

## Letter from the Editor

When Sonja first asked me to become editor for the Hawstead Journal I was a little unsure, but after gentle persuasion from my family – I decided to give it a go. After all, I'm studying Multi-media and Graphic Design at college so I knew this would benefit me.

Now I have finished being editor I have really enjoyed it – so much that I have decided to take on the editing for June as well!

If anyone would like to be editor for July, please do not hesitate to contact me – Tel: 386 682.

H.J.D

## Farewell

This month the Dewse family are leaving the village and say farewell to the 'villagers'.

### LOST

#### SOCKET Set in an Orange Box

This was last seen by the play area on Saturday 29th March 2003. If anyone has seen the box or knows something about it then please contact Nigel Gossett Tel: 386764. Thank you.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

The winning number for the Swedish crystal glass paperweight donated by Cecil & Larter for the Hawstead Journal's First Birthday Draw is number **028**.

If you are in possession of the above numbered Journal, please contact Brian Kew on 386248.

**The editor for the next issue will be Hannah Dawson Tel:386682**

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# Hawstead Journal

For the Village by the Village

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## Giant Plant Sale

**Saturday 24th May 2003  
10.30am-1.00pm**

**In the Car Park on the Village Green**



Sorry no Guittara Pensilis or Manypeepia Upsidownia but many peeplia especially JO BUTT of The Pound have been working very hard planting and nurturing the following to raise money for your **Community Council**.

So, please prepare some space in your garden and come along and buy all your plant needs on SATURDAY MAY 24<sup>th</sup>, in the car park on the Village Green.

### Bedding Plants- packs of six.

Begonia	Impatiens	Allyssum	Petunia (upright)
Tagetes	Marigold	Antirrhinums	Cornflower

### Hanging Basket / Container plants

Verbena (trailing)	Lobelia (trailing)
Nemisia/Pelegonium (zonal)	Pelegonium (trailing)
Fuchsia (upright)	Nasturtium (semi-trailing)
Thunbergia	Sweet Pea (dwarf)
Morning Glory	Million Bells
Nicotiana	

### Herbs

Mint	Sage	Coriander
Chervil	Basil	Chives Parsley

### Vegetables

Runner Beans	Brussel Sprouts	Cabbage
Tomatoes	Chillies	Cucumber
Courgettes		



(Pictures above from: Nonsense Botany Edward Lear's Complete Nonsense.)



## Hawstead Community Council

### CREATING THE PERFECT CENTRE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

In the past month project members accompanied by villagers have been visiting places as far a field as Freckenham, Great Notley and Thurston. Our quest has been to look at recently built halls and to learn from the people responsible for the building and then running of these new centres. So far we have seen eight halls, ranging from a very large complex at Steeple Bumpstead to a compact hall tailored to fit a tiny block at Hawkedon. All have good points and it may be possible to include the best in our new building, such as hard wearing floors, kitchens equipped to a high standard and plenty of storage space. Some halls incorporated original artwork. Great Notley commissioned a mosaic that reflected the work of a local 18<sup>th</sup> Century natural historian. Another had a beautiful internal brickwork that would never need redecorating. An area we paid particular attention to were the heating systems since a musty, airless smell long associated with old style village halls is reckoned to be a complete turn-off and belongs to the past. A balance will need to be found between an economic, effective system and one that is environmentally friendly. But there were pitfalls to avoid too. In a couple of halls lights were set in high ceilings in such a way that a hydraulic lift was required to change a florescent tube at £500 a time!

None of the halls or centres we visited has a site as beautiful as Hawstead Green. This makes it essential that the right architect is chosen. It has to be someone who has the vision to create a building in harmony with its surroundings and at the same time provide a place that is warm, welcoming and giving us the facilities we need. Four architects have made presentations to the project team and we have looked at the buildings they have designed. It is likely that an appointment will be made soon. Once given the job the architect will want to know in great detail what is wanted and will work up several sets of outline plans. These will be shared with everyone in the village by holding an exhibition and seeking your opinion.

