

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(in the hall unless otherwise stated)

Community Council - Monday 9th August - 7.30 pm.

Parish Council - Thursday 16th September - Public Forum at 7.30 pm.

REGULAR EVENTS

Breathe Easy - Weekly on Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.30am

Craft Group - Last Wednesday of the month 10.30 am - 1 pm

Carpet Bowls - Weekly on Tuesdays 7.30pm

Produce sale - 2nd and 4th Saturdays 11 am - 1 pm

LATER IN THE YEAR

Village Fete and Flower show - Sunday 5th September 2pm

A Village Party - Saturday 16th October

The Village Hall Touring play, Theatre Royal - 'The Two of Us' -
Thursday September 9th

The "Biggest Coffee Morning" - Friday September 24th - 10.30am

St George's Day Celebration - Saturday 23rd April 2011

(There are no art classes during August)

Village Green Local Produce Sales

The dates of the next few produce stalls are **24th July, 14th August and 28th August**; we will be on the Village Green from 11am to 1pm.

The bumper crop of apricots is now over and the prospects for later fruit are not so good due to late frosts and drought. However we expect to have a good variety of vegetables including cucumber, courgettes, onions and beetroot. Dwarf beans are looking fine and runners will be starting soon. Eggs, jams and jellies and cakes will be available, as will salads, spinach and chard.

Fran and Andy

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For the Village by the Village

July 2010

HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

THE VILLAGE FETE HELP NEEDED

Help is needed in all areas especially with teas, games and just general help to relieve people who are running stalls.

This year we would like to have a fancy dress competition for children. We will put an entry form in the next journal.

The usual books and bric a brac will be needed. These items will now be stored in the hall. Books - arrange with Rosemary at Balacraigne in the Pound 386157.

Bric a brac - arrange with Ethel Lebbon or Nancy Dawson 386791.

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered already.

More news of the fete next time!

Father Geoffrey's 80th birthday is on the 28th August - details in the church - don't forget to add your name to the list in the church if you plan to be there.

We have made a date for a village party - 16th October. The weather should still be nice.

Sonja

Chair, Hawstead Community Council

Tel - 386876

Annual Flower and Produce Show
Recipe for Class E4
Cup Cakes

Ingredients -

175g/6oz softened butter
175g/6oz caster sugar
5ml/1tsp vanilla extract
4 large eggs, lightly beaten
175g/6oz self-raising flour, sifted

1. Preheat oven to 180C/160C fan /350F/Gas 4
2. Sit muffin-size* non-stick paper cups in the holes of a muffin/bun tin
3. Beat the butter and sugar together until very light and creamy and add the vanilla
4. Gradually add the eggs, beating well after each addition
5. Add the sifted flour, folding it delicately into the mixture with a large spoon until just combined
6. Divide the mixture among the paper cases, filling no more than two thirds full

Bake for 20-25 mins until the cakes are golden and the centres feel firm to the touch. Leave to cool for 5 mins, then put them on a wire tray to cool completely. Ice with buttercream or glaze icing and decorate for "*a summer party*". Have fun.

* 'Muffin' cases are deeper than the 'Standard' cup cake size and allow a bit more scope for creative icing!

Hawstead Village Fete

BOOK STALL

The date of our Fete is rapidly approaching and we are busy planning the stalls etc. Michael and I are in charge of the book stall and if anyone has any books, cds or DVDs for our stall we shall be very grateful. We are not selling videos or vinyl records this year and we also don't want any sets of books, e.g. encyclopedias etc. or magazines. Sorry to sound fussy but they don't sell and it leaves us with bulky items to dispose of.

My telephone number is 386157 and I live at Ballacraigne, The Pound.

Thank you in anticipation

Rosemary Harrison

drugs and alcohol, and his petty thievery. Although he is practically friendless, he does have a tenuous social life achieved by dealing in hash and attending history lectures with Jennifer, for whom he has a soft spot. There are evenings at the folk club and university clubs, but he is at the fringes, watching, being there. He spends a lot of time driving around in an old Morris 1100 and we come to realise that he is on the verge of a nervous breakdown. Engleby shovels mouthfuls of nameless blue pills whenever he feels spasms of irritation coming on and the first catastrophic episode occurs in a record shop, when an inaccurate comment about Emerson, Lake and Palmer throws him into such fury that he wakes up to find himself on a psychiatric ward. Certainly, it's hard to imagine being like Engleby. When he's not being 'dim', he's being clever, though no less annoying, with grating cultural analyses, wine tips, ruminations on time and literary theory, sniffy asides about people who say 'I' when they mean 'me' and can't spell.

This isn't a book in which a great deal happens, so it comes almost as a relief when Jennifer vanishes, presumed dead, and Mike becomes a suspect. We have learnt that the poor boy was bullied at public school and beaten by his father. If only the police knew he had Jennifer's diary hidden behind the cistern.

