

## Letter from the Editor

Whatever the weather is like when you read this, *SPRING IS NOW WITH US*. The long dark nights are behind us and hopefully so are the snow, frost, storms and floods. Even now some of the earliest spring flowers may have finished but there is the promise of many more yet to come and lighten our hearts. Hawstead will be very yellow this year! The rape all around us is responding to the lengthening days, under the protection of the incessant cannon fire to keep the pigeons moving on.

I have often heard people blame rape for their hay fever but I find this a little difficult to believe as its pollen is not airborne, being heavy and sticky, for transfer by insects but then I am not an allergy sufferer. Substances other than pollen can cause hay fever to the susceptible, maybe just the strong smell of the rape.

The yellow fields also bring the promise of a bumper crop of honey this year but what about next year? Wheat, sugar beet and even field beans are of no use to honey bees that will have to depend on the hedgerows, meadows and the set-aside.

It has been proposed that The British Bee Keepers Association approach the government to subsidise the planting of set-aside areas with crops suitable for bee forage (e.g. Phacelia also known as California Blue Bell) as is done elsewhere in the European Union.

I heard on Radio Suffolk's gardening hints that Phacelia can be grown around fruit trees to attract bees, and other insects, then dug in as green manure. Does anyone know where I can get the seed to try out?

Will anyone else join me?

Simon Miller

**The editor for the next issue will be Sonja Monk Tel:386876**

Some of us enjoyed  
last month's snow.....



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# Hawstead Journal

For the Village by the Village

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## Hawstead Community Council

### Village Hall Project - **HAVE YOUR SAY**

An **information sheet** and **ballot papers** were delivered to your home with the March edition of the Quartet. Every resident of Hawstead aged 16 or over is being asked to help the Project Group come to a decision over the Village Hall. There are four options and each member of your household, eligible to vote, should have their own voting slip. The ballot is confidential and although the papers are numbered that is for statistical purposes only. Once you have made your choice please return your completed ballot paper to one of the people indicated before **15<sup>th</sup> March 2003**. Tel. 386711 for additional ballot papers.

The village hall will be **open on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March between 11.00am and 3.00pm and on Sunday afternoon 9<sup>th</sup> March between 2.00 and 4.00pm** so that you may see the extent of the storm damage together with the deterioration due to age. Members of the Project Group will be present to answer any questions.

After taking the advice of three surveyors and three independent builders and consulting with Sam Jackson, Village Hall Advisor, Suffolk ACRE, the Project Group are of the opinion that money should not be spent on repairs and renovation to a building which is beyond its sell-by date. With **your support to select and develop** a range of services which will enhance the quality of life to the more vulnerable in our community both young and old we stand a good chance of tapping into the £13,000,000 which the Lottery Board have awarded to East Anglia for rural development.

If the village is in agreement with the Project Group's recommendation to seek funding from the Lottery Board then there is much to do. We, the village, need to decide what we want to use the hall for and then what sort of accommodation the new hall should provide. The appearance of the hall will also be of key importance particularly to those living on the perimeter of the Green.

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**VOTE X VOTE X VOTE X VOTE X VOTE X VOTE X**



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To help make these decisions it is proposed to visit other recently constructed halls. Once we have the go-ahead from the village to build anew, we hope that you will take part in many of the activities that will be advertised in the Journal and Quartet and on posters in the village. To do so please contact either members of the Project Group or the Community Council Committee. Consultation will be on-going so watch this space!!

Joan Cook Tel 01284 386711.

### Parish Council

There was no Council Meeting in February, the next one (and the last before the elections) being on Thursday 20th March 2003. However, the Suffolk Wildlife Trust have begun their review of our village greens and open spaces, leading to a report on the future management of these valuable public assets. Readers will be kept informed of the Trust's recommendations.

As mentioned in previous issues, Hawstead Green, the big one, is rather special and at the end of the last year DEFRA and English Nature engaged an Environmental Consultancy to survey and monitor all the different plant varieties growing there. The surveyors list, containing the English and Latin names of no less than sixty five different species, is fascinating reading. "*Urtica dioica*" and "*senecio jacobaea*" sound much nicer than "common nettle" and "ragwort", but what about lovely English names like "Lady's Bedstraw", "Oxeye Daisy", "Yorkshire Fog" and "Meadowsweet"?!

