed envelope provided. It's appreciated.

To remind everyone, the purpose of the letter was simply to outline stage one of our emergency plan. The questionnaire was distributed as it is important that we establish what assets we have in the village which could be utilised in an emergency, to gain an insight into who might be considered to be vulnerable and vitally who would be prepared to act as a volunteer.

Once we have this information we can then prepare the second stage of our plan which will be to appoint emergency co-ordination teams for different parts of Hawstead and also to set out more detailed planning for various potential village emergencies. We will hopefully also be able to purchase items to be stored in the village hall to sustain us all. These would be invaluable if we were ever cut off for a prolonged period. We'll keep you informed of the plan's progress as it takes shape.

The response so far has been encouraging but there are still many forms to be returned. May I ask all those who haven't yet returned their form to kindly do so. It is important that we have this information should an emergency occur.

If you would prefer to respond via email please access a copy of the original letter and the questionnaire at the Hawstead Parish Council's website [www/onesuffolk.co.uk/hawsteadPC](http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/hawsteadPC) and email it to me at address below.

Alternatively let me know if you have mislaid the questionnaire and I'll get another to you rain or shine! No problem. The exercise will do me good.

My contact details are 01284-388723 or Email [westjohn@johndeere.com](mailto:westjohn@johndeere.com) or speak to any member of the Parish Council.

Thanks for your cooperation in this important matter.

**John West**

## *EMOTIONS*

*When you are happy it is easy to laugh  
to see sunlight even on a dull day  
and share your pleasure with others.*

*Sadness and pain take  
more than just happiness away  
They keep you locked inside yourself  
oblivious to the world outside,  
Yet sorrow is as much a part of life  
as life itself.*

*It is self-pity that destroys us.*

**Rosie Greengrass**

## **A NEW WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

On Thursday 8th October Amanda Brown and I went to the Great Whelnetham Community Centre to a meeting to discuss re-starting an evening WI in this area. About 20 ladies attended the meeting and 4 ladies from the WI Federation told us about the history of the WI and the many and varied opportunities that belonging to a great national organisation offers. The meeting agreed that we would like to have a branch of the WI in our area. WI meetings are held monthly and our meetings will be on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7.30 p.m. The ladies from the Federation kindly offered to run our first few meetings so that we will know exactly what is involved and they are arranging for interesting speakers to address us.

If anyone would like to come then perhaps we could arrange to travel together, arranging pick ups as we go along. If you would rather go singly, then we look forward to seeing you there.

If you would like more information, please give me a ring on 01284 386157.

**Rosemary Harrison**

## Gingery Carrot and Orange Soup



This warming and tangy soup has a beautiful muted-orange glow, and will add a touch of spice to your day. Try this recipe with organic carrots, potatoes, onions and celery, as their flavour is incomparable to those grown on industrial farms.

### INGREDIENTS

1 oz onions, chopped  
1 lb or 4 medium carrots  
2 sticks celery  
4 oz potatoes, chopped  
1 pint stock/water  
1-2 tbsp grated ginger  
juice of 2-3 oranges  
zest of  $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 organic orange (optional)  
salt and pepper to taste  
olive oil to sauté  
small slice of butter (optional)  
bouillon powder

1. Rough chop onions. Scrub and rough chop carrots, celery and potatoes.
2. Sauté onions and celery in oil in the bottom of a large saucepan. After a few minutes add carrots, and continue to sauté until onions are beginning to go pearly. Stir occasionally to avoid burning.
3. Stir in the potatoes, and then add enough water to cover the vegetables by a couple of inches.
4. Bring to the boil, then reduce heat and simmer until the vegetables are tender.
5. Add the orange juice, zest (if using) and grated ginger.
6. Blend the soup.
7. Add more stock/hot water/orange juice to achieve desired thickness.
8. Season with salt, freshly ground black pepper, bouillon powder and a little butter.

## HAWSTEAD TAKES DELIVERY OF ITS NEW LAPTOP



Kirsty Pitwood of St Edmundsbury Economic Development Services and her colleague presented the Community and Parish Councils with a new laptop computer for the village. The project, called 'Connected Villages', is being implemented by St Edmundsbury Borough Council in partnership with the Suffolk Association of Local Councils. Its purpose is to provide village halls with access

to the internet and includes a free laptop (with Microsoft Office) and wireless router, a grant towards phone line installation and covers broadband and phone line rental costs for the first year.

Hawstead Community and Parish Councils, local groups and individual villagers will be able to use this new facility to access the internet.

## COMPUTER CLASSES

Do you want to improve your computer skills? If so, come along to an induction morning on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> November in the village hall, starting at 10 am.

The aim of the induction morning will be to assess the level and content of instruction for future classes. Classes will start in December and be limited to 12 Hawstead residents.

The classes will be run by Rod Jackson.

No need to book, just come along.

There will be no charge for this initial meeting and just a small charge (no more than £4) for future sessions.



### ..... And I wish you enough.

Recently, I overheard a mother and daughter in their last moments together at the airport. They had just announced the departure. Standing near the security gate they hugged and the mother said, 'I love you and wish you enough'.

The daughter replied, 'Mum, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough, too Mum'. They kissed and the daughter left.

The mother walked over to the window where I was seated. Standing there, I could see she wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude upon her privacy, but she welcomed me in by asking, 'Did you ever say goodbye to someone knowing it would be forever?' 'Yes, I have,' I replied. 'Forgive me for asking; but why is this a forever goodbye?' 'I am old and she lives so far away. I have challenges ahead and the reality is that her next trip back will be for my funeral,' she said. 'When you were saying "Goodbye", I heard you say, "I wish you enough". May I ask what that means?'

