

HAWSTEAD JOURNAL

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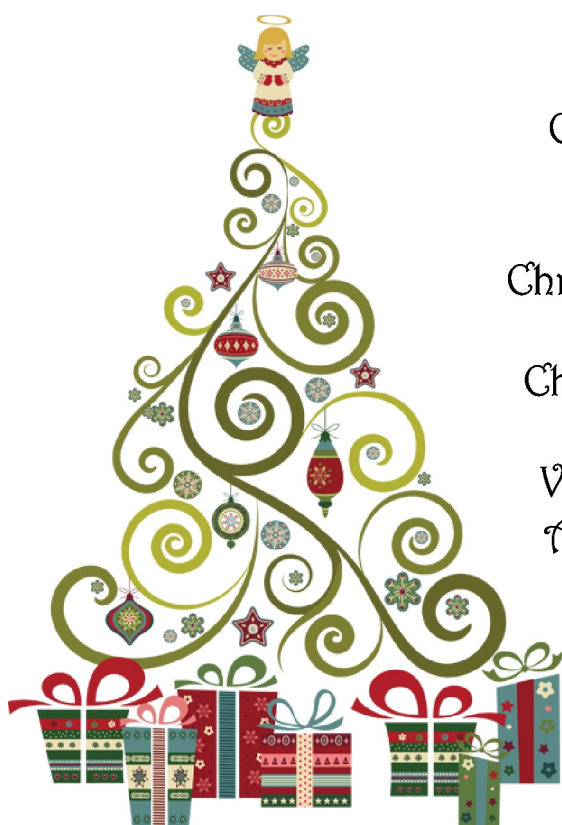
CHRISTMAS FAYRE

A Christmas invitation from the crafty folk of Hawstead

Sunday 7 December

10am–1pm at Hawstead Village Hall

... serving coffee, tea and cakes with a Christmas flavour plus sausage and bacon rolls



Christmas stalls
selling...

Christmas wreaths &
decorations
Christmas goodies
Preserves
Village craftwork
And much more

Come along and get some ideas for Christmas presents!!!

If you are interested in having a stall at the **Christmas Fayre** please contact:
Jo Butt on Tel: 388817 or e-mail joandstevebutt@yahoo.co.uk

CHURCH SERVICES - HAWSTEAD UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

NOVEMBER

Sunday 9th	08.30	Said Eucharist & Remembrance Service with Nowton
Sunday 23rd	11.00	Morning Service

DECEMBER

Sunday 14th	08.30	Said Eucharist
Sunday 14th	18.00	Nine Lessons and Carols with Nowton
Wednesday 24th	23.30	Midnight Mass
Sunday 28th	10.30	Benefice Eucharist at Stanningfield (No Service at Hawstead)

A BIG **THANK YOU** to the walkers and sponsors for the *Benefice Walk*, **£725** was raised for Benefice Funds.

Another BIG **THANK YOU** to all the helpers for the Churchyard clear up held on October 11th. The big hedge was tackled and now looks splendid! The next chance you have to help with this worthwhile task will be March 2015, date to be arranged.

Whilst Steve & Andy cut the hedge the rest of us tidied up after them!



A service of Remembrance will be held at All Saints Hawstead on Sunday 9th November at 8.30am. This is a shared service with Nowton, when the names of the local servicemen from both World Wars who died will be read out.

We have Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday 14th December at 6.00pm. This will also be a shared service with Nowton. Come and get into the festive mood with mulled wine and mince pies afterwards.

Midnight Mass will be at All Saints Hawstead, starting at 11.30pm on 24th December, Christmas Eve. Please come and join us celebrate the birth of Christ.

Lesley Carey



Dear PARISHIONERS,

I am very pleased to announce that the '*Speedwatch*' equipment has arrived in my safe possession. This means we can now organise our team of volunteers to carry out the project. The intention is to reduce, by education, the number of speeding cars in our village in order to safeguard our Children, Residents, Animals and '*create a better place in which to live!*' I need lots of **VOLUNTEERS** to be trained on **Speedwatch**, which is one of my projects on behalf of the Parish Council. It won't take much time as we will be operating on a rota basis.

If you would like to volunteer or need more information before deciding please email me and I will be in contact.