As well as touring the countryside the project team has been busy analysing the questionnaires you completed and tackling the Lottery Board's application form. This is 25 pages long with a further 15 pages of instructions! Answers to questions must be supported by evidence (that's why we needed to do the questionnaires). But that's not all! A detailed business plan covering a three year period must be constructed too! It's rather like an examination paper with no multiple choice questions or options to 'ask the audience or phone a friend'! And we are not even asking for a million pounds! But it is an excellent form, because it is making us think, plan and check out why we need the hall and how we can use it successfully.

If you have more ideas or would like information or wish to express doubts please contact me on 01284 386711  
Joan Cook, Project Leader.

## Hawstead Community Council A.G.M

The **Community Council AGM** - will be held in June. Date and details to be notified 21 days before. Information from Sonja Monk - 386876.

## Hawstead Parish Council

### THE ELECTIONS ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2003

For the information of those who missed the official notices, there were no contests in the elections for either the Councillor for the Ward of St. Edmundsbury which includes Hawstead, or for the Parish Council on the 1st May.

#### Borough Council

In 2001 on the recommendations of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, which had carried out a lengthy review of the electoral areas of the Borough, it was decided that Hawstead should in future be grouped with the parishes of Chedburgh, Chevington, Rede and Whepstead, to form a new Chedburgh Electoral Ward. Only one candidate was nominated for this seat and our new Borough Councillor will now be Mr N.B. Atkins of Castle Farm, Tuffields Road, Whepstead. At its last monthly meeting in March, the Parish Council sent a letter to Mr Clements of Stanningfield, thanking him for the way he looked after Hawstead's interests during the time he was the Councillor for the former Whelnetham Ward of the Borough.

#### Parish Council

When the time for nominations for the election of Parish Councillors closed, it was announced that at Hawstead there were 8 candidates for the 7 seats, but these were immediately reduced to seven when we pointed out that one of those original 8 lived in Hawkedon and his name had to be deleted— again 'no contest'! Mrs Hayley Brewis was the only retiring councillor not seeking re-election and those elected who will be taking office when the Parish Council has it's Annual Meeting on the 15th May are: (in alphabetical order)

Mrs R.C. Alexander, Mr J.R.R. Carr, Mr M.D. Cornwell, Mr D.J. Dawson,  
Mrs K. J. Fairbairn, Mr J.E.S. Holdway & Mr B.E. Kew.

J.H. Whitfield—Clerk of the Council Tel: 01284 701342

## Letter of Complaint

Dear Sir

How come after a year of really serious complaining, I don't get a mention in your birthday issue. Do you know how long it takes to complain? Cars, candles and delivery people. What's going on. It's about time you got to grips with the nitty gritty. It is not in my nature to try and manipulate proceedings but I would like you to know my Hawstead Journal No is 132. I think the Swedes are very nice people.

Yours Morris

**FOR SALE**  
**Refrigerator in good order**  
(ex village hall) £50 or offer.  
Tel: Sonja 386876

## All Saints Church- Hawstead Services

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#### May 2003

Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Parish Eucharist with infant baptism.
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#### June 2003

Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Said Eucharist (BCP)
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	Parish Eucharist

## Hawstead Bus Timetable

### **MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

Hawstead Green	0803	1003	1423	<b>SATURDAY</b>	0803	1103	1453
The Pound							
BSE Bus Station	0815	1015	1435		0815	1115	1505

### **RETURN JOURNEY**

BSE Bus Station	1245	1630	1745	1320	1715
Hawstead Green	1257	1642	1757	1332	1727

## Hawstead Journal Deliveries

Thank you to Sylvia Miller and Steve and Sarah Lawson for offering to deliver Journals in their neighbourhood.

Copies of the Journal will be available from The Metcalfe Arms for those villagers who live in the Lawshall Road and the East side of the green starting with the June edition.  
B.K.

