

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(in the hall unless otherwise stated)

Community Council - Meeting 21st July - 7.30 pm

Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 21st July - Public Forum 7.30 pm

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

Tea Dance August date to be announced

Village Pantomime 'Cinderella' - 7th and 8th January 2012

Village Fete - Sunday 4th September

REGULAR EVENTS

Breathe Easy - Weekly on Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.30 am

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

Carpet Bowls - Weekly on Tuesdays 7.30 pm

Reading Group - Monthly 1st Thursday 7.30 pm

OTHER EVENTS

Churchgate Showcase - 23rd July. Street Fair from 10.30 am 'til 3.30 pm. Guildhall St, Hatter St, Whiting St and Langton Pl.

Shop promotions and activities like a Taco Eating Competition, demonstrations, stalls, music, fashion, sports activities and dance throughout the day.

STOP PRESS Hawstead Village Fete and Flower Show

Sunday 4th September

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to run the stalls - please contact Sonja on 386876

PLEASE START COLLECTING anything that would be suitable for the Tombola and books - paperbacks only please - and DVD's

Hawstead Journal - Contributions to Geraldine West, Editor Kellycroft, The Green, Tel 388723, email geraldinewest@waitrose.com

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Hawstead Journal

For the Village by the Village

June 2011

You are invited to visit
The Village Gardens of Hawstead
on

Sunday 17th July,
10 am - 4 pm

Entrance fee £2.50

includes list of open gardens and map
morning coffees and afternoon cream teas
craft stalls and plants for sale
All available at the Village Hall

Proceeds will go to St Nicholas Hospice

Hawstead Community Council ANNUAL REPORT 20010/11

The hall continues to attract bookings for receptions and parties and the occasional conference, which come mainly from the surrounding villages and Bury St. Edmunds. The summer was busy with two week end functions each month. We now operate a walk away service which most of the time works well.

Within the village we have the carpet bowls and yoga still running weekly. Memorable events from last year included the plant sale with the calorie free breakfast. Jo was unable to do the plant sale this this year due to the lack of greenhouse space.

The Theatre Royal put on their touring play, 'The Two of us'. We had a full house. Our village fete was one of the best fete days we have had, with the Green Dragons dancing and Nick Lowe singing for us. There was an amazing array of tractors to admire. Our fruit and flower show continues to survive.

Village quiz nights have been a success with fish and chip suppers.

We have hosted two village parties one last October and one just recently to celebrate the Royal Wedding.

A coffee morning was arranged as part of the biggest coffee morning in support of the Macmillan Trust. We will be doing this again later in the year.

We have catered for Christmas, the Lavenham Deanery, the local singles group, harvest suppers and village parties quite successfully.

The Annual Parish Council was held here this year.

There is a group planning a pantomime for January next year.

Hall maintenance, Health and safety

A PIR light has been fitted over the emergency door in the main hall. This gives good light onto the ramp which butts on to the patio, white lines have been on to the ramp edges. Finger guards have been fitted to all internal doors. The exterior wood has had a protective treatment which will last for five years at least. All external doors and window have been re varnished. The Parish Council funded this. We have installed a water softener for the good of our Hobart dish steriliser.

A new welcome pack has been produced, which will be updated as necessary and given to new arrivals in Hawstead.

Sonja Monk

Chair, Hawstead Community Council

THE INSTALLATION OF THE HATCHMENTS AND THE PRESENTATION OF THE NADFAS RECORD BOOK

On Friday the 6th May a ceremony and lecture took place in our church to celebrate the installation of the newly restored hatchments and the handing over of the NADFAS (National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Society) record book of all monuments, artefacts and fittings contained within the church.

As reported previously the hatchments project has taken about seven years to raise the funds and have the conservation work completed.

After finally obtaining permission from the Diocese to erect the units on the Chancel wall a scaffolding was erected, with great care to ensure no damage was inflicted on the existing monuments.

Dave Dawson supervised Simon Miller and myself in the installation of the units which, though not too heavy, were rather cumbersome to manoeuvre on to the fixings we had installed.

At the dedication a short prayer was given by Rev. Jayne Buckles which was then followed by the presentation of a bound copy of the NADFAS record book to the Parish.

This record has been three years in production requiring much painstaking and detailed work. Other copies will be sent to the Bury Record Office, the V. & A museum, the Council for the Care of Churches and the National Monuments Record Centre in Swindon.