So far we have the following members of '*SMASH*' a mnemonic for **SPEEDWATCH MAKES A SAFER HAWSTEAD**.

Andy T
Ross A
Christabel C
Clive R
Steve B

... but I need more! Ideally I am looking for 10 to 15 in total to form a workable rota.

I look forward to hearing from you info@robinsonportfolio.co.uk or call 07796 271716.

Many thanks

Cllr Clive Robinson

HAWSTEAD BROADBAND

B T INFINITY

Good news, it appears that BT infinity has finally arrived in Hawstead. The speed available will depend on your distance from the cabinet. (bottom of Bull Hill).

To check what will be available for you, go to www.bt.com/infinity and put in your phone number.

To take advantage of the new high speed internet, you will have to upgrade your service with either your existing provider or shop around for a better deal.

CHRISTMAS DRINKS



PAMPERED CHEF EVENING

Many thanks to those of you that came along to the PSP / Lawshall All Saints school fundraiser on 26th September at Hawstead Village Hall.

In total we raised £122 for the school and £132 for the PSP Association. Your support was much appreciated!

Liz Hooper

FREE RANGE HAWSTEAD GEESE

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available oven-ready for your Christmas dinner

The expected size of these tasty, succulent birds is 10-12lb
- plenty for an average family meal.
Ready the week before Christmas.

To discuss your Christmas dinner needs please speak to
Andy or Fran on 01284 386501 or email on
evershed1@tiscali.co.uk



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING - HAWSTEAD VILLAGE HALL 4TH OCTOBER

I would like to give a very big thank you to all who came and supported us on behalf of the **Macmillan Cancer Support** charity and to all the ladies who made the wonderful array of delicious cakes and preserves, and for all your very generous donations, we made a fantastic sum of **£1142**.

I would also like to give a big thank you to all the ladies and young people who helped to make our very special **Macmillan** bunting. Well done, it looked splendid.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank everyone who helped to make this a great success for the charity, it couldn't do without you.

Joyce Dainty



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HAWSTEAD CRAFT GROUP

The craft group meets on the last Monday of the month in the Village Hall from 10am. This is a drop-in facility, so feel free to come and go as you please. Different on-going projects are tackled and the idea is to offer each other help and advice.

The crafts represented at our last meeting were knitting, crocheting, patchwork, rag-rugging and a lady spinning wool!

If you would like to join our friendly group then please come along to our next session on Monday 24th November

There will not be a December meeting

Jo Butt

Mark's ? ? ? ? ?
It's nearly...
Christmas Quiz Night

Friday 21 November
Hawstead Village Hall
7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start

BYO drink and food. Wear something festive. Festive team names – get thinking. Tables of up to 8 adults. Adult themes but children welcomed under supervision. £3 per person.



Please book your places or table through Susanne White at susanne@pamplin.me.uk, phone 01284 388166 or text 07887 591853. Numbers limited so please book promptly. Just one or two adults? Don't worry, we'll have space on tables.

The Hawstead Journal was kindly sponsored this month
by Lesley Carey of Church Farmhouse.

**VOLUNTEER/S WANTED
TO PRODUCE FOUR EDITIONS
OF THE JOURNAL IN 2015.**

(Assistance will be provided when possible)

Please contact Judy or David judy@mmgd.co.uk, 01284 386512

Thank you for your contributions this month. Our next Journal will be January / February 2015. Please forward anything you have by 9th January 2015.

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

Judy Carter - Oakhill House, Pinford End, Tel: 01284 386512 or judy@mmgd.co.uk

CHRISTMAS SENIORS LUNCH

Hawstead Community Council invites all
Hawstead Villagers aged 60+ to our...

Christmas Seniors Lunch

Welcome drink, followed by three-course meal and coffee

Thursday 18 December
Hawstead Village Hall
12.30pm for a prompt 1pm start

All Hawstead villagers aged 60+ years are
welcome to join us to celebrate Christmas
together in Hawstead at our annual Christmas
lunch. Simply bring your own drink and wear
something festive! **Booking essential**

**Places must be booked before Monday 8 December, no
exceptions.** Please book places through Susanne White
at susanne@pamplin.me.uk, phone 01284 388166
or text 07887 591853.



