

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(in the hall unless otherwise stated)

Community Council -

Meeting - Monday 21st March 7.30 pm

Annual General Meeting - Thursday 2nd June 7.30 pm

Parish Council - Monday 17th March - Public Forum from 7.30 pm

Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting - Thursday

19th May - 7.00pm Please note earlier start time.

Quiz Night - Saturday 26th February - 7.30 pm

The Village Party - Friday 29th April details tba

Ruby and Her Horses - Saturday 11th June

Village Gardens of Hawstead Sunday 17th July 10 am - 4 pm

Parish Council Elections Thursday 5th May

Application packs available from 21st March

Closing date for applications midday 4th April

The Village Pantomime - Meeting Sunday 20th March 2 pm

Performances Saturday and Sunday 7th and 8th January 2012

Tea Dance August date to be announced

REGULAR EVENTS

Breathe Easy - Weekly on Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.30 am

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

Carpet Bowls - Weekly on Tuesdays 7.30 pm

Pilates - Weekly on Mondays at 10 am

Reading Group - Monthly 1st Thursday next mtg 3rd March

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For the Village by the Village

February 2011

HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HOW IT BEGAN

The first meeting took place in Park House, the home of Miss Woodman Smith on the 28th January 1971. Those present were Stella Woodman Smith, Elsa Kilpatrick, Mrs Ellis, Dorothy Wright, Patricia Gould, Mrs Baker, Phyllis Pettitt, Mr Henderson, Mr Lebbon and Mr Tildsley. Mr Cooper and Mr Hogget were unable to attend.

Nominations were put forward for the various offices. Miss Kilpatrick was elected Chair, Mrs Gould took on the Treasurer's role and Mr Tildsley became the Secretary. To belong to the Community Council a subscription of £3 a year was to be paid.

Miss Woodman reported that the Parish Council had just bought the swings to be installed on the green. Mr Lebbon remarked that the cricket club had raised £78 for cricket equipment. It was generally agreed that there was a need for a sports pavilion on the green. Mrs Ellis remarked that they should aim their sights high and work towards having a community centre in the village. Miss Woodman Smith pointed out that this would cost approximately £3000.

6th April 1972

A siting committee was formed. It was proposed that the building be sited between Fylett's Manor and the Mission Hall on the side of the green. Miss Woodman Smith in the chair reported that a wooden building similar to Nowton measuring 20' x 64' would cost £1870. This was to be put to the AGM on the 17th April.

This took place in the Metcalfe Arms. Miss Kilpatrick as Chair opened the meeting. Mr Tildsley as Secretary gave a detailed account of the year's events. This included a visit to the Pantomime filling 50 seats. The pantomime just happened to be Cinderella! They now had 140 members, the subs came to £333 and together with other activities there was £685 in the bank account.

The officers were re-elected for a further year. There were two nominations for the committee namely Major Carr and Mr Elmer. Siting of the hall was discussed, Mr Shirreff recommended that the hall should be sited on the green. There was some controversy as to the type of building needed and as a fair number of the village were not present, it was decided to call a special meeting to discuss the whole question further on the 12th June 1972.

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Hawstead Community Council Contd...

At this meeting, held in the Metcalfe Arms, the Hawstead Community Council members voted to have a wooden building similar to Nowton. Mr Shirreff pointed out that it should not exceed 25 x 10 yards, otherwise they would have had to replace the land. Mr Maddever proposed this motion and Mrs Inches seconded it.

Planning Permission May 1st 1972. Mr Shirreff spoke of the difficulty of getting planning permission to build on the green. Thingoe were not keen to have it in the chosen spot, wanting it nearer to the Metcalfe Arms. They were not happy with a wooden building. The committee decided that, never the less, they would submit an outline application to build on the green!!

And thank goodness they did. Next instalment in March.

Sonja

CANCER RESEARCH UK RACE FOR LIFE

On Sunday 26th June at 11.00 a.m. I am taking part in the Cancer Research UK Race for Life in Nowton Park. I am no great runner but enjoy running and I did this before some years ago in another area. It was great fun and a worthwhile experience.

