
HAWSTEAD JOURNAL

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HAWSTEAD OPEN GARDENS

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 26TH MAY 2014



Plenty to see and do, why not make a day of it and invite your friends to see what a beautiful part of the country Hawstead is.

You may well find hidden gems such as ART and PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS, PLANTS and BOOKS for sale a HISTORY LESSON or simply some peace and quiet.

This wonderful event will be sponsored by

ROBINSON'S PORTFOLIO

GARDENS OPEN 10 am – 4 pm
REFRESHMENTS AS WELL AS BOOKS AND PLANTS FOR SALE
IN THE VILLAGE HALL
COLLECT A MAP OF PARTICIPATING GARDENS AT THE HALL FROM 10 am

£2.50

**WITH ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO
ST. NICHOLAS HOSPICE**

CHURCH SERVICES

MAY

Sunday 11th	08.30	Said Eucharist in Hawstead Church
Sunday 25th	11.00	Parish Eucharist in Hawstead Church

JUNE

Sunday 8th	08.30	Said Eucharist in Hawstead Church
Sunday 22nd	11.00	Parish Eucharist in Hawstead Church

We are arranging another work party for churchyard clearance on Saturday 5th July. All helpers would be most welcome.

Lesley Carey

HAWSTEAD VILLAGE BARBEQUE

Come and join the fun and take in the beautiful surroundings of our own Village Green at the

VILLAGE BARBEQUE



- WHERE:** Hawstead Village Hall
- WHEN:** Saturday 21st June at 6pm
- FOOD:** Sausages, chicken and burgers with salads and bread
- COST:** £5 adults, £3 under 13's

TO INCLUDE FIRST DRINK

There will be a cash bar and music.

*Purchase tickets in advance from
Jo Butt on 01284 388817 or
e-mail: joandstevebutt@yahoo.co.uk*



HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MONDAY JUNE 2ND 2014 at 7.30pm **In Hawstead Village Hall**

A G E N D A

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Approval of previous AGM Minutes
3. Matters arising from those Minutes
4. Annual Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Chairperson's Report
7. Election of a Committee
8. Discussion and vote on the amendments to the Constitution.
9. Any other business
10. Refreshments



HAWSTEAD NEEDS YOU

We do hope you have enjoyed the various activities in our Village Hall over the past year. We do our best to provide varied activities that will appeal to all ages. Some minor painting jobs have been carried out on the Hall over the year and the building is coping very well. People do respect it and we have many people coming back each year.

You are all members of the Community Council – the Community Council is everybody in the village - and we have many residents who are more than willing to help with specific tasks. The journal and the website, parties, music, etc. – you are all amazing when it comes to the Fete and Flower Show time. We have our “Open Gardens” soon and do hope that you will all support this.

We need specific talents on the Executive Committee – a treasurer, a booking secretary, a minute and general secretary, a person responsible for the inspection of the play area and surrounding area, the general routine checks and inspections in regard to health and safety. Good community liaison is very important.

Changes need to be made to our Constitution and all people in the village need to be aware of these changes and have a vote. I attach to this a note from Simon Miller, our Chairman, detailing the changes that are proposed to be made. Please read them and then come along on the 2nd June to have a say in what happens in your village. We are always happy to have new members and new ideas on the Executive Committee if you feel you would like to join us but just to see you on the 2nd and have the chance to hear your views about the village will be great.

Rosemary Harrison (Secretary)

Proposed amendments to the constitution of Hawstead Community Council

In section 4 (powers of the Executive Committee) paragraph 5 be amended to read **POWER TO EMPLOY SUCH STAFF AS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE PROPER PURSUIT OF THE OBJECT** deleting the phrase **WHO SHALL NOT BE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE.**

At present a house keeper is employed who is essential to the smooth running and cleanliness of our village hall and needs to sit in on the committee meetings. It is felt that the house keeper should also be able to enter into the decision making process with matters relating to the running and upkeep of the hall.

In section 5 (membership of Hawstead Community Council) paragraph 1 be amended to read **EVERY PERSON RESIDENT IN THE PARISH OF HAWSTEAD, SUFFOLK WILL BE A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL** deleting the phrase **WHO HAS PAID THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION LAID DOWN FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.** Also the sentence **“NON RESIDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN FURTHERING THE OBJECTS OF THE COUNCIL CAN BECOME MEMBERS BY BEING PROPOSED AND SECONDED BY RESIDENT MEMBERS AND RECEIVING A MAJORITY VOTE OF APPROVAL OF MEMBERS AT A GENERAL MEETING”** being added.