Parish Clerk

### Parish Council Elections 2003

The first of May will be an important turning point for the future of local councils after a year of so much publicity about possible re-organisation of local government, quality parish status, codes of conduct etc. It is vital that plenty of people are willing to stand for election as well as turn out and vote. This will demonstrate that there is such a strong desire to participate in local government at the grass roots and extend the roles which parishes and small towns already play in improving local communities.

The Suffolk Association of Local Councils is urging everyone to make every effort to encourage both existing members to stand again and new ones to come on board with contested elections if appropriate. The measure of local interest in the well being of small communities is often shown by high voting figures rather than campaigns for more local powers so: **PLAY YOUR PART, STAND FOR ELECTION, MAKE SURE YOU VOTE ON THE 1ST MAY 2003.**

Mary Mitson Woods, Chief Executive, Suffolk Association of Local Councils (01473 833713)

### All Saints Church- Hawstead Services

#### ***All Saints Church – Hawstead.*** **SERVICES**

#### **March 2003**

Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30am	Holy Communion (said) BCP
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Compline & Lent Address
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Family Service

#### **April 2003**

Palm Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 pm	Steiner's Crucifixion Aquarius Singers
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion (said) BCP
Easter Day 20 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion



#### **Palm Sunday Concert – Steiner's Crucifixion**

The Aquarius Singers will be performing Steiner's Crucifixion in Hawstead Church on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm. This is a devotional work lasting about an hour. It incorporates some participation from the congregation, so please come along.

The 'Aquarius Singers' are a ladies' choir, which has flourished since being formed in 1999. The choir sings a wide variety of music ranging from the established choral repertoire to folksongs, religious pieces, spirituals and songs from the shows.



### Hawstead Community Council

#### **Dates For Your Calendar:**

Bingo on: Tuesday 25th March, 8th April and 15th April 2003 in the School Room at 7.30pm.

The next Meeting of Hawstead Community Council is on Monday 24th March 2003 in the School Room at 8 p.m.



## The West Suffolk Disability Resource Centre

**The West Suffolk Disability Resource Centre** (DRC) is an independent Centre offering support, advice, information and services for people with a range of disabilities in West Suffolk in one location.

The DRC based in Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk offers a wide range of services to the 23,000 disabled people in West Suffolk. It is a partnership venture between Papworth Trust, Local Health Partnerships NHS Trust, Suffolk County Council Social Services, West Suffolk Crossroads, Suffolk West PCT, Central Suffolk PCT, Rethink Disability and Anchor Staying Put Trust. The DRC provides a one-stop centre for disabled people and their carers.

The DRC is aimed at promoting independence and has a wide range of services including: respite care, advice on adapting your home, independent living advice and assistance, speech and language therapy, small household repairs, wheelchair service, physiotherapy, specialist support services for people with learning disabilities or neurological conditions and general information and advice ranging from how to find accessible holidays to where to find a plumber you can trust. With other services such as employment advisors and hearing and sight impairment support teams running sessions from the Centre. By having a range of service under one roof we can offer a comprehensive range of services to disabled people in the area.

The DRC is also home to a large assessment and exhibition centre where disabled people, carers and other health or social care professionals can come and try out a range of equipment. The Disability Living Centre includes a bathing area with specialist WC's, baths and showers and a range of bathing aids. The kitchen houses adjustable height sink, hob and worktops and includes a range of aids and environmental controls. The lounge area has a range of seating, aids for people with visual impairments and a through floor lift. The upstairs bedroom area has a range of beds, hoists, dressing aids and a stair lift. To make an appointment to visit this assessment area, please contact us on the numbers below.

There are a range of transport providers who come to the Centre and we can give you advice on the best way to get here. Some of the services in the Centre can be offered to you in your own home if you are unable to travel to the Centre. If you come by car free parking is available. If you think there is something we can do to help you, a friend or family member or you would like to find out more please contact us:

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## Hawstead Spotlight

This month the Spotlight is on "Carole Massey" who moved to Hawstead from South Cambridgeshire just over a year ago. Carole and Eric arrived just as the Hawstead Book was launched and found it a great help in putting names to faces and places.

