

**For** those whose curiosity is greater !!!

Sir John Cullum was rector in the village for 23 years from 1762, aged 29 and published his history in 1784. He died 1785 aged 53.

The "History" is about 300 pages. There are chapters on Natural History, the Church, Lords of the Manor and other proprietors of land, and the Cultivation of the land, with a short Appendix on Hardwick, where he grew up and later lived as lord of the Manor himself.

The Lords of the Manor chapter is full of Latin inscriptions and deeds, family trees and extracts from wills and lawsuits – he was an Antiquarian and man of his times. But the book is shot through with his interest in the life and history of the people of the village. He expresses frustration at not being able to glean more of their real life from the documents he examines and he pores over texts comparing changes over the centuries.

The printer of the second edition, published in 1813, speaks of his amiable friendships and placidity of manner and I can believe it. He has a nice quite humour and irony, a pride in his century and love and respect for the people of Hawstead. It's a rather pleasing to think of him clapping around the village for so many years noting things down, measuring effigies and tombstones, studying the soil, listing plants.

Tantalisingly, we don't get a detailed picture of individual lives and house by house descriptions ( except for the grand ones ! )

The uncertainty of our climate appears in nothing more, than in the irregular advances of the spring. This may be exemplified by comparing the different times, when several vegetables blossom, in different seasons.

The present spring (1784) will afford one extreme, and one not long passed that of the year 1779, the other.

	1779	1784	Difference in days
Apricot tree	20 Feb	15 April	54
Wood Anemone	9 March	16 April	38
Apple-tree	6 April	15 May	39
White Thorn	15 April	22 May	37
Vine	14 June	23 June	9
Lime-tree	21 June	7 July	16

Does anyone have any recent flowering date records to compare ?

If so, I would be pleased to hear from them

Jane Powell

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# Hawstead Journal

For the Village by the Village

March 2005

## Parish Council

### 9th May

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at the Church on the above date at 7.30pm.

### 16th May

The Parish Council Annual General Meeting will take place at the Church at 7.30pm.

One item on the agenda to be discussed, will be the future Housing Policy for Hawstead, **your** village.

If you have your village interests at heart and have a view on this, then please note the date and time and come along to discuss it with your Parish Councillor and other villagers.

The Parish Council would like to thank Mr Stan Bailey, on behalf of the village, for his grass cutting gardening services which he undertakes with zeal and enthusiasm in and around the ChurchYard.

Without his dedication we are sure that it would not look so well maintained, especially at this time of year when everything is starting to think about waking up, ready for Spring.

Yet again, somebody has been taken in by person / persons unknown and in this case at the Pound. Where a white male dressed in overalls talked his way into a villagers home and whilst there distracted the owners attention and stole some money. Yes you are quite to think it won't happen to me, **OR WOULD IT !** Please be on your guard and do not let anybody in that you do not know.

**IF in Doubt** Ring Horringer Police Station on **735637**

## EASTER DAY SUNDAY 27TH MARCH, 3PM at the CHURCH

We have put together a lovely afternoon for the family. We hope that lots of people will come along and enjoy it with us.

Children: You will be invited to try our quiz, which will help you find more eggs!

In the Millennium Field, here will be a donkey or two or even three for you to admire or even sit upon.

We are grateful to Phil and Pam Ayres, who have kindly offered to supply the donkeys !

Don't forget to wear your Easter bonnet or hat. There will be a prize for the best one in each of three classes, under seven, under fourteen and adult, so bring your grownups!!

### MAY THE BEST HAT WIN

There will be tea and cakes to buy, a raffle to win, and a few soft toys to buy.

JUST A REMINDER THAT AS EASTER IS EARLY THE LAMBS AT CULLUM COTTAGE WILL NOT BE BORN UNTIL APRIL. THERE WILL AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT LATER ON IN APRIL OR EARLY MAY.

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## BINGO

Bingo regulars will already know that our dates went askew! and we are now meeting in Spinney Cottage.

We meet fortnightly at 730pm and *laugh* until 10pm.  
In between we play bingo.

Dates: 7th April and 21st.

Many thanks to the Diaper family for use of the games room we did appreciate it very much.

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## THE FETE AND FLOWER SHOW

It does seem a long way off but we need to get a plan together early, so if you would like to help, please get in touch. More info in April.

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The next Community Council meeting will be  
4th April at Spinney Cottage, at 8pm.

Sonja Monk 386876

## Quote

from

### Cullum history of Hawstead

# HAWSTEAD CONTRIBUTES TO HISTORY

*Taken from 'The History and Antiquities of Hawsted and Hardwick'  
By Sir John Cullum.*

These notes are taken from papers preserved in the church chest showing payments made from the village during the Civil War (Charles 1, Cromwell and all that).

