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On the 25th of March this year, it will be 200 years - to the day - that a parliamentary Bill was passed to outlaw the transatlantic trade in slaves. To mark this bicentenary, there will be events across the country.

Clive Paine will be giving a lecture on the contribution of Thomas Clarkson Friend of Slaves, who **was** from Bury St Edmunds. This will be held in All Saints Church, Park Road, Bury on the 23rd of March at 7.30pm. Please ring 762774 to book a place.

**Henry Brewis** of Pinford end will be running in the London Marathon this June

To donate to Henry's cause which is Asthma  
Log on to [justgiving.com/fatboyrun](http://justgiving.com/fatboyrun)

We send our best wishes to **Alf Dawson** who is at present in hospital, recovering from a fall from a ladder resulting in a fracture of his pelvis. could this be an article for the journal ?

Also, to **Shirley** who is still recovering from a nasty fracture of her lower leg. She did say that she needed a break but not that kind!

**Welcome** home Jo and Steve Butt. They have been globe trotting again. *Could* that be an article for the journal?

**British summer time begins on the 25th March.**  
Don't forget to alter your clocks one hour ahead

and finally  
**Congratulations**

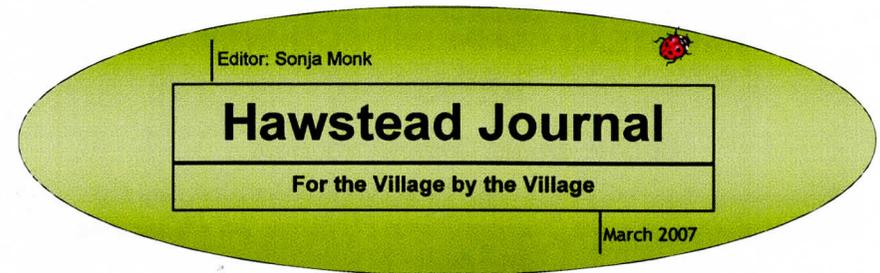
to **Ethel and Jimmy Lebbon** who celebrated their  
**Fifty Third** wedding anniversary this month

**Next month's editor is Malcolm Cornwell**

If you are a regular reader of our Journal, would you like to consider contributing an article for others to enjoy reading?  
then please contact the next editor, before the 1st April.

OR if you wish to be an **editor for a month**, contact Brian Kew 386248

Our thanks to Malcolm for compiling this edition.



## Parish Council

### Your Councillors

Brian Kew (Chairman)  
Roz Alexander, James Carr, Malcolm Cornwell,  
Dave Dawson, Katie Fairbairn and Phil Shaw

### The Local Elections on 3rd May 2007

Every 4 years our village has the opportunity to elect its Parish Council. Many of the existing councillors have served for more than one term and are considering standing down. It is already known that Katie Fairbairn and James Carr will not be standing for re-election and there are 3 others who are assessing their positions.

This offers a great opportunity for anyone within the Parish, who is community-minded and does not mind a little responsibility. Are there any younger members of our community out there? The minimum age is now 18 years for councillors and time is getting short as May is not that far away. To stand for election, a form can be obtained from the Parish Clerk, Joan Cook or from the Borough Offices. This has to be returned to the Borough Offices 6 weeks before election day.

The last day for delivery of the form is Wednesday 4th April 2007 by 12 noon. Any one of your Parish Councillors will be only too happy to obtain a form for you, should you require one and at the same time offer any help that may be required.

The Parish Council is an integral part of our village, working mainly behind the scenes and it is our voice to the mandarins in Bury and the higher authorities.

Seven members are required for our Parish Council, 8 villagers or more standing would instigate a genuinely contested democratic election, resulting in full confidence with the newly elected Parish Council.

**Vote Hawstead on 3rd May. Get your form now.**

**Brian Kew**

**Chairman**

## HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

### *Update on the Community Hall*

The proposal from the PPC asking for assistance in funding our hall has been presented to the Diocesan board of finance, we are awaiting their reply.

No firm news at present but it is looking very positive.

## BINGO

**We will now be playing on Tuesdays instead of Thursdays**

**and for April it will be on the 2nd and 17th**

at 7.30pm, Spinney Cottage

Tel 386876

## Easter egg hunt

Come and join us again for some fun hunting eggs

Sunday 8th April at 3pm until 4pm

Tea and cakes in the church

and a children's quiz

## Ragtime at Flatts farm

When we have our hall, we plan to have various craft sessions once a month or so, depending on interest.