Carole holds a monthly art workshop (now in Lawshall Village Hall) and in June takes part in the Suffolk Open Studios event— so watch out for the invitations and posters! 2003 promises to be as busy as ever with a second Suffolk workshop starting in Clare on February 18th and dates for tutoring at Flatford Mill and the West Norfolk Arts Centre already booked.

Luckily Eric supports Carole in everything and coming from a background of music, film and television he is more than capable of acting as Carole's agent and P.R. man. Their daughter Charity is using their creative base to launch her career as a journalist, whilst son, Sam is midway through his degree course at the Guilford School of Acting.

If, as rumoured, Hawstead is the place to retire to, Carole has not noticed it yet!

You can contact Carole on 01284 386629 or  
email [carole@massey-art.fslife.co.uk](mailto:carole@massey-art.fslife.co.uk)

## Book Review

**Kate Adie. "The Kindness of Strangers— The Autobiography".**  
ISBN 0-7553-1072-1

"You're a reporter." "Just stick to the facts."

The opening sentences to the autobiography of Kate Adie's professional life. If you appreciated the straightforward style of Kate Adie's reporting of events from Northern Ireland to Beijing then you will enjoy this account of her life.

As she says "You witness other people's grief and anger and excitement and joy and you also feel it, you take away with you a sense of wonder that survival and humanity are stronger than violence and suffering."

This account gives insight into the unglamorous and often dangerous life of a reporter from war zones to covering Royal Tours.

From her early days as a BBC local radio producer to being the BBC's Chief News Correspondent Kate Adie reflects on her erratic life style witnessing history in the making with humour and never loses sight of the facts. This is not a 'kiss 'n' tell' account mixed with gossip. A book well worth reading.

Thank you to **Amanda Brown** for this months Book Review.

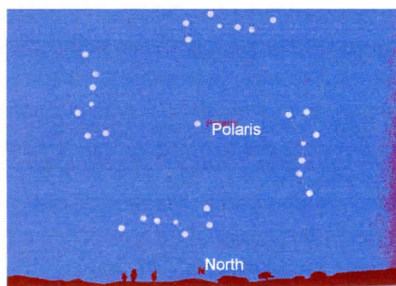


## Above Your Head

The key to the night sky is to locate or recognise the *constellations*. Constellations are named areas of the sky that contain a recognisable pattern of stars. Each area may have a number of different names usually originating from different periods of history but the pattern of stars rarely bears much resemblance to any of its names.

The sky appears to rotate like a giant record together with the constellations and like a record it has what looks like a hole in the middle. This is in reality the North or Pole Star or Polaris, which is almost exactly in line with the axis of rotation of the Earth. To locate Polaris you first need to locate the best known of all the constellations Ursa Major or the Great Bear, more descriptively, The Plough or best of all, The American name The Big Dipper (the kitchen utensil not the fair ground ride). Project a line from the two stars furthest from the 'handle' for about five times the distance between them to find Polaris, a clear but not especially bright star. Polaris or Ursae Minoris also marks the end of the handle of the Little Dipper or Little Bear, Ursa Minor. The Pole Star was of great importance to navigators in the Northern Hemisphere, from the ancient Greeks to quite modern times, as it indicates the direction north and its elevation above the horizon is always equal to the observer's latitude. Incidentally, Hawstead is at latitude 52 deg. 12'N.

S.M.



Ursa Major at 10pm in winter (right) spring, summer & autumn.

### Things They Say.....

Four or five years ago I had a bright little reception class in Sidcup. One afternoon as we stood lined up with our coats on ready to go home there were a couple of minutes to spare, so I let a child show us the plastic sheep they had brought to school that day. Never able to miss a second to impart a little knowledge I asked, "Does anyone know what a female sheep is called?" There was a long pause and then a hand shot up. "Yes George". "I know, I know" he said, "It's a V"!

S.M.

## World Cancer Research Fund Collection

The recent village collection for the World Cancer Research Fund amounted to just over £20. Thank you.

## Giant Plant Sale

### BANK HOLIDAY SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2003

The sowing & growing is getting under way. We are growing, courtesy of Jo Butt, packs of summer bedding, colour themed hanging/patio packs & salad plants.