If any ladies of the village would care to join me, that would be great. The race is 5k and you can run, jog or walk! Perhaps we could get a Hawstead team together!! It is easy to enter on line at www.raceforlife.org or phone 0871 641 1111. Also, if anyone would be kind enough to sponsor me then the money would go to a most worthy cause. My address is Ballacraigne, The Pound, Hawstead and my phone number is 01284 386157.

Rosemary Harrison

One to figure out ...

This year we will experience four unusual dates: 1/1/11; 1/11/11; 11/1/11 and 11/11/11.

Now figure this out: take the last two digits of the year you were born, plus the age you will be this year, and it will equal 111.

(Originator: **Don D. Williams, Up Holland, Lancs.**)

Village Gardens of Hawstead

Proceeds to go to St Nicholas Hospice

Sunday 17th July - 10.00 until 4.00 pm

It is said that the best views in Suffolk are to be had from some of Hawstead's gardens.

Please consider opening your garden to the public later in the year. '

No' we hear you saying, 'It is too small, too unkempt, too dull, too this or too 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 and shrubs or just a calming lawn and trees.

Taking part will perhaps give you the incentive to get outside this spring and spend some enjoyable time weeding, hoeing, planting seeds... It will provide you too with an opportunity to enjoy some of Hawstead's many beautiful gardens some with stunning views across the Suffolk countryside. It will also provide pleasant company, music, refreshments, plants to buy, and perhaps ideas to take back to your own garden.

Please let the Community Council know if you wish to take part.

Don't forget the Quiz Night, this Saturday, 26th February
in the Village Hall. Cody £7 including a fish and chip supper.

Starting at 7.30 pm

With Clive as our Quizmaster

Contact Clive on 388082 or Rosemary on A

HORSE CHESTNUT TREES

Some of the village horse chestnut trees that are suffering from bleeding canker will be treated in March or April as part of the trial of a new treatment. If you have a horse chestnut tree in your garden and would like it to be treated then please let me know. The cost per tree is approximately £275 + vat.

Geraldine

CINDERELLA

The next meeting of the Pantomime Group will be on Sunday 20th March from 2pm in the village hall. The main focus of this meeting will be to identify parts for those who would like to act and to work on the script.

We have had a terrific response to this project with many of you wishing to get involved.

Ros Alexander will be producing/directing the pantomime.

Provisional performance dates are the 6th, 7th and 8th January 2012.

The pantomime will be set in present day Hawstead with Hawstead themes running through it.

If you have already expressed an interest or think you might like to be involved, please come along to the next meeting and/or let me know.

We are really keen to involve as many villagers as possible, of all ages from the youngest to the oldest. There are lots of acting roles, including parts for little children. And of course a great many supporting roles. These include making music and singing, general admin including managing the finances, helping with scenery, props, costumes, make-up, advertising and marketing, producing tickets and programmes, helping at the performances with seating, reception, refreshments etc., and lots more.....

We are going to have a really super time, both preparing for the panto and putting it on.

So don't miss out! Whether you are young, old or somewhere in the middle, come along and join in.

Geraldine

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Our thanks to
Phyllis Pettitt who lived until recent years at
Mill Post Farmhouse, Lawshall Road
who has generously sponsored this month's
Hawstead Journal

CARPET BOWLS CLUB

On Tuesday 1st February we held our Annual General Meeting. 16 members attended the meeting. We all agreed that the past year had been most enjoyable. We had played 3 friendly matches against other clubs (all of which we lost but we won't talk about that!) and plan to arrange some more matches this year. Our membership has increased over the past year and we really hope we may gain some more members this year. Bill Crockford was presented by Terry Rushen, our Chairman, with the cup for the "Most Improved" player.

We hope that we can arrange an afternoon (perhaps on a Saturday or Sunday) when we could welcome anyone in the village who felt they may like to play carpet bowls to come along and try their skill. I would point out that, although we do have some very experienced players, several of us are novices and cannot see ourselves ever representing the county!! However, we really enjoy it and I think the laughter can probably be heard across the village green. We also have a lovely cup of tea/coffee and some tasty biscuits.