### Thought For The Month

<i>The most satisfying work.....</i>	<i>Helping others</i>
<i>The ugliest personality trait.....</i>	<i>Selfishness</i>
<i>The two most power-filled words .....</i>	<i>"I can"</i>
<i>The most powerful force in life.....</i>	<i>Love</i>

H.J.D

## Hawstead Big Belly Reduction Group

The number of signed-up members is now 11; 9 males and 2 females. One of the females, is trying to put **on** weight. There are 9 males only too willing to show her how. One member has lost 10 lbs in 7 weeks. "Very, very smug" the strugglers whisper from behind big bellies.

There is 1 member who fluctuates up to 7 lbs from week to week. Mysteriously, "Mr Yo-Yo" only wanted to lose half this weight from the onset. Enough to put you off food forever is that the group have lost 54 lbs of belly since day 1. Imagine that on a plate with chips.

54 lbs is an average of almost 5.50 lbs per person. Only 1 person has incurred a penalty religiously sticking to a diet apparently made in heaven and not heeding prophecies from the previous week. Too much bread and seafood were consumed and it came to pass that he had to pay many shekels. Who will be the next weakest link!! Join in. Lose weight the hard way. Tuesdays 6.00-7.00pm at The Metcalfe Arms.

## Poem:

### Children Learn What They Live

If children live with criticism,  
They learn to condemn.  
If children live with hostility,  
They learn to fight.  
If children live with fear,  
They learn to be apprehensive.  
If children live with ridicule,  
They learn to be shy.  
If children live with shame,  
They learn to feel guilty.  
If children live with tolerance,  
They learn to be patient.  
If children live with praise,  
They learn to appreciate.  
If children live with approval,  
They learn to like themselves.  
If children live with acceptance,  
They learn to find love in the world.

WHAT ARE **YOUR** CHILDREN LIVING???





# Easter Sunday Celebrations



Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>, many people were seen searching the Millenium field for eggs laid by the Easter Bunny. No it was not April 1<sup>st</sup>!! Some people actually found more than one! I think we all had a very enjoyable afternoon, searching for eggs, drinking tea, sampling the very delicious cakes and enjoying the peaceful atmosphere of our beautiful church. We really do have some excellent cooks in Hawstead.



Thank you all you wonderful cooks your cakes were greatly appreciated by all who sampled them. The Flopsy bunny was won by Jasmin, grand-daughter of Sally Tolhurst.



To round the day off there were the lambs to visit at Cullum Cottage. James made every one so very welcome. It was a pleasure to see the great care he takes of his sheep. Elsa was driven up there specially, she had not been in the walled garden for years, so it was very special for her. Thank you James from all of us.



See you all again in the Millennium field next year !!!!! I almost forgot to say we are richer by 80 pounds sterling. Thank you everyone.

(Looked like I missed out on a fun afternoon! - H.J.D editor)

Written by Sonja Monk .



## Saturday Market

Are there any villagers interested in a Saturday Market to raise funds for Hawstead Village Hall? If anyone is interested please phone Brian Kew A.S.A.P. on 386248.



## The Weather Report

### March – Summary

The anticyclone established since March 13<sup>th</sup> persisted until the end of the month bringing dry sunny weather. It was an exceptionally sunny month with approximately 180 hours of bright sunshine more than 50% above the mean figure and certainly the sunniest since 1948. Rainfall, totalling 22.4mm (0.9"), all of which fell during the first 12 days, was 50% of the mean. The month was not unusually dry: March has been drier on 5 occasions in the last 15 years.

The average temperature, 7.2°C (45 deg F) was 1.1°C (92 deg F) above the mean figure, daily maxima 13°C, (55.5 deg F) were well above the mean but the average minimum temperature 1.4° C (34.5 deg F) was below the mean figure.

### April (to April 24<sup>th</sup>)

April's weather has, to date had a distinct continental flavour with extremes of temperature and very little rainfall.

The drought, which began on March 13th, was broken briefly on April 1<sup>st</sup> when 8.9mm of rain fell.