We hope that Village residents will pre order these. (Please see below for order form.)

A large variety of garden & houseplants will also be on sale. Contributions nearer the time will be very much appreciated. Would anyone who would like to order plants or who has greenhouse space to nurture a few trays of seedlings for The Sale, please either phone Joe Butt on 388817 or drop the following slip into 5 The Pound.

### Plant Order Form

My/our greenhouse has space & I am willing to give tender loving care to a few trays for approx. 6-8 weeks. I am able/unable to help.

Name: .....

Address/Tel No: .....

I would like to order : (6 plants per pack. Competitive Prices, starting at £1.20)

Bedding Begonias \_\_\_\_\_ pks

Busy Lizzies \_\_\_\_\_ pks

Bedding Geraniums \_\_\_\_\_ pks

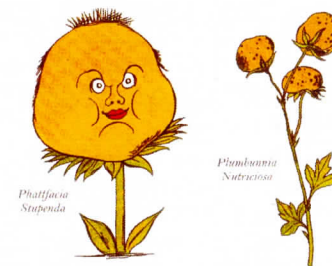
Marigolds \_\_\_\_\_ pks

Alyssum \_\_\_\_\_ pks

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Slip to be returned to Jo Butt  
5, The Pound. Tel:388817

'Nonsense Botany', from Edward Lear's *Complete Nonsense*





## Tip Top Internet Tips:

So, with all those search engines on the Internet, what can we find out about **Hawstead**? Doing a straightforward search for 'Hawstead' on some of the search engines described last month (but restricting to UK only where possible) gave quite a range of results on 23<sup>rd</sup> February : Google came top with 'about' 1500 and the others were:

Excite	1281
All the Web	1263
Alta Vista	513
Yahoo	375
HotBot	135
UK Plus	66



It would take all day to go through looking at all of these, and anyway in most cases the results refer to individual pages rather than websites, so there are some which get many entries because Hawstead is mentioned on many pages.

I started with Google: there is a mechanism within the search engine software which helps what it thinks is the most significant site/page to be listed first, followed by those of ever-decreasing importance. Both here and with other searches, 'Hawstead Hall Antiques' came top. ([www.hhantiques.co.uk](http://www.hhantiques.co.uk))

In [www.genealogysource.com](http://www.genealogysource.com) there's a lot about the Drury family including two whole chapters from Cullum's 'The History & Antiquities of Hawstead.....' and the Drury's turn up on a number of other websites, including one based in Argentina! ([www.tudorplace.com.ar](http://www.tudorplace.com.ar)) Apparently, Jorge Castelli has been fascinated about English history since watching 'Anne of the Thousand Days' as a child.

There are lots of other pages which turn up references to do with Hawstead as people piece together family trees, including Steve Simmonds (18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> century names), John Causton (19<sup>th</sup> century), and the families Sparkes (16<sup>th</sup> century) Pawsey (17<sup>th</sup> century) and Long (19<sup>th</sup> century). Of historical interest, too is that a William Lyly from Hawstead married Anne, elder sister of John Donne and that William Clopton and his wife lived at 'Hawstead Manor' in the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

There's certainly a lot of historical tit-bits which can be gleaned from an Internet search such as this. One of the most stimulating pages I came across is about our parish church ([www.suffolkchurches.co.uk](http://www.suffolkchurches.co.uk)) The author has included lots of very good photos, and makes some interesting comments, including the statement that 'Hawstead is a prosperous kind of place...' (!) Also, referring to monuments, 'All Saints has more of them than any other church in Suffolk' Can this be true? Elsewhere ([www.mbs-brasses.co.uk](http://www.mbs-brasses.co.uk)) there's a super reproduction of the brass of Ursula Allingham, (1522).

From the County Council ([www.suffolkcc.gov.uk](http://www.suffolkcc.gov.uk)) we learn that the Records Office has Parish Registers from 1558-1900 and the Civil Parish Minutes 1894-1997. The former are available on 13 microfiche sheets. You could also buy an old map of Hawstead from [www.oldmaps.co.uk](http://www.oldmaps.co.uk). They have an 1889 map going for between £5 - £20 depending on the scale and method of sending.

