

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*(in the hall unless otherwise stated)*

Community Council - Annual General Meeting

Thursday 2nd June 7.30 pm Refreshments will be served

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

Ruby and her Horses - Saturday 11th June 7.00 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

Original T Bag Designs - Friday 17th June 10am to 12.30pm

### 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

Reading Group - Monthly 1st Thursday 7.30 pm

### Race for Life Sunday 26 June @ 11am

On 26 June Rosemary Harrison and Amanda Brown will be taking part in the Race for Life in Nowton Park as TEAM HAWSTEAD. This may be a "tortoise and hare" race for us and leave you to decide who is who! We hope to raise as much money as possible for Cancer Research UK and would appreciate any sponsorship. If you would like to sponsor us then please speak to either of us or go to -

[www.raceforlifesporsome.org/amandabrown1203](http://www.raceforlifesporsome.org/amandabrown1203).

Thank you for your support.

Rosemary Harrison - tel (01284)386157

# Hawstead Journal

For the Village by the Village

Editor: Geraldine West

May 2011

In aid of Hawstead Village Hall  
The Bumpstead Boys present

## RUBY & HER HORSES



A true life Suffolk  
narrative in  
Story Song & Screen  
set against the  
hardships of the  
agricultural depression

'If you get a chance to see these two entertainers, grab the opportunity with both hands!' - *The East Anglian Daily Times*

'Quite brilliant, excellent entertainment from sadness to side splitting laughter, magnificent photos on big screen presentation - should not be missed' 'A special evening, delightful' *West Suffolk Newspapers*

## The Village Hall HAWSTEAD

Saturday 11th June 2011

7.00pm for 7.30pm start - Tickets £8 (to include ploughman's supper) from  
Sicklesmere Post Office or Sonja Monk 01284 386876

## The Parish Council Elections

Vacant Seats 7, Electorate 248, Ballot papers issued 155, Turnout 62.50%

The following people were elected to be our representatives  
on Hawstead Parish Council -

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Michael HARRISON  
Ballacraigne  
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Jayne ROBERTSON  
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Clive ROBINSON  
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## The Clerk to the Parish Council

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## The Parish Council Website

<http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/HawsteadPC/>

## Park and Ride Bus Services

As many of you may have already found out, the Ipswich Park and Ride service no longer operates from the Bury Road location. As one of the cutbacks, it now only operates between London Road and Martlesham.

However, the service is excellent and operates every 10 minutes Monday to Saturday, excluding Bank Holidays.

From 1st. April, the Ipswich Park & Ride is no longer part of the national bus service and thus free travel on a Senior Citizens pass will not be available. Holders of these passes travelling after 0930 will be able to buy a special rate group return ticket for £1.50. I understand this will cover up to five eligible persons travelling together, so it still represents very good value for money.

The Cambridge and Norwich Park & Ride services have not changed and thus, at the time of writing, the Senior Bus passes can still be used for free travel after 0930.

Michael Harrison

## Police Rural News

The next Community Priority Setting Meeting will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> June at Risby Village Hall, Aylmer Close, Risby IP28 6RT at 7pm. The meeting will last approximately 2 hours. These meetings are attended by the police, county, district and parish councillors, as well as our partners from Health and Educational organisations. **Members of the public are welcome.**

The objective is to -

- Discuss issues put forward by the local community and provide information.
- Discuss the top three priorities chosen by members of the public and decide how we are going to tackle them.

We have a new **police community support officer** for the village named Kayla Packman, who can be contacted on 01473 613500 or by email at [stedsruralsouth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:stedsruralsouth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk).

The **Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator** for the village is Joan Baker on 01284 386657 [joanandpat@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:joanandpat@hotmail.co.uk) and the representative for The Pound is Michael Harrison on 01284 386157

The police non emergency number is 01284 774100, or you can email us on [stedsruralnorth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:stedsruralnorth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

## Our Bus Services

After some months of speculation as to whether we will still have a village bus service beyond the end of March, the good news is that we will.

From 4th April a new 375 service will operate replacing the one run by Chambers and also replacing the school bus operated by Cuttings. The new service will be operated jointly by Mulleys and Felix Taxis. There will be no service on Sundays.