The presumed murder of Jennifer is strung out thinly, we return to her intermittently but not with any sense of progress, hoping for a twist or a turn but getting none. Instead, Engleby takes up a career in London working on a magazine and we are treated to commentary on punks, Rastas, Brixton riots and the corrupt, idle, boozing, expense-fiddlers that journalism is so famously full of. Together with the pop music and cameo appearances of Margaret Thatcher and Jeffrey Archer, Faulks evokes the 1970s and 80s. What an innocent time that seems now.

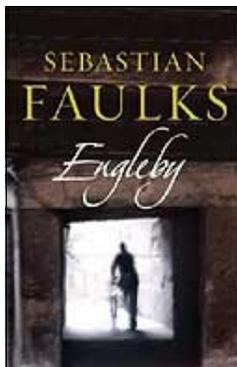
But, as Mike drifts into journalism, the novel rather loses its way before changing dramatically in its final section, as Jennifer's body is finally discovered. It becomes clear that Mike's mental state is disintegrating, a mind out of joint with its times and eventually defeated by them. He claims for a long time that he can't remember whether he did away with her or not, and this turn of events also has the welcome consequence of allowing new characters into the novel.

There are passages from Jennifer's diary, interrogations conducted by nicely sceptical policemen and, near the end, a couple of psychiatric evaluations, thankfully free of jargon. However, the eventual arrival of men in white coats, a welcome introduction of sane voices, heralds the most successful section of the book. For the rest of the book there is gradual revelation with a satisfying twist in the last few pages.

I suppose that Faulks is trying to explore the mysteries of consciousness as an aspect of character, but that may be giving the novel and the author more depth than they deserve. Perhaps Engleby didn't connect with people around him was because he

BOOK REVIEW Engleby

By Sebastian Faulks
Published by Vintage 2008



342 pp paperback £7.99, hardback £17.99

After the Suffolk Show, where Andrew Brown swept the board for Aberdeen Angus cattle, mid-June finds me at the Norfolk Show with Henry Persiflage and his delightful niece, Anna Glypta. The weather is gorgeous but everybody is worrying about the drought and having to irrigate the sugar-beet. We nearly didn't get there for Henry has just emerged into 2010, so much so that having got a blackcurrant phone, leaving the house without it, which he didn't even have for the first 60 years of his life, is now a cause for panic and we turn round to go and get it.

On the other hand, I realised I was living in 2010 when I accidentally entered my PIN on the microwave. I find the ever increasing number of e-mails is slowing things down, in that having to answer so many is far more laborious than hand writing a letter used to be. Could there be a movement for the withdrawal of the e-mail?

Before long, the ignominious defeat of England in the football world cup, roundly beaten by Germany is mentioned. The two weeks seemed like years and to Anna, games that depend on the hinged joints of the legs of overpaid professional, illiterate athletes is not news, especially when conducted against a cacophony of incredibly annoying background noise.

On the other hand, I point out, in the Spain versus Portugal match, every player on the pitch would yield a perfectly good name for a new car - the Renault Tiago, the Ford Alonso, the Seat Xavi, the Kia Simão and the seven seater Peugeot Carvalho.

Football talk has its own logic, which does more magical thinking than Harry Potter and believes in fairies. Common sense ideas are regarded as unthinkable and insane ideas publically entertained as respectable.

The latest book by Sebastian Faulks also looks into an aberrant mind. Psychiatrists were the heroes of his previous book, the indigestible Human Traces, which I gave up on before half way. This time, the author is using his left-over research into cognitive psychology in "Engleby", though fortunately he doesn't descend into psycho-babble.

The narrator is Mike Engleby, a fresher at Cambridge in 1973, and the story unfolds through an autobiography derived from his diary, a vehicle for a rambling first-person narration. We learn about his terrible dress sense, appetite for prescription

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A NOTE FROM PETER

Due to a recent accident I have fractured a rib and damaged my back and will therefore, regrettably, not be able to carry out any boiler servicing for at least 6 weeks and will not be able to lift AGA plates or service them before Christmas.

I would like to apologise to Hawstead Journal readers for any inconvenience.

If any of you would like advice on how to check that your boiler or central heating systems are working properly, or are having other difficulties with their systems, I will be happy to speak to you on the telephone and/or compile some notes for you.

Regards

Peter

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Please Note - The MacMillan coffee morning is on Friday 24th September not the 25th as stated in the June Journal and will be starting at 10.30 a.m. If you are able to help or would like to come along, please contact Joyce Dainty on 386314

HAWSTEAD CARPET BOWLS CLUB

We are still very much enjoying our Tuesday evenings and had our first friendly away match on Tuesday 22nd June 2010. We played Hoggards Green Club and had a very enjoyable evening. Unfortunately we lost, but better luck next time!

Hoggards Green were very friendly and gave us very tasty refreshments at the end of the game. We are playing a return match against them at our Village Hall in August. We also have a match against Stanningfield booked for August.

If anyone would like to join us on a Tuesday evening at 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall, you would be very welcome. We have great fun.

My telephone number is 386157 and I live at Ballacraigne, The Pound.

Thank you in anticipation

Rosemary Harrison



What a fabulous time
we had
Thanks Darren and
Sam
and Mark the
Quizmaster



QUIZ NIGHT
AT THE METCALFE

