

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(in the hall unless otherwise stated)

Community Council - Meeting Monday 14th November - 7.30 pm All are welcome to attend.

Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 17th November - Public Forum 7.30 pm. Please come along and see your Parish Council making decisions on your behalf.

IT Training Sessions - the first introductory session will be on Wednesday 2nd November at 2.30pm.

Philip Metcalfe Almshouses Trust 200 year Celebration - Saturday evening 19th November. Tickets from Malcolm Cornwell or Joan Cook.

Concert by the Suffolk Church Singers with a short talk by Clive Paine - Saturday 10th December at All Saint's Church, Hawstead. Light refreshments. Price and time to follow.

Village Pantomime 'Cinderella' - 7th and 8th January 2012. Rehearsals begin on Sunday 13th November at 2.30pm.

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 Wednesday of the month 7.30 pm

PUB EVENTS

Bonfire Night - Saturday November 5th

Chinese Night - Thursday November 17th

XMAS menu - Available now

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For the Village by the Village

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Parish Council News

New Speed Reducing Gates

The Parish Council have recently installed two large white gates along the main road coming into the village from both the Bury and Lawshall direction.



As well as providing an aesthetically pleasant 'entrance' to the village, these gates are known to bring about speed reduction by motorists. The gates highlight to motorists that they are entering a village, as opposed to open countryside and emphasise the change to a 30 mph speed limit.

The Parish Council are very aware that speeding by motorists through the village is a serious and ongoing problem. The installation of the white gates is the first step by the Council towards tackling this problem.

Parish Council meetings are open to all villagers and are a good opportunity to find out how the council is working for the village. So please come along, you will all be very welcome. Meeting dates and agendas are posted on the notice boards around the village.

Jayne Robertson

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

Hawstead Oil Group

We are pleased to announce that an Oil Buying Group has recently been set up within the village.

We looked at a few different ways to operate the oil group, and decided to take up the generous offer to join forces with the Dullingham Oil Group, which is run for a group of villages near Newmarket. The benefit of joining this well established group is that we can take advantage of their 'buying power' and strong links that they have with the oil company.

Several villagers have now had their first order. The savings on this first order were not massive, however the advantages of buying as part of the group are many;

- Orders are collected every month, so you can buy little and often if you want, spreading the cost, but still enjoy very competitive prices (min order 500 litres).
- You will receive an email reminder every month to ask if you require an order.
- You will have guaranteed continuity of supply of oil, especially valuable during sudden severe winter weather.
- Prices are competitive, and should save you money.
- Prices are based on refinery prices which should offer greater price stability even in times of high demand.
- You can pay by credit card with no surcharge or by monthly direct debit.

Ordering together means there is less vehicle movement by oil tankers through the village.

By joining the Hawstead Oil Group you are never under any obligation. You can dip in out of the scheme if you wish, but we are confident that the advantages of group oil buying will prove beneficial to anyone taking part.

If you would like any further information, or would like to add your name to the mailing list please do get in touch.

Paul Robertson

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Christmas Dinner

I doubt that many of you have given much thought to this year's Christmas Dinner, but when you do, remember our

HAWSTEAD OVEN READY GEESE

The expected size of these tasty succulent birds is 10 - 12lb which is plenty for a large family, the smaller birds in the flock will feed a smaller crowd! The price - £4.45 per lb.

To discuss your Christmas Dinner needs please ring Andy and Fran on 01284 386501 or email us on evershed1@tiscali.co.uk

THATCH FIRE PREVENTION

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service is hosting the following events to increase awareness of fire safety issues in respect of homes with thatched roofs. Experts will advise on how to improve fire safety and deal with specific safety issues.

Wednesday 26 October 7 – 9pm at Eye Town Hall, Broad Street, Eye, IP23 7AF.

Thursday 27 October. 7 – 9pm at Beccles Public Hall, Smallgate, Beccles, NR34 9AD.

The events are free of charge. To book a place, please visit

www.suffolk.gov.uk/thatchseminar or call 01473 260588. You can also visit this website for a link to our thatched property guide.

FREE 'Bits and Bobs' Water Saving Kit

Our Bits and Bobs water saving kit will help you cut your water bills by possibly as much as £40 a year and is likely to reduce your water-heating bills too.

A member of our team will fit your water-saving Bits and Bobs free, and check for leaks too!



Check out our website at

<http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/environment/using-water-wisely/we-products/>

Anglian Water

Toddler Group

If you are a parent or carer of an Under 5 you may be wondering what to do on a Monday Morning. So, why not come along to the **Great Whelnetham Under 5's Parent and Toddler Group** held every Monday during term time, 9.30 - 12noon at the **Great Whelnetham Community Centre**.

You don't have to live in the village to attend and we have a wide variety of toys on offer for your baby or toddler. Half-way through the session refreshments are served for children and adults which is a great time to chat with the other parents and carers and make new friends.

The first session is free, but the cost is usually £2.50 per family.

Upcoming events include:

- Photographer - 24th October
- Halloween fancy dress - 31st October
- David Daw, Suffolk Road Safety Officer visit to check and give advice on the safety and fitting of our car seats - Monday 7th November
- Christmas Party - Sunday 4th December.

Laura Smith

What an idyllic life means for this village resident



Having worked hard all day around the house and garden he can now watch the sun go down over the Church tower and distant Pinford End and contemplate a visit to the Metcalfe Arms

This month's Hawstead Journal

has been kindly sponsored by

Doc and Florence Lacey

of Pinford End.

The Philip Metcalfe Almshouses 200th Anniversary

As part of our celebration in November, Glyn Hammond our "local" well-known artist is to generously provide the Almshouse Trustees, with a framed and signed water colour painting depicting this historical village land mark.