On school days Mulleys will operate a large bus picking up at Hawstead Green opposite the bus shelter at 0802. This will drop off at St.Louis Middle School, St.Andrews Street South and then the Arc Shopping Centre. It will not go into the Bus Station but will finish its journey at King Edward VI School, Grove Road.

On non-school days Felix Taxis will operate a mini-bus picking up at Hawstead Green at 0805. This bus will drop off as above but will terminate at the Bus Station at 0817. It will not go on to the King Edward VI School.

On Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays Mulleys will operate a 'shoppers' service picking up at Hawstead Green at 0950 and again at 1351. This service will drop off at St.Andrews Street South, The Arc and will terminate at the Bus Station.

For the return journeys on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays Mulleys will operate the 'shoppers' service from the Bus Station at 1300.

On school days Mulleys will operate a bus starting at King Edward School at 1600. This bus will pick up passengers from the Bus Station at 1610.

On non-school days Felix Taxis will operate a mini-bus from the Bus Station at 1610.

A final return bus will operate from the Bus Station at 1740. This will be a large bus by Mulleys on school days and a mini-bus by Felix Taxis on non-school days.

This information was supplied to me by Suffolk County Council and hopefully is correct. By the time you read this, the services should be in operation. Full details of this and other Suffolk bus services can be found at [www.suffolkonboard.com](http://www.suffolkonboard.com).

From 1st April the Senior Citizens Bus Pass cannot be used before 0930. However, it is my understanding that when the only bus from the village goes before 0930, the pass can be used on that bus. Therefore, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays the pass should be valid for use on the early bus just after 8am. We will have to give it a try!

**Michael Harrison**

## Our Borough Councillor

Hello, I am Angela Rushen, your representative for Chedburgh ward on the St Edmundsbury Borough Council. The ward includes the villages of Chedburgh, Hawstead, Wepstead, Chevington and Rede.

I was brought up, and still live, on the family farm in Hawstead with my husband, Terry. I have two grown up sons and two grandsons. My career was in teaching, mainly in Suffolk and Cambridgeshire, but now I am retired with free time, commitment and energy to devote to work in the wider local community.



I am a past chairman of both Hawstead Parish Council and Community Council and am currently a Trustee of the Metcalfe Almshouses in Hawstead.

As your Borough Councillor, my first priority is to give everyone in Chedburgh ward a strong, representative voice on the Council. I am a firm believer in maintaining the unique, individual character of the different villages in the ward and as a long term resident I am aware of the nature of, and the need to support, the local economy, rural services and the rural environment.

I am pleased to say that I have been appointed to serve on the Development Control Committee and the Grant Working Party and I am a substitute for the Rural Area Working Party.

Nigel Aitkens, has worked hard as councillor for this ward for a number of years and I am committed to continue his good work.

My telephone number is 01284 386 647 and my e-mail address is [angela.rushen@stedsbcc.gov.uk](mailto:angela.rushen@stedsbcc.gov.uk)

**Angela Rushen**

**May 2011**

## Our County Councillor

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## HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 2ND JUNE

7.30 PM

We will be -

Reviewing the past year

Listening to your ideas and suggestions for the coming  
year

Refreshments will be served

**PLEASE DO COME ALONG**

Original T Bag Designs

Friday 17 June 10am to 12.30pm

Hawstead Village Hall

Find out how recycled T bags have changed the lives of a group of women and their families living in Imizamo Yethu a township in Hout Bay, South Africa. Hear the fascinating story and watch the D.V.D of how the idea came about to use a humble "used" T bag to create unique works of art.

See the beautiful products, including bags, aprons, coasters, T light holders, stationery and much more..... Free entry. Tea/ coffee and cakes. All welcome. For a preview go to [www.tbagdesigns.co.za](http://www.tbagdesigns.co.za)

All sale proceeds go direct to the women in Imizamo Yethu.

## The Hawstead Journal

### Financial statement

The Hawstead Journal costs approximately £50 per month to produce. This is made up as follows -

Rental of the printer £10

Printing costs for 135 copies of the Journal with on average 6 - 8 A4 pages per copy i.e. 810 pages £40 approx. Costs vary from month to month. These figures exclude VAT which we are not liable for.

The Journal is funded as follows - £200 pa from the Parish Council, £200 pa from the Community Council and £275 pa in sponsorship mostly from villagers (£25 per month for 11 months).