The requirement of a membership subscription has long since ceased so by implication every resident of Hawstead can be a member but there is no longer a membership list to prove that anyone is. Amending the wording of the first sentence of this paragraph clarifies that being a resident of the village is the only requirement of membership of the council. From time to time people move out of the village but maintain contact and interest in Hawstead, it is felt that anyone who has an interest in the village and wants to join in with its activities should be able to apply for membership of the Community Council.

In section 5, paragraph 3 deals with the termination of a persons membership of the council, it is felt that this is inappropriate and no longer required so **should be deleted.**

Section 12 deals with receipts and expenditure of the council and the operation of its bank account/s, it is felt that the following sentence be added to paragraph 12. **1 WHEN THE COUNCIL'S BANK ACCOUNT IS OPERATED OVER THE INTERNET, IN ADDITION TO THE TRESURER THE CHAIRMAN WILL ALSO HAVE THE ABILITY TO VIEW THE ACCOUNT AT ANY TIME.**

The office of treasurer is vital to the Community Council and can be quite onerous but the introduction of “on line banking” has reduced the time and effort that the honorary treasurer needs to commit to the duties but it is necessary to introduce an extra measure to protect the council and its officers from any suggestion of financial mismanagement.

A majority vote of members at the AGM is needed to amend the constitution as proposed above; the executive committee believe that these changes are needed for the good of the Community Council and the village. If you have any issues with these proposals we would be pleased to discuss them with you before or at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. If you would like to see the current constitution please contact me and I will email a copy to you.

Simon Miller (Chairman – simon.j.miller@talktalk.net)

Tel: 01284 388841

ARTHUR AND DOREEN'S 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AT HAWSTEAD



MAYDAY MORRIS



Once again a select group of villagers and friends assembled at the corner of Bells Lane to watch Green Dragon Morris celebrate Mayday morning. A delectable breakfast followed thanks to the Evershed family.



HAWSTEAD'S OWN INDIAN RESTAURANT



For one evening only we had our own pop -up restaurant: and what a great success it was. Our Village Hall was transformed into a beautiful Indian style restaurant, thanks to Jo; Steve; Rosemary; Suzanne; Emma and Dave from the Community Council (sorry if anyone else helped and has not been mentioned).

The walls were covered with attractive hangings and the roof beams were draped with many glorious Indian style materials. To complete the picture the hall was adorned with coloured lights and the illusion was completed with the odour of burning incense.

The excellent Indian meal was cooked by staff from the the “Valley Connection” restaurant in Church Street and their service was extremely good.

Richard gave the staff and the Community Council a vote of thanks on behalf of us all.

Margaret Crockford

MEMORIAL CYCLE RIDE

40 years ago in March the final match of the 5 nations (England vs France) was being played in Paris.

18 members of Bury St Edmunds rugby club flew out to watch the game. Sadly they never made it home as an air crash killed all passengers (346 in total) on the return flight.

As you know Bury was and still is a small town and you can imagine the impact this tragedy had on such a close knit community. Many of those who lost their lives were involved in small family businesses and were all very much in their prime being keen players in a local club.



I have several chums who I can count as true friends in Bury who lost their dads on that fateful day and have grown up only too aware of the misfortune that was dealt out to them. Now, 40 years on, 96 of us are cycling from the crash site back to Bury leaving Paris on 7th May and arriving in Bury on 11th May. Far more detail on this tragic event and our cycle ride is available to read on www.memorialcycleride.co.uk

This cycle ride is in memory of the tragic day and we are raising money for two charities. Funds are being split between our fabulous local hospice (St Nicholas Hospice Care) and The Haberdon Trust who are hoping to erect some floodlights on the youth training area down at the rugby club.

Please take a look at the justgiving site below and if anyone feels inclined to sponsor 310 miles of pedal pushing then all donations will be gratefully received . By the time you read this I will be in France on the trip and hopefully finding our way back to the Rugby Club on Sunday 11th May where there will be a small celebration of our achievements in hopefully raising some big funds for the hospice

With best wishes to you all

<http://www.justgiving.com/Rupert-Brown3>

Rupert Brown

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Contact: **01284 386501** for more information.