To kick this off, we have begun an informal rugging group at Flatt's Farm with Ruth Mackay 388085

**Please** contact Ruth for the next date, which is usually at 2pm on a Wednesday

## A NEW TWIST ON A TRADITION RECIPE FOR EASTER



Takes 45/55 minutes for a serving of 12

9oz. mixed dried fruit  
grated zest and juice of 1 med orange  
6oz softened butter  
6oz castor sugar  
3 eggs beaten  
10oz self raising flour  
½ tsp grated nutmeg  
5 tbs milk  
6oz marzipan

For decorating

8oz icing sugar  
2tbs orange juice for mixing  
mini eggs

1. Tip the fruit into a bowl, add the zest and juice and microwave on medium for 2mins. (Or leave to stand for 1 hour.)  
Line 12 deep muffins tins with paper muffin cases.
2. Pre heat the oven to 180c/fan 160/gas 4.  
Beat together the butter sugar eggs, flour spices and milk, until light and fluffy. Stir the fruit in well.
3. Fill half the cases with the mixture.  
Divide the marzipan into 12 equal pieces, roll into balls, then flatten with your thumb to the size of the muffin cases and spoon the rest of the mixture over it. Bake for 25-30minutes, until risen, golden and firm to the touch. Leave to cool.
4. Beat together the icing sugar and orange juice to make an icing thick enough to coat the back of a wooden spoon. Drizzle over the muffins and top with a cluster of eggs.

Leave to set.

Best eaten within a day of making.



Top of the list was the Romanoff exhibition, the new chocolatiere in the High Street, As You Like It playing at the Lyceum, Grey Friar's Bobby the Georgian house in Charlotte Square and so Bruce might not be bored, added in an aviation museum near by. I think that child knows me well ! My Mother now lives in Corstorphine, to be near my youngest sister Esther, quite near to the zoo. I am not mad about Zoos. The Edinburgh Zoo is built on Corstorphine hill and as a child I once rode on an elephant there but now they no longer have one. In fact the last one they had is now in the national history museum.

First thing in the morning we took a bus to visit Mum. You can see so much from the top of a bus and babies can stay in their buggies, which makes things so much easier. I always seem to fall into conversation with some dear old Edinburgh lady and this time was no exception, I think they are quite unique.

Mum was ready with the coffee and Dundee cake; you can imagine her surprise to find she had surprise visitors. Caspar was a star and mum would not stop kissing her!! That was us for the day; the ferret came for a visit.

Next day we all met up at the Ocean Terminal in Leith, which is where the Royal yacht is and which has been very cleverly incorporated into a modern shopping centre.

The following next day we again set off by train, to Montrose, to visit Joan and family at Collardo by Laurencekirk. As we travelled through Perth towards Dundee it started to snow and the journey up the east coast, towards Aberdeen is lovely when you can see it! The east coast is one of my favourite trips by car from Edinburgh to St. Andrews, stopping of at some of the quaint little fishing villages along the way. Meanwhile you had bad weather down here, causing a loss of power, but we got safely back to Edinburgh.

With two more days to go, Lily and Emma hit the sales the following day. Caspar and I headed off to the Royal Botanical Gardens to meet Mum and Esther there, which is my Mum's favourite place. She used to live near there before moving to Corstorphine. It is hard to believe that there are Edinburgh residents that have never been there!!

When Mum was in need of a herb or two for her stew she had been known to nip in there and help herself I'm sure she thought of it as her own place. We walked from there to meet up with the shoppers in Princes Street for afternoon tea and from where in some of those tea rooms, you get a splendid view of the castle. It is a lovely city to walk around, laid out in such way that you cannot get lost. I navigate by the church spires as they are such good land marks.

If you have never been you must go. When the Festival fills the city with so much life and the town goes mad - my mother stays in.

## Village Hall Draw winners

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#### March

1st	Terry & Angela Rushen	17	£18.27
2nd	S Tautz	81	4.87
3rd	K. &P. Caldwell	98	1.22

**It could have been you ! !**

Are you new to the village ?

because last year we started a Draw to raise money for our NEW HALL

Where **each** month, we have **116 pound** tickets in the draw,

which will raise over £1000 per year towards our Hall,

and with

**20% going in prizes.**

**BUT**

we still need more people to join in the fun

If you do not wish to have your name published, please contact me

Sylvia Miller 388841

## Your ticket helps, please join in

**All Saints Church Hawstead  
SERVICES**

**MARCH**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11th</b>	8.30am	Said Eucharist (BCP)
	<b>25th</b>	11am	Parish Eucharist
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>28th</b>	7.30pm	PCC Annual Meeting

**APRIL**

<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>5th</b>	7pm	Agape Service
<b>Easter Day</b>	<b>8th</b>	8.30am	Said Eucharist followed by coffee/tea and croissant
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22nd</b>	11am	Parish Eucharist

**Evening Prayer**

**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

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

A Lent lunch will be held at Church Farm on Friday March 16th at 12.30  
Please let Leslie know if you will be attending on 386132

Also at Overway Cottage, Nowton on Tuesday March 27th at 12.30.  
Call Kay on 753596



**Where Have We Been ?**

**A regular feature by the Editor**

I always visit my home in January which is where my Mother is, in Edinburgh. I have two sisters, three nieces and one nephew living there. North from there, by Laurencekirk in Aberdeenshire, I have another sister Joan, three nieces and one nephew.