The village copy will be available for inspection by arrangement.

We were then given a highly interesting, and amusing, lecture by Clive Paine relating the hatchments to the various relevant monuments around the church. Those of you who have never been to a C.P. lecture on history have missed a treat, as he has the ability to bring the subject alive in his own special way.

Please take a few minutes and go to the church to see the new installation. I think you might find it interesting.

Bill Crockford

Race for Life!

Sunday 27th June was one of the hottest days this year. It was also the day for Race for Life. Fran and Bethany Evershed met up with a many hundreds of other women of all ages and stages to run the 5 km race. The attached picture was before we left. The picture afterwards was not so attractive! But we did it! (we didn't run quite ALL the way) and the two of us have collected almost £300 in sponsorship for Cancer Research. Thank you to everyone who sponsored us. Retrospective sponsors are accepted go to -

<http://www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/francesevershed0301> if you still want to support us.

The atmosphere in Nowton Park was fantastic. Even Bethany, the most reluctant of the three 10 year olds who were running with me, said 'Can we do it again next year'

So, next year it is. We will hope for cooler weather and will aim to raise even more money. We will be coming to you for sponsorship in good time! Does anyone want to join us? You have a whole year to get in training.

Many thanks,

Fran



SUNDAY NEWSPAPER DELIVERIES

If you would like to have Sunday Newspapers delivered, please contact Shirley Baker on 0794 8415979. Shirley charges 35p per household and delivers very early on Sunday mornings.



Our thanks to

Richard and Jacqui Milns

for generously sponsoring

this month's Hawstead Journal

Village Gardens of Hawstead - 17th July

WE NEED MORE GARDENS TO BE OPEN

PLEASE CONSIDER OPENING YOURS

Your garden may not be ready, finished, done, but what garden ever is? Gardens are always by their very nature

'Work in Progress'.

You may think 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. It doesn't matter if, like ours, there are parts of it that need attention - the out-of-control compost heap, the dead Christmas tree, the specimen weeds!!

And of course **all proceeds will go to St Nicholas Hospice**, so what better reason could you have to spend a few hours in your garden doing nothing more than chatting to visitors?

If you would like a **table in the hall** on the day to sell goods/craft work or advertise your business the cost is £10 (or free if proceeds are donated to the Hospice)

Let me know..... Geraldine on 388732

Hawstead Parish Council Communication

We intend to hit the ground running and to live up to our proposed new mission statement - 'Hawstead Parish Council will work to make Hawstead an even better place in which to live'.

We have an excellent team of councillors who have a variety of skills and the enthusiasm to get things done. We will ensure that the council operates in a business-like way, making the right decisions for the benefit of our community and at all times communicates with you effectively.

We are all looking forward to working together to achieve our proposed set of objectives -

- Engage with villagers to understand their needs and concerns
- Keep villagers informed about the work of the council and about local issues
- Work together with all sectors of the community to achieve villagers' needs and aspirations
- Represent villagers' views to the borough council and to other bodies as required
- Deliver a high standard and cost-effective service to help meet the needs and wishes of villagers
- Protect the environment within the means of the council
- Pursue excellence through continuous improvement

The Parish Council comprises of John West (Chairman), Ros Alexander (Vice Chair), Henry Brewis, Christabel Carr, Michael Harrison, Jayne Robertson, Clive Robinson. The Clerk to the Council is Marilyn Bottomley,

You are all encouraged to attend Parish Council meetings and will be warmly welcomed.

There is a public forum at the start of each meeting to enable you to express your views on village matters.

Please come along to the next meeting on Thursday 21st July at 7.30pm and see your Parish Council in action.

John West

Parish Conference - your views needed

The Spring conference took place on 12 May 2011, with information items on the Rural Action Plan, Rural Vision 2031 and the Localism Bill.

Now is your opportunity to let us know about the issues affecting your parish — what is important to you, and what would you like more information about.

Please email your thoughts to: rural@stedsbc.gov.uk or call us on: 01284 757109.

St Edmundsbury Borough Council

Starting School

Next September children in the area will either be starting their first school or moving up to a new one. The Scripture Union have been publishing books for children for many years. They have published a series of colourful booklets for young people about to start school or moving up to their next school. The books give sensible information and the comic-style pages offer clear advice on that all-important first day in the school.