She began to smile. 'That's a wish that has been handed down from generations. My parents used to say it to everyone'. She paused a moment and looked up as if trying to remember it in detail. Then she smiled even more. 'When we said, "I wish you enough", we wanted the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them'.

Then, turning to me, she shared the following as though reciting it from memory: 'I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright. I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more. I wish you enough happiness to keep you spirits alive. I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger. I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting. I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess. I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final goodbye.' She then began to cry and walked away.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them and then an entire life to forget them.

I wish you enough.

*Rosie Greengrass*

A good time was had by all



### A strange occurrence

On Wednesday 28 October, we parked our car at Chadacre, to walk to Hartest, to The Crown for lunch (a very pretty walk of about 40 minutes, each way, through the Chadacre estate, along the "ridge", with stunning views, and down the hill into Hartest). When we returned to the car it was COVERED in ladybirds of all different types!!! When we opened the doors, we discovered that, somehow, they had managed to get inside and were in the door locks, on the sills and on the seats!!

Having seen hardly any ladybirds throughout the summer, when they might have eaten the aphids in my garden, this was a very strange encounter. Has anyone else seen the late arrival of these cute little insects?

Joanne and Tim Abbott



## BONFIRE NIGHT AT THE METCALFE ARMS

It was good to see so many of you at our bonfire weekend events. Thank you for your support.

Our new winter menu is now available with some great new dishes as well as our Christmas PARTY MENU (please book in advance for this). You are also invited to our New Year's Eve party, details to follow. In the meantime I look forward to seeing you in the Metcalfe.

Richard (Metcalfe Landlord)



## WHAT HAWSTEADIANS HAVE BEEN GETTING UP TO



John West takes Bruce Monk up for his first flying lesson....



Sarah Jackson jumps .....



Glynn Hammond and Paul Caldwell  
sing in the Cathedral

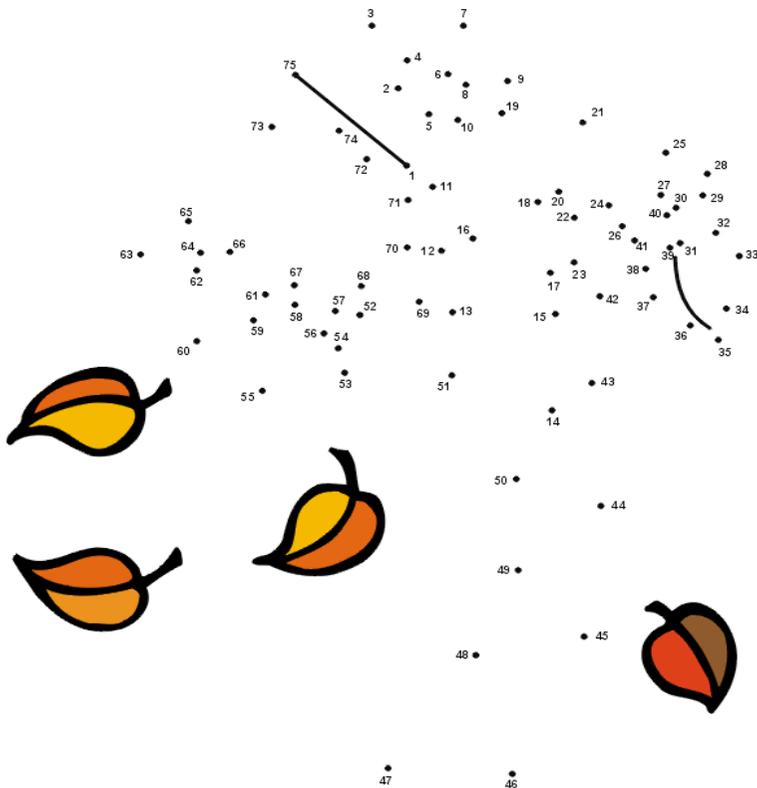


*A resident  
seen lurking  
in Hawstead  
on  
Halloween*

SO WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO RECENTLY ? LET ME KNOW.....

# Kids' Korner

**Welcome Back!**



*Join the dots to make a picture*

# Church Activities for Young People!

On Saturday 21st November from 10am until 12.30, kids can go to the church to create a big szopka, gods eyes and Santons\* preparing for a manger festival. Kids under 12 need to bring an adult to register them at the door. Please could we have volunteers to help age 12 or over? Contact Rampagerory@hotmail.com. Open to everybody!

\*God's eyes (Ojo de Dios) originated in Mexico are woven sticks which look like large eyes and remind us that God is watching over us. Santons also from Poland are clay figurines of the nativity story. Santons and Szopkas highlight that life and church are mixed up together.

## *Nativity Play!!*

The Nativity Play is to be held in the barn on Rupert and Millie Brown's farm on Christmas Eve at 4pm. There will be a music group helping to sing carols, refreshments (mince pies, tray bakes, mulled wine and hot chocolate). There might possibly be some animals! We would like some enthusiastic kids to act out the story in really good costumes. There are no lines to learn as we have a narrator. There is a rehearsal on December 19th from 10am - 12 noon at the church and a dress rehearsal at 3pm on Christmas Eve to run through before we perform. You don't have to have a link with the church to get involved!!

Come along it'll be great fun!!

**Don't forget - we want you to get involved with some activities. Please send me a message at [rampagerory@hotmail.com](mailto:rampagerory@hotmail.com)**

***Rory Hancock***