I will let you know in the next Journal the date of our "Open Afternoon".

Rosemary Harrison

*Let's Go Pilates
Pilates Classes*

FREE Taster Session at Hawstead Village Hall
28th February, 10am

My name is Gozde and I am a member of Register of Exercise Professionals and Body Control Pilates Association which is Europe's largest professional body for Pilates teachers. I am a qualified Body Control Pilates instructor.

If you would like to improve your posture, reduce aches and pains, increase flexibility and balance and have firmer buttocks, flatter stomach, long lean arms and legs please join my classes on Mondays at 10.00am at Hawstead Village Hall.

Free taster session will be held on the 28th February at 10.00am. After that it will be a 5 week course with the fee of £7 a session.

Many thanks

Gozde

WINE CLUB IN HAWSTEAD

If you would like to find out more about the wine you drink, please join us for a fun evening on Thursday 31st March in the village hall at 8pm. If there is sufficient interest we plan to make this a monthly event.

It is important that we know in advance how many of you will be coming along, so please would you e-mail judy@mmgd.co.uk by 28th March.

The cost for this wine tasting is £10 each.

Judy and David Carter

The Suffolk Foundation

FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

The Suffolk Foundation currently has funds to award from the following funds to Suffolk's community and voluntary groups.

Transforming Suffolk: This is a new fund with grants of up to £4,000 available for groups who want to carry out projects that meet one of the four themes of this fund.

The Improve and Prove Fund: A brand new fund to be launched in late January gives grants of up to £5,000 for groups who want to carry out projects that will help towards self sustainability of the group.

Healthy Ambitions Suffolk Fund is also seeking applications, for which a grant of £4,000 can be given for projects that are working towards creating better health and wellbeing for Suffolk people.

Suffolk Voluntary Sector Training Fund has grant funding available of up to £2,000 for groups who wish to train staff or volunteers.

Creating the Greenest County Fund is community groups who want to run a project to decrease carbon emissions. You can apply for 25% of your project costs up to a value of £25,000.

*In spite of the current recession,
there is a lot of money available out there to enable us
to transform our communities.*

You can find all details including application forms, guidelines and closing dates on The Suffolk Foundation's website www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk or phone Sue Wright on 01473 734127 to discuss your application or talk about your ideas.

Church Services at All Saints Church Hawstead

February

Sunday 27th Parish Eucharist 11am

March

Monday 7th Shortened Eucharist Pinford End 2 pm

Ash Weds 9th Ashing Service 7 pm

Sunday 13th Said Eucharist 8.30 am

Monday 21st Shortened Eucharist and Room Visits Pinford End 2pm

Sunday 27th Parish Eucharist 11 am

FUEL PURCHASE

Dear Editor

A couple of years ago, an idea was floated in the Newsletter for the collective purchase of fuel oil. The idea was that if a sufficient number of us in the village banded together, we could approach one of the fuel oil suppliers and negotiate better terms than if we negotiated individually. Sadly, it seems that this idea never got off the ground.

After the dramatic rise in fuel oil prices this winter, might this not be an opportune moment to discuss the idea in the next issue of the Newsletter? At a time when we are all counting our pennies, surely there must be a number of fuel oil users who could get together and negotiate a better deal. It would be interesting to hear what others may think of this idea, and whether it is feasible. Sadly (senior moment), I cannot remember the name of the person who originally proposed this idea. Perhaps he'll respond if he reads this.

Best wishes

Mike Sibley

Rose Cottage, Bull Lane

You are cordially invited to the

Private View of an Exhibition of Paintings

At the Edmund Gallery, Angel Hill, Bury St. Edmunds

By Jane Brettell and Glyn Hammond

25th February 2011

6pm – 8.30pm

Exhibition continues until 2nd March 10am - 5pm

For more information call Glyn on 01284 386788

Have your say on the future of Suffolk's Libraries

As a result of reductions in the county council's funding, Suffolk County Council is to reduce the cost of its library service by at least 30%.

A major consultation entitled 'Have Your Say' has begun. It asks community and voluntary groups, businesses, local councils and individuals across Suffolk how they would like their libraries to be run and for new and innovative approaches to running the library service of the future. The deadline for responses is 30 April 2011.