Something my mother has wished for some time is a four generation photograph, considering she has had great grandchildren for thirteen years it was long overdue. Mum was expecting me and great granddaughter number one Lily, she had no idea my daughter was also coming with new great grandson Caspar.

So we travelled by train leaving Bury at eight thirty on a very cold and misty morning for Peterborough, where we boarded our Edinburgh train after only a fifteen minute wait. Caspar was a model passenger, considering there is little or no provision for babies on G.N.E.R. As we travelled North, the grey sky went away and became blue and by one 'o' clock, we were in Edinburgh, and by which time, Lily had reverted to her Scottish accent, something she always does when in Scotland.

There is something about that castle standing on the rock on a sunny day that is so beautiful and familiar, which hosts the military tattoo each year, during the festival. In the spring the daffodils and spring blossom make the gardens below the castle a lovely place to be. Caspar was an instant hit with all at Lygon Road arriving in a black cab still in his buggy!!

We were a little tired, so phoned mother to announce our arrival and to say we would visit in the morning. What is wrong with now was the reply! So I said Lily needed a rest and had list of things to do in our four days which included looking at the new parliament building at Holyrood, meet Andrew's ferret, visit the Britannia and not least, spend her birthday money in the January sales!

The parliament building is best viewed from Arthur's seat, which is one of the seven hills which surround Edinburgh. Holyrood Park is at the bottom of the Royal Mile which runs down from the castle. As Lily is not up to too much walking, my sister Gail took her off in the car to have a good look around at what was new since her last visit. On her return she announced that the parliament building did not look like a Chinese restaurant as she had been told. She loved all the words carved into the granite, "that man to man, the world o'er, shall brothers be for a' that. Etc, etc.

When visiting a city like Edinburgh, it is wise to make a list of things you must do and see, there is so much. I once asked my nephew Andrew to write me a list of things I might enjoy while in Edinburgh.

## OUGH

In answer to last months question -- How many ways can the letters ough be pronounced.

*From Geraldine West, of Kelly Cottage:*

Thank you Katie for the ough quiz. I have enjoyed doing it! I made my own list then cheated and looked it up on the internet and found the following gem:-

The combination "ough" can be pronounced ten different ways. The following sentence contains them all: "A rough- coated, dough-faced thoughtful ploughman swan through the lough at Scarborough; after falling into a slough, coughed and hiccoughed."

My list---

Oh- although and dough

Ow- bough, plough, slough

oo- through

off- cough

uff- sough

uff- tough and rough

ort- nought, ought, thought, sought, brought

o- borough

I missed the ock in lough and the up in hiccough which is nine.

The slough I would have pronounce the same as plough or perhaps dough, but perhaps I am showing my London upbringing as I assume that from this verse, that there is more than one pronunciation that passed me by!

I sometimes wonder how anyone ever learns to speak, let alone write the English language!

Cullum House has a new owner.

Clive Robinson has been there since December. In the next issue of the journal he will tell us, how he felt that he just had to live there.

### **The Philip Metcalfe Almshouses Trust Hawstead**

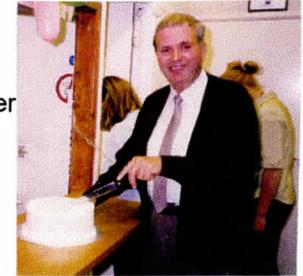
A vacancy will shortly occur at the above, for a suitable single person or married couple to become a resident of the Almshouses.

For further detailed information, please contact:

Mrs Joan Cook, Clerk to the Trustees 01284 386711

### **Lesley Basil Pettitt 1934-2007**

A service of giving thanks for the life of Leslie Basil Pettitt was held in the church here in Hawstead on Thursday 15th February 2007, with The service conducted by Reverend Martin Thrower Les had been in poor health for eight years and decided to retire from farming in 1999 with the farmland taken out of production to become a permanent set aside, after which in 2004, Les and Phyllis sold up and bought a bungalow in Bury.



Les, born in East Barton, but could be said he lived most of his life in Hawstead, arriving when only ten months old in 1935. His father Basil, took over the tenancy of Mill Post Farm and in 1953 gave it up to become its owner. At that time, Whepstead Road was a dirt track, Mill Post had no electricity, mains water or sewage and its water coming from a near by well. Farming practices would change so much during his life. His first venture into farming was in the keeping of a few pigs for pocket money but unfortunately swine fever put an end to this.