"Life Actually" is for the older youngster starting at our Upper Schools. "It's Your Move" is for younger kids who are starting Middle Schools. "Get Ready Go !" is aimed at the youngest children who make the giant step into their very first school. You can buy them on-line at Scriptureunion.org.uk or at St Andrews Bookshop on St Johns Street, Bury. Price is about £3-00 each. I have a limited quantity of "It's Your Move" which I will sell for £2-00 each if you phone me on 01284 386493.

Richard Blackwell

RUBY AND HER HORSES

What a super time we had with Ruby and Her Horses earlier this month. Neil Lanham, Ruby's son and Andrew Stannard - 'The Bumpstead Boys' - not only brought Ruby's own life alive but brought a real flavour of what life in rural Suffolk was like in the not-so-distant past. Neil's reminiscences of his life with Ruby, Andrew singing the stories unaccompanied with his fine voice and the evocative photographs of Ruby and her horses, illustrating the tales, made this a truly unique evening.

Rosie Greengrass



Footnote

For those who enjoyed "Ruby And Her Horses" they may like to see the film "Working The land - Farm Life In East Anglia in the 1920's" being shown at the small Abbeygate Cinema in Bury on Saturday 30th July 11.30 am and again at 11.30 am Wednesday 3rd August. Also for young children there are some

storytelling films for the Under 5's on Tuesday 28 June at 10.30 am all classic fairy tales.

RB



Hawstead Community Council

Following our AGM we have a newly elected council -

James Bulbrook - chair and treasurer Brook Cottage, Bells Lane, IP29 5NW
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Sonja Monk - deputy chair, booking secretary and housekeeper
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Rosemary Harrison - minutes secretary and agenda
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Jo Butt - special interest in village events

Pat Baker - general help with special responsibility for tractors when needed

Dave Dawson - play area and general maintenance

Ruth Mackay - general help and craft sessions

Geraldine West - Hawstead Journal

Sarah Web - our caretaker, without whom we could not cope, continues to keep our hall in good condition.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 25th July at 7.30pm. In the meantime James and I will be getting together to review our costs and general mode of practice in view of our last three years of letting the hall.

You are always welcome at any of our meetings. If ever there is anything you wish to bring to our notice do contact James or Rosemary. You can find all our details on the website www.hawsteadvillagehall.co.uk.

Ideas will be needed for the fete once again. We should have a theme this year! Think about it, let us have your ideas.

Sonja Monk

THE FISHERMEN OF HAWSTEAD

We have recently learnt some new vocabulary. Here are a few examples -

zig rig, bivvy, big pit, rig putty, bite alarm, pb, pop up, wide gape.

And here is an example of how these words might be used.

Laurie and Josh arrive at the lake in the early morning, put up their bivvy, set up their rods on a zig rig consisting of a popup and a wide gape. They set the rods on their bite alarms, sit back and wait. When the fish bite, the bite alarm screams, Josh adjusts his big pit and hopes that the fish at the end of his line will be a pb.



Josh with Doris

Two of our teenagers, Laurie Evershed and Josh Hancock are now spending all their available spare time (and all their pocket money!) on fishing. They have joined a club called the Bury A.A. (Angling Association) and often fish at Middle Reservoir at Bradfield Combust. At every session they are hoping to catch the biggest fish in the lake who goes by the name of Doris (it's a boy!!). Josh caught this monster a few weeks ago and she/he weighed in at 32lb 2oz. Earlier in the month Laurie caught two pbs in one session and the biggest was 18lb 8 oz.

So when you overhear a conversation containing expressions such as *pva bags*, *boilies*, *in-line leads*, *spod*, *lead clips*, *bait bands* and *fluorocarbon*, do contact Josh or Laurie I am sure they will be able to translate!

Fran Evershed



Laurie with an 11lb 12 oz Common Carp

JOBS FOR THE BOYS?

As you can see these two boys are very keen on their hobby and are always looking for ways to make money to fund it. They are willing workers, so if you have any suitable jobs for two 14 year olds do ring Josh on 01284 388732 or Laurie on 01284 386501. Suitable jobs might be grass mowing, strimming, digging, other gardening jobs, also car cleaning etc. They are willing to have a go at whatever you need doing.