If you would like to know more, or take part please visit

www.suffolk.gov.uk/librariesconsultation2011

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS FOR A SPECIAL OCCASION

Workshop in the Village Hall

If you are interested in learning how to do a flower arrangement for a special occasion such as Easter and in spending a pleasant day being creative, please let Joyce Dainty know, on 01284 386314. If enough people are interested Joyce will organise this.

Parish Council Elections - advanced notification

Our Parish Councillors' 4 year term of office

comes to an end in May of this year.

The election process will begin on Friday **25th March** when Notices of Election will be published. Nomination packs for those wishing to become a Parish Councillor will be available from the **21st March** from the Parish Clerk Marilyn Bottomley, telephone 01284 789303 or from the Electoral Office at West Suffolk House, telephone 01384 763233. The closing date for the submission of completed nomination papers is **noon on Monday 4th April**.

HAWSTEAD READING GROUP

We have started a book club in Hawstead. It will meet in the meeting room of the Village Hall on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. We will provide our own refreshments.

If you would like to join the reading group or think you might be interested, please come along. You will be very welcome.

Our first meeting will be on Thursday 3rd March.

Ann Gibbs

The St Edmundsbury Rural South Safer Neighbourhood Team

We are looking for volunteers to assist us in dealing with local policing issues identified by the community. There are various ways in which you can play your part to help improve the quality of life in your local community -

- Join Neighbourhood Watch or Farm Watch
- Become a Police Support Volunteer to work with US at our office assisting us with a variety of local issues
- Establish a Speed Watch scheme in your village to reduce the incidents of speeding
- Join Police Direct and keep up to date about crime and policing issues in your area.
- Come along to the Community Priority Setting meetings where local issues are discussed. These meetings are attended by your Police, County, District and Parish Councilors. The next meeting is on **Thursday 10th March 2011 at the Erskine Centre in Chedburgh (IP29 4UL) from 7pm-9pm**

We are keen to hear your views and to understand the issues that concern you. To have your say about policing in the county please visit our website and follow the link under Public events diary.

www.onesuffolk.co.uk/SaferSuffolk/StEdmundsburyRuralSouth

You can also e-mail us at stedsruralsouth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk
Monthly statistics are available on the Suffolk County Council website. Just go into www.suffolkcc.gov.uk Put in the field Crime Statistics then click on interactive crime summary xls.

Pc 704 Ruth Horton

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RURAL VISION SUMMIT 2031

At the beginning of February, St Edmundsbury Borough Council began working with people who live and work in the borough to create a vision for what we want our communities to be like in twenty years time.

In the rural areas this work is starting with a rural summit. This summit will be the start of the important process of engaging with rural communities to find out how local issues and opportunities might be addressed over the next 20 years.

The rural summit is for those involved in businesses, agencies and community groups, Community Councils and Parish Councils in rural parts of the borough.

This rural summit is on **Thursday 3 March 2011 3.30 - 6:30pm at Rougham Sports Hall**. It will be followed by a number of local drop-in sessions for the general public, all taking place from 4pm to 7pm - there is no need to book, just drop in.

If you would like to be included on the rural summit delegate list, or you would like more information about the summit, the drop-in sessions, or any general queries, please phone us on: 01284 757368 or email us at -

ruralvision@stedsbc.gov.uk

RURAL ACTION PLAN

Consultation for the Rural Action Plan are already under way.

Thank you to those of you who have already completed our online survey to give us your views about the draft Rural Action Plan. The consultation finishes on 28 February, so there is still time to get involved. To access the draft Rural Action Plan and complete the survey, please go to -

www.stedmundsbury.gov.uk/sebc/live/ruralactionplan.cfm

Hawstead Journal

Next month's editor will be Jayne Robertson. Please send your articles to Jayne on 386164 or email jayne@eastward.co.uk.

It is important to have some new ideas and new input for the Journal, to keep it fresh and relevant. So - would you like to edit the Journal - for just one month? If so, please let me know.

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You can now view the HJ online at www.hawsteadvillagehall.co.uk.