June 6 1642. Received of the church wardens and overseers of Hawsted, there contribution **for there poor distressed brethren in Ireland**, the sum of £16. 16s Received by me, Jo. Sparrowe (High constable of Thing hundred).

April 25 1644. Received by me, John Clarke, of several persons in Harsted, the sum of 45 shillings for raising money towards payment of the hundred thousand pounds agreed to be forthwith advanced **for our brethren in Scotland**, towards payment of their army

October 2 1644. Received by me Sir Thomas Middleton of divers persons of the town of Hawsted, the sum of 4 pounds of lawful money of England, being so much voluntarily (???) ed) lent by them, towards raising forces to be employed under my command, **for the reducing of North Wales** to their due obedience to the parliament..."

Who knows, maybe these contributions may have just tipped the balance and changed the course of History!!

But what's this about reducing North Wales? We have a distinguished daughter of Wales living in the village. What if this revelation might lead to a Welsh campaign of retaliation, and cause a serious blood feud??

*I rang up Ethel Lebbon at Pinford End in some anxiety. But happily, she comes from South Wales so we are probably safe!*

If you are a Heating Oil user and a resident of Hawstead village, then it may be your worthwhile to read further ! !

In view of persistent rising oil fuel prices, on what seems to be an everyday occurrence ( Phone today for our "best" delivery price tomorrow, scenario, comes to mind ) and NO madam or sir, they say, it probably will not be coming down to where the prices were, even some 6 months ago – Sorry, Please call again.

WELL,  
it is now being considered to form what could be known as

### "Hawstead heating oil buying club".

If you are interested  
and you currently buy a minimum of 2270L (500 gals) per annum

then consider joining the proposed club.

In the first instance, to gauge the level of interest, just drop a note through my door with your name, telephone number and quantity of oil that you think you would be buying for the next 12 months.

The principle of the club would be to buy oil from one source at an agreed price, which would be beneficial to those members and lower than what you would probably buy as an individual.

Contact      Malcolm Cornwell  
                 Southview  
                 Wkepstead Road  
                 388142

## *All Saints Church – Hawstead.*

### SERVICES

#### April

<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30am	Said Eucharist
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	11am	Parish Eucharist & Baptism

#### MAY

<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30am	Said Eucharist
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	11am	Parish Eucharist

**Evening Prayer.** An opportunity for silent/ contemplative prayer, and to pray for the parish and benefice is held every **Wednesday in the church at 5 – 5.30pm.**

All are welcome.

**The church is open every day from 9am to 5pm**

For all other Services in the Benefice please see Church Notice board

## THE HAWSTEAD PLANT SALE

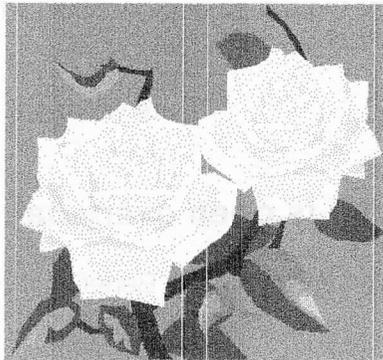
Seed sowing time has begun again for the annual Hawstead Plant Sale, after last years successful sale where we made over £1000 this years has a lot to live up to!!!!

We have decided to move the plant sale forward a week this year to the 21st May, so put that date in your diaries.

As last year, we will have a selection of bedding plants, hanging basket & container plants, perennials and annuals, herbs and vegetables including 'Atlantic Giant' Pumpkin plants for a fun competition!!

If anyone has room in their greenhouse or space in their garden for a few trays of plants, or would like to help with the 'pricking out' then please contact me on Tel 388817.

Happy gardening



Jo Butt

## Philip Metcalfe's Almshouses at Hawstead

Notice is given that a vacancy exists for an alms person of this charity at the above Almshouses.

People with limited financial means ( men who are not less than 60 years of age and women who are not less than 50 years of age) are eligible for appointment.

Applications for appointment to be made in writing to:

Mr M Cornwell, Chairman of Trustees,  
South View, Whepstead Road, Hawstead, Bury St Edmunds,  
Suffolk. IP29 5NS  
Tel 01284 388142

Or

Mr A E Hillman, (Trustee),  
Hill House, The Pound, Hawstead, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.  
Tel 01284 386527

The applicant is required to state his or her name, address, age and occupation and to provide sufficient testimonials and other evidence of his or her qualification for appointment.

Joan Cook  
Clerk to the Trustees.