This will be offered as the top prize in our Raffle Draw, which will be held on Saturday 19th November.

Raffle tickets can be purchased from the 1st November, from any Trustees or Clerk: Anthony Holliday, Malcolm Cornwell, Alan Brown, Angela Rushen or Joan Cook.

IT Training in the village hall

IT training sessions will begin in the village hall on Wednesday 2nd November at 2.30 pm. We have acquired the services of Magda Jowers an experienced management trainer/IT tutor. This first session will be primarily to establish the needs of those attending, to put together a schedule of topics to be covered in future sessions and to begin to address some of those learning needs.

The sessions will be approximately 1 hour and will initially cost £4 per hour.

We hope that as many of you as possible will take advantage of this opportunity to enhance your IT/internet abilities.

If you want to come along or would like more information please contact me on 388732 or geraldinewest@waitrose.com.

Geraldine West

Hawstead Golf Winner

Jacquie Milns (second from left bottom row) who lives on The Pound was a member of the winning Bury Golf Club team in the Suffolk County Cranworth Salver competition.

The Cranworth is a 36 hole knockout competition and Bury beat Woodbridge Golf Club in the final at Waldringfield Golf Club.

Jacquie brought in a total of $9\frac{1}{2}$ points towards the team's winning score of $28\frac{1}{2}$.

The picture includes all 6 playing members of the team; along with reserves, caddies and Captain Sadie Tricker.



HAWSTEAD'S PANTO - CINDERELLA

Rehearsals will begin on Sunday 13th November at 2.30pm in the village hall.

If you are not on the Hawstead Journal email distribution list (i.e if you don't already get emails from me) and would like to be notified of the dates and times of rehearsals, please contact me.

Geraldine 388732 - geraldinewest@waitrose.com

The Metcalfe Arms

First of all we would like to thank all of you in the village for your support over the last few months! We are really pleased with how the pub is doing!! Our fish night was fully booked!!

The next theme night is **Chinese on 17th November** - the menus are available now. Let us know if you would like to book as places seem to go quickly for these events.

We will be having celebrating **bonfire night** on Saturday 5th November with a BBQ menu that you can take outside to enjoy the fireworks. Please let us have anything that we can use to build up the bonfire. We would like families especially to join us for this event.

The **Xmas** menu is now available so feel free to book parties, family get-togethers or business functions.

Bex and Stephen

VISIT THE BRAND NEW HAWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AT

[http://hawsteadparishcouncil.co.uk/Hawstead Parish Council/Welcome.html](http://hawsteadparishcouncil.co.uk/Hawstead_Parish_Council/Welcome.html)

This exciting new website is in the development stage at the moment.

Our thanks to Henry Brewis and Rod Jackson for all their hard work.

LOCAL HISTORY

Clive Payne the popular local historian will be at Whepstead Church on Tuesday 1st November. He will talk about the history of the church and discuss its architecture. The meeting will be from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon and there will be a charge of £5.50 to attend.

CROCUS WALK 2012
IN AID OF BREAKTHROUGH BREAST CANCER

Advance notification

To raise funds for this fantastic cause I am proposing organising a country walk on Saturday March 17th 2012. This is the day before Mother's Day. It would be a circular walk in our locality and would be approximately 7 miles. We would start at 10.30am and stop for a pub lunch, finishing around 4pm.

You can either raise money through sponsorship or pay a small fee to join us on the day.

Please contact me if you think you would like to take part or if you would like further information.

Judy Carter
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RIDING LESSONS

An experienced and qualified instructor /rider available for riding lessons for riders of all ages and abilities. Lessons will include schooling, exercising, backing/breaking in of horses and re-schooling of problem horses; mane pulling, trimming, plaiting etc. Holiday care of horses is also available.

Contact Daisy Price on 07758610253 and daisyprice1981@hotmail.com

The winner of the MacMillan raffle for the cake was
Judy Carter of Oakhill, ticket number 82.

Apparently there is going to be fast broadband for Suffolk -
for more information visit -
http://www.culture.gov.uk/news/news_stories/8427.aspx

Coffee Morning Concert - The Piper Quartet

The atmosphere was buzzing,

The coffee smelt delicious,

The music sounded great and the company was stimulating.

It was a wonderful way to spend a Sunday morning - relaxing in our lovely village hall, playing and listening to beautiful music.

Our programme was classical in style and included pieces by Handel (better known for his Messiah, Water Music and Music for the Royal Fireworks), CPE

Bach (son of the more famous Johann Sebastian), Quantz (a fine flute player in the 18th century and teacher to Fredrick the great) and Thomas Arne (more famous for the patriotic song Rule Britannia). Three short pieces by Frank Bridge were also played, these are definitely not to be taken too seriously - I challenge anyone who heard it to dance a Hornpipe to the second of these three miniatures and I, at least, struggle not to giggle each time we play the March Militaire which a very 'camped up' march and not very 'militaire' at all! The programme concluded with an improvisary realisation of Greensleeves.

Thank you to all who supported us at the concert. Including the additions by Gift Aid we raised £444.75 for Macmillan Cancer Support. And a huge thank you to the Community Council for 'giving' us the village hall and helping set things up.

Many thanks from the Piper Quartet





WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT

I would just like to say a very big THANK YOU to all the people involved with the Macmillan Coffee morning on Sat. 1st October in our village hall, to everyone that came and gave us their support both physically and financially and everyone that made such a lovely array of cakes and to all who helped in any way. Together we made an amazing final amount of £660. towards the charity.

Well done and many thanks again,
Joyce