Kindly funded by Hawstead Community Council

CHRISTMAS FAYRE - SEE FRONT PAGE

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Tel: 388817 or e-mail joandstevebutt@yahoo.co.uk

I will be making wreaths to sell at the **Christmas Fayre**. If you would like to order one and choose
the foliage and/or colours please get in touch with me to discuss. Prices between £10 - £15
Contact details as above.

Jo Butt

ELMSWELL SCOUT TROOP SUMMER CAMP 2014 – HAWSTEAD, SUFFOLK



Elmswell Scout Troop were fortunate enough to be offered the opportunity to camp on the John Brown and Sons farm in Hawstead, Suffolk during August 2014.

Using a greenfield site such as this on private land gave the 30 strong Scout troop freedom to exercise some of the Scouting skills that would not be available on public camping grounds. For example all the Scouts were initially sceptical of the solar showers. But they were all persuaded to try the showers and were pleasantly surprised at the heat of the water. The Leaders were also thankful to see a brief return to cleanliness.

The Scouts were split into patrols to try out activities such as map reading and hiking, firelighting, air rifle shooting, fishing and pioneering which were all carried out in the immediate area. The daily routine of flag ceremonies, cooking and washing-up, collecting water and an all-important campfire with songs and skits were all essential tasks that the secure site enabled, as well as safe access to the river Lark.

The Scouts went to the local Lackford Lakes near Bury St Edmunds for a day of sailing, kayaking, rafting and hiking which was an amazing day out in the sun after recent heavy rain, and returned to Hawstead for a well-earned hearty supper and marshmallows that evening.



The week was thoroughly enjoyed by all and gave this young generation a fantastic opportunity to develop their Scouting and leadership skills. Scouting is dependant on the generosity and community spirit of landowners. Rupert and Milly Brown can be proud of the role they have played in producing the next set of young people who will care for their environment, their friends and colleagues and be effective leaders of the next generation.

Thank you.

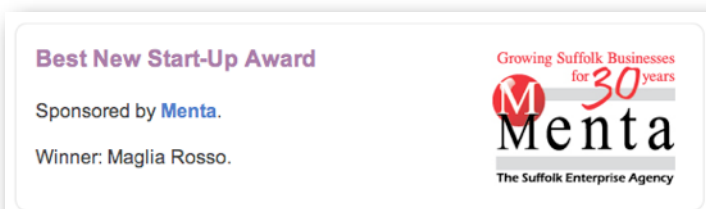
Elmswell Scout Troop.



A DOUBLE SUCCESS IN HAWSTEAD

The Bury Free Press Business Awards 2014 was held at The Apex in Bury St. Edmunds on October 10th. This glittering black-tie event was to recognise the diverse and entrepreneurial talent West Suffolk has to offer.

There were several categories but Hawstead's **Maglia Rosso** Independent Cycle Shop and Licenced café won the **Best New Start-Up Award**.



Congratulations to *Barry and Matt Denny* and all family members involved in the business. Not forgetting the employees in both the café and shop, who go out of their way to make us feel welcome when we visit.

What an achievement and certainly something we are very proud to have in our village!

A REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT BY OUR LOCAL FARMERS



Suffolk Agricultural Association's annual Farm Business Awards took place this year over a couple of days in June.

There are three categories of farms, small, medium and large. **John Brown & Sons** came **First** in the **Large Category for Farms over 400 Hectares**.

The Judges commented

*'We felt that John Brown & Sons was a justified winner, if only by the narrowest of margins. Their business, and enterprise management was carried to an exceptionally high standard. This became very evident when talking to **Mr R Brown** and his father, and looking at the impressive crops they had grown in this very testing season. They pay a great deal of attention to the environment, with land in the Organic entry level Scheme and ELS.'*

They also have a number of very successful diversification enterprises, including a venue for weddings and parties, a holiday let, fishing, and a soil screening business.'

Church Farm had previously won this competition in 2010, 2011 and 2012. In 2013 they came third and won again this year.

Many Congratulations to The Brown Family and all concerned in gaining this award.