### The future of the Journal

As some of you will know I resigned as editor in February after many years involvement and this month was to have been my last, however as nobody has come forward to take my place, I have decided to continue to produce the Journal until after the next PC meeting towards the end of July. My suggestion for the future of the Journal is that a management team of perhaps six people is put together consisting of two people from the Parish Council, two people from the Community Council and two from the village and that the team oversees production and finds editors, possibly from the village, for each month.

I do believe the journal is of great value to the community and would ask you to consider joining this management team and/or being an editor occasionally - possibly as infrequently as once a year.

### The tasks for the editor include -

Gathering material from Parish and Community Councils, neighbourhood watch/police, the PCC (church times and church related events), village hall event organisers and lastly, but by no means least, the villagers. These are mostly received by email so very little typing is involved.

Identifying and including things that might affect/interest the village i.e. St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Suffolk County Council initiatives and decisions, bus time table changes, events in the town etc.

Desktop publishing/word-processing the HJ. (DTP is very easy to use and tuition will be given if required!)

Sending the draft to Fran Evershed our proof reader (who has kindly agreed to continue in this role) and making amendments identified by her.

Printing the Journal and taking it to the team of distributors.

These tasks are quite enjoyable (and I have enjoyed being the editor immensely) and none of them is too onerous especially if shared with others.

Geraldine West [geraldinewest@waitrose.com](mailto:geraldinewest@waitrose.com) 01284 388732

June, response to the appeal, £282 already subscribed. After a deposit of £500 the balance was payable within one month. Six to eight volunteers were needed on the afternoon of June 8<sup>th</sup> to help unload and store. No reply to planning permission or compulsory purchase order! Applying for a grant put the committee into difficulty. It had been assumed that having obtained permission from Thingoe Rural District Council they could go ahead. Further permission was needed to erect any building on a village green. The County Council applied on our behalf to erect a cricket pavilion combined with a village hall, to the Secretary of State for the environment.

Miss Woodman Smith kept in touch with this and replied to all correspondence. They now just had to wait. The Commoners Commissioner would not be coming to Suffolk until after Christmas. Within this time fund raising and all of the usual community events continued.

#### September 1977

**Traditional fete day the 3<sup>rd</sup> September the hall was ready for use.**

This building was in use until 2002, when a strong wind badly damaged it. During its life here on the green it was much loved. It gave us close to £60,000 towards a new hall.

If the Community Council had erected a brick building it would most likely still be there. They may not have built where they did. Many other sites were considered including that of the old Mission Hall.

The Community Council became a Registered Charity in 1996.

A play area was created during in 1999.

A Millenium Book was produced 2001.

We opened our present hall in 2008.

Miss Elsa Kilpatrick was the longest serving member of the Community Council. It was sad that she did not see the finished product. Elsa celebrated her ninetieth building in the old hall, she said it was the best party she had ever been to. Miss Stella Woodman Smith did see it finished, Stella thought it was very fine.

Many of the original team are still very active in village activities. Still bowling and putting on the fete and the produce show.

Long may it continue.

Sonja Monk

Our thanks to  
Nancy Dawson  
Of Bridge Cottage, Pinford End  
for generously sponsoring  
this month's Hawstead Journal

#### KNITTING WOOLS

I am keen to knit some dolls for charity and need double knitting wool. If you have any balls or part balls left over from knitting you have done of any colour I would be very grateful if I could have it. If you give me a ring on 386157 I shall be pleased to pick it up.

Rosemary Harrison

#### That's not my job

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

Author unknown.

Mike Sibley

### Hawstead's Horse Chestnut Trees

Four of the Horse Chestnut trees on the village green are now part of a trial of a new garlic-based remedy for the two major ailments that they have - the leaf miner moth and the fatal bleeding canker.

Improvements in the trees' condition should be apparent almost immediately, however it will be some time before we can be sure that they are free from these two ills.



### May Day Celebrations in Hawstead

If you were still in bed at 5.15 am (yes am) on 1st May, then you missed a real treat. To greet the dawn and the coming of summer with the help of the Green Dragon Morris and to enjoy Fran and Andy's fantastic breakfast is an event that should not be missed!



A car treasure hunt was arranged at 20p a car.