Although anti-cyclonic conditions have dominated the changing position of these systems it has brought airstreams of great contrast. Between the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 10<sup>th</sup> there was a particularly cold blast of Arctic air. Snow showers occurred, minima of -6°C and daily maxima of 9°C (48 deg F) were recorded. Within a week the anti-cyclone had shifted drawing in warm dry air from the south. Daily maxima exceeded 20°C (68 deg F) between the 15<sup>th</sup> and the 17<sup>th</sup> 25.6 °C (78 deg F) was reached on April 16<sup>th</sup> making it the warmest April day on record and the warmest day since last August.

North easterly winds with overcast skies gave a cold day 9°C (49 deg F) on Good Friday before a return to warmer summer weather. Night temperatures have been cold, 8 air frosts to date. The diurnal range of temperature has been large on many days nearly 25°C on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

G.D.H.

### Heard In Hawstead

*A sausage and egg walked into a pub. "I'm sorry" said the barman, "We don't serve breakfast in here".*

## Castaway Top Ten

This month's Castaways are Derek & Sue Hollands from Lawshall Road:

To be asked for your favourite ten tunes makes you think about themes. Our choice is linked to important events or memories in our life together.

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| 1. The House of The Rising Sun                     | The Animals | All that was good in the sixties.                            |
| 2. Handels Water Music                             | Handel      | Our wedding.   |
| 3. Emperor Concerto                                | Beethoven   | Student Days   |
| 4. Horn Concerto                                   | Handel      | Winter evenings round the fire listening to music.           |
| 5. Come Holy Spirit                                | Plain Song  | Ordination   |
| 6. One Fine Day<br>(from <i>Madame Butterfly</i> ) | Puccinni    | Summer evenings with the wine bottle in the garden.          |
| 7. Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves                     | Verdi       | Opera Gala evening at Royal Albert Hall 1992                 |
| 8. Zadoc The Priest                                | Handel      | The best of joint Organ choral music.                        |
| 9. Grand March from Aida                           | Verdi       | Opera live at the Coliseum in Verona Italy.                  |
| 10. Pomp & Circumstance<br>March No.1              | Elgar       | The best of being English especially when touring in Europe. |

Next Months Castaway is Gary Stokes. We look forward to his selection.

## For The Record

A single house martin was seen at Pinford End on Monday 14 April 2003.

A pair of song thrushes feeding 2 advanced fledglings on 19 April, again at Pinford End.

A trio of swallows seen on 24 April, guess where? Pinford End.

The cuckoo was heard at, yes, at Pinford End on 24 April but was heard earlier that day by Maggie Johnson of the Metcalfe Arms. Well done Maggie, a copy of the "Good Seed Guide" is on its way to you.

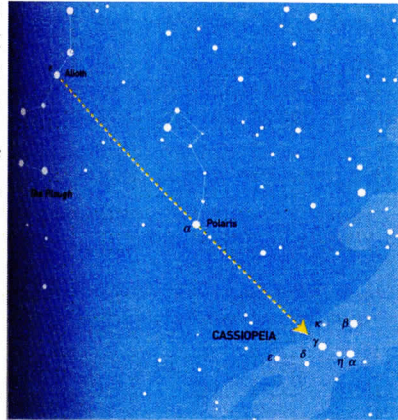
J.K.



## Above Your Head

The next circumpolar (always-visible) constellation to find is Cassiopeia; it looks like a wonky letter 'W' and is found on the opposite side of the Pole Star to Ursa Major (The Plough).

Provided the sky is reasonably clear of clouds, you will nearly always be able to see Ursa Major or Cassiopeia and then orientate yourself on the sky. To find Cassiopeia first find The Plough and Polaris. Next locate the third star in from the end of the handle (Alioth) of The Plough and project a line from it through Polaris to the central star of the five of Cassiopeia.



According to Greek mythology this constellation represents the consort of Cepheus and queen of Aethiopia (modern-day Joppa) and mother of Andromeda, who boasted that she was fairer than the Nereids, the sea nymphs. They complained to their father Poseidon who sent a monster (Cetus) to ravage the coast of Aethiopia. An oracle ordained that Andromeda should be sacrificed, but was then saved by Perseus.