HAWSTEAD WINE CLUB - SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

Our **September** meeting was presented by *Norman* and *Ann*. Their wines were purchased from *Majestic* and included some of their top selling 'newcomers'. A Shiraz from Chile was in first place, hotly followed by a 2004 Rioja. Interestingly none of the wines featured in our top three were white. Third place was taken by a Rosé from the Luberon in Northern Provence.

On the 30th **October** *Richard* and *Jacquie* chose a theme of '*Loire Valley Wines*'. This was inspired by a holiday they had enjoyed several years ago in the area. As they found it was not easy to source wines from this region, although Waitrose appeared to have more on their shelves than any other outlet. Our favourite was a sparkling Chenin Blanc from Aldi with a terrific price of £6.79 – well worth stocking up for Christmas and parties. Second place was given to a Pouilly Fume Sauvignon Blanc from Waitrose. Waitrose also gave us our third choice a 'Les Nivieres' from the Saumur area which is solely Cabernet Franc grape.

Both these evenings were greatly enjoyed and we look forward to our November presentation, which will be hosted by *Ruth* and *Bridget*.

Judy Carter

HAWSTEAD READING GROUP

Our **September** meeting was held at *Janet Watson's* where we enjoyed lovely canapés including smoked salmon blinis.

We were a smaller group than usual but had a lively discussion about "*The Elegance of the Hedgehog*" by *Muriel Barbary*. The novel follows *Renee* the concierge of an apartment block for the rich, who hides her intelligence behind what she conceives to be the stereotype of her social role and *Paloma*, a 12 year old brain box who plans to kill herself on her 13th Birthday! *Renee* leads a lonely life and *Paloma* detests the vacuous privileged life she leads until a new resident, *Kakuro Ozu* - a cultured Japanese businessman arrives who perceives their separate loneliness and breaks through their shells to encourage them to reveal their true natures.

Originally published in 2006 in French this philosophical book was quite a departure from other books we have read but most finished it and were glad they stuck with it!

On 1st **October** we met at *Geraldine West's* to discuss "*The Bat*" by *Jo Nesbo*. Quite a dramatic contrast from the "*Hedgehog*" this is *Nesbo's* first novel written in 1997 and not published in English until now following his detective *Harry Hole*.

Set in Australia Norwegian *Harry* has been sent to help Sydney police investigate the murder of a Norwegian girl on a gap year. When the team unearths a string of unsolved murders and disappearances the hunt for a serial killer is on but he will only speak to *Harry*! For *Harry Hole* fans this is a disappointing book and none of the group found it a particularly good read which is written in quite a male chauvinistic manner. As my first *Nesbo* book I have to say it put me off reading another although I gather this is not up to his usual standard.

On a positive note we had a very enjoyable evening which was well attended and *Geraldine's* ginger cake was delicious!

Our next meeting is at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 5th November at *Jacquie Milns*.

Ann Gibbs

REGULAR EVENTS

Michael's "Free to Move" Class	Weekly on Mondays - 7 - 8.00pm
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 <i>(held in members' homes)</i>
HATS (Wine Club)	Last Thursday of the month 8.00 pm <i>(not December)</i>
Hawstead Craft Group	Last Monday of the month 10am - 4pm <i>(not December)</i>
Hawstead Oil Buying Group	Orders placed end of each month <i>(contact Jacquie Milns 01359 233143 email: richardmilns@gmail.com)</i>

HAWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

*Meetings held at the Village Hall unless otherwise stated
Everyone is warmly welcome to attend, in fact you are positively encouraged to come!*

Meetings held bi-monthly on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm.

Dates arranged are:

20th November	15th January 2015	19th March
21st May	16th July	17th September
19th November		

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

In the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

Parish Council Meeting	20th November - 7.30pm
Mark's Nearly Christmas Quiz Night	21st November - 7 for 7.30pm
Hawstead Craft Group	24th November - 10am to 4pm
Hawstead Christmas Fayre	7th December - 10am to 1pm
Carol Service	14th December - 6pm Hawstead Church
Village Seniors' Christmas Lunch	18th December - 12.30pm
Hawstead Christmas Drinks	20th December - 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Christmas Pantomime	2nd January 2015 - 3.00pm - Theatre Royal