**April** A cricket match was fixed for June. Mrs. Joan Baker undertook to set up a women's team, Mr. Risby the men's. Soft balls to be used, men batting left handed. Teas, draw-charge of 15p per player.

Hawstead was well known for the perfect cricket pitch.

### The village hall

Mr Sheriff, the chairman announced that he, the treasurer and Mr Clarke had been to see a sectional building at Thetford, belonging to Mr Harry Payling's factory. This was for sale for £2,500, inclusive of internal partitions, electrical fittings, storage heaters and venetian blinds. It had to be removed by June 7<sup>th</sup>. There was not enough money to purchase it outright, there was also the problem of storage. The total cost was thought to be £4,000 at completion. It was thought that the cricket team and others could dismantle it and store, in Mr. Maddever's barn. It was proposed that they try to make the purchase.

**May** A price of £2,250 had been negotiated for the hut including dismantling and delivery. £1,750 was available. Photographs were taken to show the village. A letter was sent to every house explaining the financial position and asking for an outright gift or an interest free loan.



## HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**1973** found a new landlord in the Metcalfe Arms. Mr. Moulder agreed to meetings being held there for a fee of 50p.

**September.** It was reported that the fete that made a loss of £9.40. This was blamed on the cost of a marquee. A fruit and flower show was a new venture. Major Carr was invited to set this in motion, Mr Arthur was also in at the beginning of this.

**Village hall** it was thought that their ideas should be revised, in view of sharply rising costs. After discussion, it was proposed that a smaller building be erected, which could be added to at a later date. A sub-committee was formed consisting of the chairman Miss Woodman Smith, Mr Roland Maddever, Mr John Smith and Mr Alfie Bass. A general meeting was called to put the proposed alterations to members.

**November.** The committee discussed the recommendations of the sub-committee. These were that the Blacknell type of prefabricated building should be considered. The then price for this from supply to finish was £3,625 plus VAT. The treasurer reported that £1,600 was available in the funds. It was proposed that this could be purchased and stored until there was sufficient funds to erect it.

**1974** The hall at Nowton was supplied by A. Wood & co. Enquiries were made to compare with the Blackwell type already considered. An effort was to be made to obtain planning permission from Thingoe RDC by March. The monthly news letter was now a regular feature.

**February** An estimate was received from A.Wood & co of Ely for £3,773 + VAT, exclusive of erection and internal partitioning. A Madrigal concert was arranged in conjunction with PCC. This would be held in the church in June.

**March** Planning permission has been approved. The next move was towards a compulsory purchase of the land needed. It was proposed that the Parish Council be requested to apply for this. Miss Woodman Smith pointed out that this might take up to 18 months. She would write to the ministry concerning the grazing rights. It was decided to go ahead with the Bracknell type of hut. Mr. Sheriff and Mr. Inches to apply for a grant towards the hall.

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## OIL Consortium

We are keen to get together an oil consortium to cut costs, probably in collaboration with other nearby villages. If you use heating oil and are interested in knowing more about this opportunity to keep the cost of heating your home down, please email me on [geraldinewest@waitrose.com](mailto:geraldinewest@waitrose.com) or call me of 388732. GW

## HAWSTEAD JOURNAL

Please send me any articles, items for sale, wanted, etc., for the June edition.

**Please will you consider editing the June or July Journal.** If you would like to please let me know. It can be put together on Apple, Microsoft Word as well as the Desktop Publisher. Tuition in all of these software programmes can be arranged if you are unsure of your abilities.

If you have an **email address**, do not already get emails from me and would like to be on the Hawstead Journal email distribution list, please will you let me have your email address.

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## Are you new to the village

Please let me know if you are new to the village and have not had a copy of the Emergency Plan for the Village. We also now have a 'Welcome to the Village' booklet. And we would love to know a bit about you and your family, so please consider putting something in the HJ.

GW

## Suffolk Circle

This is a membership organisation for people over 50. It's a great way to meet new people and get things done. Suffolk Circle connect members to each other to meet up and share interests. They also link members with local helpers who can lend a hand with small jobs like D.I.Y, gardening, getting a lift etc. Each month there is a range of social events. For more information contact 0800 112 3446 or visit [www.suffolkcircle.org.uk](http://www.suffolkcircle.org.uk). Leaflet and calendar in the village hall.



## Our Royal Wedding Celebrations