S.M

## Top Internet Tips

In February I said that Hawstead Hall Antiques – an online jewellery shop – it came first in the list when searching the Internet for 'Hawstead'. This is because, as well as their own website [www.hantiques.co.uk](http://www.hantiques.co.uk), the business is quoted in many other antique trade lists on the web. What else can we find about Hawstead of an up to date nature?

Information turns out to be rather piecemeal. The mobile library dates and times were on the County Council site, and in various business directories I came across The Wood Workshop, Cornwell Heat, Pinford End Nursing Home and Terracotta Direct. Moving to the UK Plus search engine (which seemed to have managed to minimize duplication of effort by avoiding to list every single page within a website) I came across Rose Cottage, Pinford End, listed within [www.cottagesdirect.co.uk](http://www.cottagesdirect.co.uk) – 'stunning sunsets at the bottom of the garden' (What, no fairies?!) And [www.be37.dial.pipex.com](http://www.be37.dial.pipex.com) was an entry to 'Townmark Ltd.' which briefly described a 'two-storey extension of a semi-detached house' in Hawstead. There's a site for The Metcalfe Arms (thanks to Joan Osler-Lane) but it needs to be updated now that Roy and Bernice Tooke have gone to the Swan in Lawshall.

It just goes to show that Google is simply not enough: it was only when trying

## Top Internet Tips continued:

a couple of (new to me) search engines– <http://ixquick.com> (a meta search engine) and <http://vivisimo.com> (a 'clustering search engine') that I found Richard Milns Associates Ltd: advisers to owner-managed businesses ([www.richardmilns.com](http://www.richardmilns.com)); and in looking through the also-flagged-up Neighbourhood Watch site ([www.johnbeales.co.uk/nhwatch.htm](http://www.johnbeales.co.uk/nhwatch.htm)) I was pleased to see an absence of reported crime in Hawstead (but noted that someone had recently been caught speeding in Nowton!)

There were one or two sort of 'false drops' when searching for 'Hawstead'. There's a Day Nursery in Hawstead Lane, Chelsfield, Kent, a garage in Catford, London called 'Rushmores and Hawstead' (I must ring them up and ask them why?); and a Hawstead Road in both Lewisham, London and Winnipeg, Canada! Also, apparently the general area in the vicinity of Glenbervie station (N.E. end of the Strathmore Valley in Scotland) is known as Hawstead – this courtesy of Strathmore Community a suburb of Melbourne, Australia, and a district of the rather intriguingly-named City of Moonee!

And according to a short note at [www.455th.ukpc.net](http://www.455th.ukpc.net), 'Hawstead' means 'cattle shed'.

I'm sort of wondering whether we should follow Jennifer Aldridge (and many more real people – see *The Times*, 15/02/03) and establish [www.hawstead.org.uk](http://www.hawstead.org.uk). There are several sites which in one way or another, 'marshall' information about UK villages so you can see what can be done: eg. [www.villagesonline.com](http://www.villagesonline.com) [www.villagekey.com](http://www.villagekey.com) [www.ukvillages.co.uk](http://www.ukvillages.co.uk) As an example, a local village website I found belongs to Little Saxham – [www.littlesaxham.org.uk](http://www.littlesaxham.org.uk)

AJP

## Neighbourhood Watch

### Co-Ordinators:

Joan Baker, Bill Diaper, Brian Kew, Rosemary Carr, Lesley Carey, Pat Jago, Phylis Pettitt, Malcolm Cornwell, John Holdway, Sue Holland.

With the lovely weather on our doorsteps, we must remember to make sure our properties are secure when we leave them. Keep sheds and garages locked -lawnmowers are expensive to replace.

However, if you, as a good neighbour see anything suspicious then do not hesitate to call one of the co-ordinators or the police.

Horringer Police Station – Tel: 735316, Our beat officer is Sarah King.

Of course if you think it is an emergency then ring 999.

Or equally take down the vehicle registration number and pass onto one of the above co-ordinators.