## Castaway **Top Ten**

*This months Castaway is Sarah Holdway*

- NO DOUBT - ERASURE
- SOMETIMES - LES RYTHMES DIGITALES
- CRYING IN RAIN - WHITESNAKE
- PRAYER FOR THE DYING - SEAL
- HUMAN BEINGS - SEAL
- SAILING - ROD STEWART
- TAINTED LOVE - SOFT CELL
- OCEAN BLUE - ABC
- COME BACK TO CAMDEN - MORRISSEY
- GOLD - SPANDAU BALLETT

### **Favourite**

My favourite tune is Sailing. I have liked Rod Stewart ever since I first heard this one on the radio in the 1970's

*Next Month's Castaway is Sue Sidney*

## **It's a dog's life down under**

'It should be a good morning for the beach' says my son in law as he studies the cloudless skies of the satellite weather report on TV. 'And the sea breeze won't be in 'til later in the day.' Aussies are fussy about going to the beach. It is not enough that the sun is shining and the thermometer is reading 29 degrees or more. The best conditions are found early in the day, the sea must be smooth but a reasonable swell is required so that waves can be caught and ridden into the fine sand of the sun-bleached beaches.

Surf and buggy boards are packed into the boot of the car; bags are stuffed with towels, hats, factor 35 sun cream, floaties and thongs. The children and grandma tuck themselves into the back while the adults and the dog settle into the front seats. With safety belts firmly in place the car sets off. In a few minutes we are at the cliff top looking across the turquoise blue of the Indian Ocean.

Its 8.30 am the beach is deserted and the sun sparkles on the swell as it rolls steadily up the beach. The four-year old, floaties firmly fixed to her arms and gripping a tiny board in her hands is the first into the sea. She laughs with delight as the foaming end of a wave lifts her onto the beach. Grandma takes a more cautious approach wading out through the breakers before plunging into the cool clear waters. Various members of the family rest on their boards waiting for just the right wave to carry them inshore. The dog is no exception and she sits patiently on her board until with a push her master launches the board into the swiftly moving and curling wall of water. Gripping the board, (four paws are an asset) she hangs in until the board is grounded on the sand and then dives back into the water eager for another shot.

Sand and salt removed by the cliff-side shower, we pour into the car and are back home by 10.30 for breakfast of bacon and eggs. I can tell you clobber it's a dog's life down under.



## Your very own Hawstead Village

### February Weather report

47th year of weather recording at this station



January may normally be the coldest month but this year February proved colder by 1.8°C (3.1°F) with an average temperature of 3.8°C (38.8°F), a figure rather below the long term mean. Records reveal that February is significantly colder than January in about one year in three.

For the final twelve days, Atlantic weather systems brought mild conditions with heavier, little rainfall. Frosts had been light during the winter ( to date ) so that spring bulbs were in flower and lawns and meadows flushed green with new growth. Yet another early season appeared to be under way.

The weather on Candlemas Day ( 2nd February ) predicted less clement weather to come:

*"If Candlemas Day be fair and bright,  
Winter will have another light, . . . ."*

The weather that particular day was cloudy but bright. On the 13th, an anticyclone established itself to the North West of Britain, effectively blocking mild Atlantic air and introducing colder, raw Polar maritime air from the Northerly quarter. This persisted through to the end of the month bringing frequent precipitation of rain, sleet and snow in between brief periods of sunshine. The long passage of this air over relatively "warm" North Sea raises the surface temperature of this air stream. Night temperatures havened close to freezing point and by day temperatures rose close to 4°C, sufficient to thaw the numerous overnight, light snowfalls.

Continental Polar air introduced by high pressure over Scandinavia used to be a common feature of East Anglian winters. Low temperatures were ameliorated by the relative dryness of the air and long periods of clear skies; hard frosts gave good ice skating on Livermere Lake.

Since 1989, this air stream has been noticeably absent during winter accounting for the significant mildness of most January's and February's. There was a brief interlude of this crisp continental air on Sunday 27th February when the minimum temperature fell to -7.5°C (19.5°F).

There is an old adage concerning precipitation in February:

*" If in February there is no rain  
T'is neither good for hay nor grain".*

Since February is normally the driest month of the year this is a rather depressing piece of predictive verse !.

It does, of course hold some truth, for without replenished ground water supplies at the end of winter, drought conditions are more likely later in the year. Since rainfall later in the season either evaporates or is used by trees and plants before filtering down through to the water table.

This February recorded a rainfall figure some 10% above mean. Overall the winter ( December through to February ) has been rather dry with 122mm ( 4.8" ).

This is the lowest winter rainfall since 1996/97.

However, ground water supplies appear to be at a good level owing to copious rainfall last October.