Thank you for your contributions this month. Our next Journal will be July / August 2014.

Please forward anything you have by 5th July 2014.

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

Judy Carter - Oakhill House, Pinford End, judy@mmgd.co.uk

Tel: 01284 386512 or judy@mmgd.co.uk

QUIZ NIGHT



What a fun evening we had; Mark, as usual, was on top form. All the more entertaining as he wanted to celebrate his 50th Birthday and had decorated the hall accordingly!

Once again we were treated to an array of home made cakes to go with our 'nibbles and drinks'. The questions were interesting and enlightening!

Thanks to Jo and other Community Council members for organising this event.

Judy Carter

HANDSTAND 365 CHALLENGE



If you've seen a young lady upside down in the village recently here's why.....

HANDSTAND 365 CHALLENGE

I have set myself the challenge of doing a handstand a day for a year. My friend in Australia is doing it and as you can imagine his photos are of amazing scenery and I looked forward to seeing them everyday as he posts them on Facebook. He said I should join in so I have!

I am now on Day 113 as I write this and I have attached some that I have done around Hawstead.

Its something a little different and my followers on Facebook seem to enjoy seeing them each day.

Katie Pruden

ETHEL AND JIM'S DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

Ethel Lebbon cannot remember what play she saw at Cockfield Village Hall when she met husband Jim, but it was more than 60 years ago.

That meeting with the boy from Hawstead led to marriage 60 years ago at Cockfield church.

Ethel, 81, said: "It was a long way to bike over every night, but he did."

Ethel had moved to Suffolk from Wales at 14 but Jim, 82, was from Hawstead, where they still live.

Jim then worked on Maurice Wright's farm, from where he went to Greene King, Howard Rotorvators and Swallows before becoming a gardener. They have one daughter, Yvonne Clark, and two grandchildren.

For a long marriage, Ethel advises: "If you argue, don't sulk. Just have your say and that's it."



From an article in the Bury Free Press

HOME SWAPPING

EVER WONDERED ABOUT HOME SWAPPING?

We are looking for people who want to try out a home swap holiday in Britain for a new **BBC TV series**.

Enjoy a unique holiday experience in a stunning part of Britain...

Do you live in an interesting home you'd be happy to swap with someone elsewhere in the UK for a short break?

Would you like the chance to have a new experience and discover local cuisine, sight-seeing that goes beyond the guide book, and an authentic place to stay?

Do you:

- Live in an interesting property such as a conversion, a charming cottage, a super-modern apartment, a historic building, a period house or have an unbelievable view?
- Want a short UK break and chance to discover a new area?
- Like the idea of a house swap holiday, but have never tried it?

IF SO THEN GET IN TOUCH NOW!

For an application form or an initial chat please email homeswapholidays@bbc.co.uk with your contact details



MAGLIA ROSSO CYCLE SHOP OPENING

The long awaited opening of the **Maglia Rosso Cycle Shop and Cafe** (ex. *Metcalfe Arms*) occurred on Monday the 28th May.

This was in effect an unofficial opening, as it is hoped that an official opening will be made by some cycling personality at a later date.

The premises have been extended at the rear into the old existing barn to incorporate the cafe section and new toilet accommodation.

The old bar space now houses the sales area with the bar itself becoming the sales counter.

For those of us who fancy the occasional cycle ride but do not have a bike, a hire service is available.

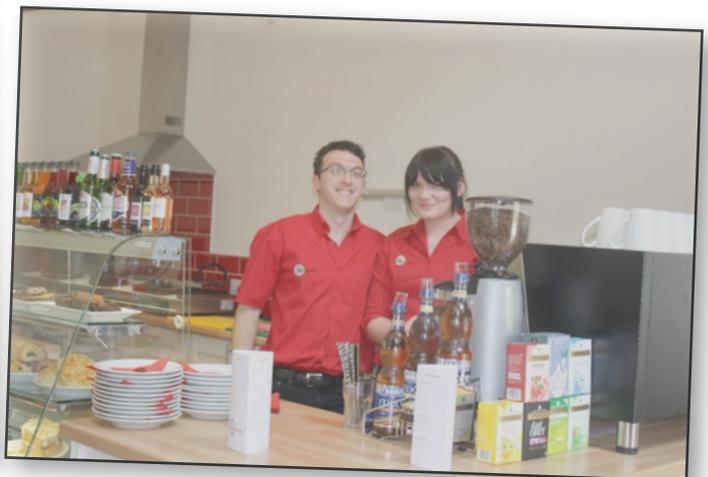
An alcoholic drinks licence has been applied for but has not yet been obtained.