AJP

## Castaway Top Ten

This month's Castaway is Andrew Bury:

- |                                       |                |  |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|--|
| 1) I Feel Fine                        | The Beatles    | The first single I ever bought.                              |
| 2) Maggie May                         | Rod Stewart    | Memories of my first girlfriend.                             |
| 3) Seven Seas Of Rye                  | Queen          | Better than Bohemian Rhapsody.                               |
| 4) Baker Street                       | Gerry Rafferty | Great summer record during our student days in Devon.        |
| 5) Shine On You Crazy Diamond         | Pink Floyd     | Best Album track, great intro.                               |
| 6) Should I Stay or Should I Go ?     | The Clash      | A brilliant punk track, remember the Levis Ad?               |
| 7) Do The Locomotion                  | Kylie Minogue  | No.1 when Edward was born, every boy needs a Kylie track.    |
| 8) Everything I Do I Do It For You    | Bryan Adams    | No.1 when Sarah was born and stayed there for 17 weeks..     |
| 9) Wonderwall                         | Oasis          | Best 90's band.  |
| 10) Time Of Your Life (Good Riddance) | Green Day      | Great one for singing in the car during our move to Suffolk! |

Spot the deliberate mistake!

Next Months Castaways are Sue & Derek Holland.

### Heard In Hawstead.....

A local window cleaner had had his ladder stolen.  
Police say steps are being taken.....AND

Why can't owls make love in the rain? Because it's too wet to woo!



## Unwelcome Visitors At Millpost Farm

Almost every night for the past few weeks our garden has been invaded by a herd of ten to fifteen deer, large and small.

On our return home one evening they were all sheltering from the north wind beside our garage, the Stag proudly standing over the rest.

Not even moving while we locked up the car and garage.

This lovely sight was not so lovely the next day, when walking round the garden to find lawns like a ploughed field, tubs overturned, primroses and wallflowers all chewed off. Our words for them were not 'Little dears'.

With all the fields and grass around, why do they like our garden the best?

*Phyllis & Les Pettitt.*

### Editor's comment:

Oh Dear Oh Deer, Les and Phyllis have got a staggering problem!

There was recently an article on BBC Look East programme about the deer problem in East Anglia where they said there are approximately fifty thousand animals at present and forecasted eighty thousand in a few years.

The Mammal Society reports that many years ago Roe Deer were regarded as 'animals of the warren' and as such were not worthy of hunting by the gentry. So they were available to anyone else to crop and consequently became extinct in most of England during the eighteenth century.

In the nineteenth century they were re-introduced in parks, escaped and became established in the wild and are now found in much of the British Isles.

Up to the 1960's they were regarded as vermin but are now covered by various acts of Parliament, a closed hunting season, firearm regulations, conservation, welfare and poaching controls.

Should they be controlled and by whom? Who can shoot them and when? What constitutes a poacher? Does anybody know the answers?

*S & S Miller.*



### Thought For The Month

*"Try not to be sad when it's raining as the sun is just around the corner."*

## EASTER SUNDAY EGG HUNT



**Come and join us in the  
Millennium Field at  
3.00 p.m. on**

**Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup> .**  
*Free to children hunting  
eggs if accompanied by an  
adult. Tea & cakes in the  
Church. Guess the name of  
the Bunny, a lovely soft toy*

*rabbit to be won plus some fluffy bunnies to buy.*

*Then to finish a grand afternoon out, take a walk up to  
Cullum Cottage to see the new lambs.*

***In aid of funds for the Hawstead Community Council***

## Thought Creates....

For aeons of time we have been subjected to thought manipulation and control by the use of fear by religions, governments, dictators, the media and many other power and wealth seeking factions. At this time we are being encouraged to live in fear of terrorist attacks and under the threat of impending war. Our troops have been deployed in strategic places to threaten Saddam Hussein and even into Heathrow creating fear of imminent attack in this country. But we don't need to surrender ourselves to fear or to another's dogma. We can choose how and what we think. It requires the will to be vigilant and the will to change our thought streams.

Surely war belongs to cruder ages that have passed? Do we still not have the wisdom to overcome the fear of others and the fear of the unknown? But war or no war, maybe it will be through the actions of those such as Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden that we will finally come to our senses and cease to inflict such terrible suffering on each other.

S.T.