Living at the top of hill does give you a beautiful view of the countryside, but if you have to cycle to school you might choose one with the flattest route. For this reason, Les went to school in Whepstead, then to the Jubilee in Bury. He was called to do his national service and was proud of the fact that he served in Egypt and in 1961, Les met and married Phyllis Cook of Culford Heath. They had a bungalow built on the hillside just a few hundred yards from the farm for the amazing sum of £2,150 and where their three daughters Angela, Elaine and Lynne were born, and in 1981 the family moved into Mill Post, after the death of Basil in 1980. The house needed some modernising.

Les worked for George Colson driving heavy machinery, this left time to work on the farm at weekends and in the evenings. He loved his tractor and never felt alone working in the evenings with the wild-life all around him, and would go home and tell Phyllis about all the creatures he had seen under the beautiful moon.

Les and Phyllis sold the farm and moved into a bungalow in Bury and by some strange coincidence, their new home was built by the same builder as their first bungalow. Home for Les, would always be Hawstead. In 1951, a Model B Allis Chalmers tractor was bought by Basil Pettitt, which sat in a barn at Mill Post for 20 years. Les was very fond of this and never wanted to part with it. However, it was sold to his good friend Pat Baker, who promised to renovate it and keep it in Hawstead. This tractor won 2nd prize at a recent wheels and steam rally at Rougham, both he and Phyllis were there when the Allis Chalmers driven by Pat's son, Adrian was driven over to him for his inspection.

So if you are ever at a tractor rally look out for Les's bright orange tractor !!

## PUB NEWS

**We** are now living at the Metcalfe Arms.

Due to the demise of London and Edinburgh Inns, it has taken longer than first anticipated to deal with all the legal issues.

The pub is now in the hands of Oxford Hotels and Inns Ltd.

We are now in a position to proceed with the planned repairs and refurbishment but unfortunately with all the works going on in Bury, things have slowed down a little with the planning department.

However, our main concern at the moment is with the roof that leaks, which unfortunately means we cannot start trading until that is fixed. In addition, it is in need of a modern and up to-date internal toilets and ideally we would like to have that done before we open.

It may well be May, before we can give an opening date when we will look forward to welcoming you.

We will keep you informed as to developments.

Best Regards

Nigel Pink and Anne Chappelle.

### On a more personal note

Nigel and Anne are new to the licensing trade.

Nigel is from Bedfordshire and Anne from Hertfordshire originally and before coming here, they lived in a barn in Norfolk.

Running a country pub is something they have always wanted to do.

Both Nigel and Anne have backgrounds in management with John Lewis, where was in Anne catering and Nigel in maintenance.

They say they are used to working late hours and looking forward to getting everything up to a good standard.

We wish them good fortune and look forward to the opening day.

It is very comforting to see the lights on again, in the Metcalfe.

*Very best wishes from all of us*

## Suffolk Wildlife

Trust [www.wildlifetrust.org.uk/suffolk](http://www.wildlifetrust.org.uk/suffolk)



### *Refuges for wildlife in your garden*

Wildlife Gardening is about creating places for animals and plants to thrive. You can practise this on a small or large scale to make any garden a potential haven for wildlife.

Close mown lawns and carefully weeded borders offer few opportunities for wildlife, but if you are willing to make some simple changes to even a small area, you can improve your garden's benefit to wildlife enormously.

You can provide year-round habitats for many species by avoiding the temptation to be too tidy! Here are some ideas you might like to try to make your garden more attractive to wildlife.

### **Leave areas of long grass**

It may not be necessary to mow all the lawn quite so often! Areas of long grass will provide a refuge for small mammals, reptiles and invertebrates. If possible, leave some areas uncut throughout the year, varying the areas left on a three year rota to avoid the development of coarse grass and scrub.

### **Hedges and trees**

Hedges are one of the most important habitats for wildlife. They provide corridors along which wildlife can travel. Do not cut during the bird nesting season March to July.

### **Natural pest control**

Avoid using pesticides and herbicides. In a well-balanced wild garden you will find that the natural predators will get rid of most of the pests for you. They can be encouraged by providing them with suitable habitat and food. A compost heap can provide a refuge and feeding area for insect and slug eating creatures. Making your own compost you will also be helping to protect our precious peat bogs and reduce pollution- as well as saving money.

### **Visit Bradfield woods**

Best time to visit April to October—STAR SPECIES

Oxlip, Nightingale, Roe Deer

### **Visit Bull's wood**

Best time to visit April

Cockfield

STAR SPECIES

Oxlip, Wood anemone