Opening times for that facility have not yet been determined but who knows, we may even have a virtual (pop up?) pub again.

It is great that an alternative use has been found for the building having a social character rather than turning into yet another residence.

Let us wish them *all success in the venture.*

Bill Crockford



HAWSTEAD WINE CLUB - MARCH AND APRIL

HATS 27th March 2014 Bill and Margaret enlightened us on wines of The Iberian Peninsula, all carefully chosen at Majestic. These Portuguese and Spanish wines included some unusual grape varieties. Our favourite white was from Rias Baixas in North West Spain and the grape was an aromatic Albarino. The top red was a robust Portuguese blend of Trincadeira, Aragonez and Syrah. This just goes to show if you do divert occasionally from your usual tippie you may get a pleasant surprise!

HATS 24th April 2014 Gisela did a fascinating presentation of wines from the Mosel/Rhine regions of Germany. These had all been purchased by her on a visit last year. She educated us about how the grapes are harvested at various stages of ripeness to determine the official quality category. Due to the moderate climate the grapes are harvested in October and November and because they are on the vines for longer it enhances the flavour and aroma. It was a pleasant surprise how cheaply they could be purchased; although our first choice did cost ten Euros; our second was a mere €6.80!

Our May meeting is on the 29th in the meeting room. Please contact *Judy* if you would like any more information. judy@mmgd.co.uk.

HAWSTEAD CARPET BOWLS CLUB

We had a match arranged against Stanningfield Carpet Bowls Club at their hall on Tuesday 15th April. We duly arrived at 7.15 p.m. to find that their hall had been double-booked. Fortunately we were able to retrace our steps and have the match in our village hall. We formed quite a procession driving down Bells Lane! We had a lovely evening – the only downside being that we lost by 9 points.

Don't forget where we are – the village hall on Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. We would love to see you.

Rosemary Harrison

HAWSTEAD READING GROUP

Our March meeting was held at Judy Carter's and well attended. We had lovely food and drinks whilst we discussed *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* by *Mark Haddon*.

This is a murder mystery novel like no other. The detective and narrator is 15 year old Christopher Boone who has Asperger's Syndrome. He knows a great deal about maths and very little about human beings! He has never gone further than the end of the road on his own but when he finds a neighbour's dog murdered he sets out on a terrifying journey which will turn his world upside down!

Haddon has created a wonderfully brilliant character and his depiction of Christopher's world is deeply moving, very funny and utterly convincing. A previous Whitbread Book of the Year, most of us enjoyed the book and some of us could relate it to people like Christopher that we know.

Nancy was kind enough to invite us for the April meeting. She provided some much appreciated nibbles and drinks. We discussed *The Thread* by *Victoria Hislop*. As a group we had previously read *The Island*, which was a resounding success. However the opinion on this book was varied.

The story begins in 1917 in Thessaloniki. Dimitri is born during a devastating fire. Katerina is born 5 years later in Asia Minor and finds herself in Greece after the Turkish army destroy her home. Their lives become entwined. Fast forward to 2007 and their grandson has life changing decisions to make after hearing their story. It shows us how Muslims, Jews and Christians lived happily together but also the difficulties encountered during the Greek war and how badly women were treated.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 7th May at Jo's house when we will be discussing *The Book Thief*.

Ann and Judy

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 <i>Jacquie Milns</i> 388813 email: sales@rjmcars.co.uk)

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:

15th May	17th July
18th September	20th November

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

In the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

Community Council Meeting	12th May 7.30pm
Parish Council Meeting	15th May 7.30pm
The Hidden Gardens of Hawstead	26th May - Around Hawstead
Community Council AGM	2nd June 7.30pm
Open Garden	8th June 2-6pm The Green Cottage
Summer BBQ	21st June
Church Work Party	5th July - Hawstead All Saints Churchyard
Village Fete	7th September
Macmillan Coffee Morning	4th October

BABY SITTING SERVICE

Hello, my name is **Jessica Jackson** and I currently live in Hawstead.

I am interested in baby sitting jobs in and around the village.

Please contact me on 01284 388605 for further information.

Thank you

