

## Where Are They Now?

In spite of brief visits back to my motherland I am sure you are all wondering what the Metcalfe's best ever barmaid has been up to. After being whisked off to a promised land of gold and untold wealth, I found myself in Stoke-on-Trent.

Despite much published criticism I am pleased to report that I have not been attacked or molested and I am slowly getting accustomed to the alternative way of life. Initially, to pay the rent I took employment at the Singlepoint call centre, one of the town's biggest employers.

Although I was soon made "Team Senior" (it's not as good as it sounds) I left after 8 months because I had managed to get a job that better matched my degree and skills. I thus gained entry to the Prison Service (non-convict status). I took up a position as Psychology Assistant at a (fairly) nearby women's prison called Foston Hall. There I was put to work teaching offenders the wrongs of their ways. To escape all this, last summer I took a deserved couple of weeks out and sampled the entertainment of the Edinburgh Festival. Much fun as it was, the weather could have been better - no tan was gained.

Recently at work my role has been made much more interesting as I've been promoted to Trainee Forensic Psychologist. This means I'm practising the theories taught at University and soon I'll be working with the 'lifer' population. Plans are afoot to move out of the city and into the leafy Staffordshire suburbs. All is well. Things may change (perhaps even in Hawstead!) and I look forward to seeing familiar faces in the not too distant future!

Natalie Parrett

**Errata**

Reporters error! (July issue). NOTHING is added to Hawstead rapeseed honey- it is PURE SUFFOLK HONEY. It is stirred in a way to aerate it so that it doesn't go rock hard. Apologies to

Arthur, Simon and the other Hawstead Honey makers!

I had thought there were no more apiculturists in the village and alluded to a possible third one in the last sentence. The chief editor knows more and corrected this with the word 'sixth' which is why that sentence seems a little strange. So - even more honey makers around!!

AJP

## Caption Competition- July issue

There were many calls for the Arthur Wright competition. (July issue p 9) Unfortunately none of these were correct. The prize will be rolled over for another competition.

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**Next Editor will be Jo Butt**

## Free Trees!



A final reminder with reference to the free trees & shrubs offered by Bury St Edmunds Borough Council as detailed on page 8 of Julys Journal. Please ensure your order is received by Malcolm Cornwell by September 15th. Tel 386447.

Editor: Alan Brown



# Hawstead Journal

For the Village by the Village

Volume 2, August 2003



## Hawstead Village Fete & Produce Show



**Sunday 7th September 2003 at 2pm**

This years Fete and Produce show will be a little different, with no hall to house the fruit and vegetables etc and no electricity. These problems are not insurmountable; we shall endeavour to put together a fete to remember!! The Royal Air Force Honington has come to the rescue with the use of some tents. Solutions are being sought for the lack of power and toilet facilities. The prizes will be awarded at the beginning of the fete as in previous years. The produce will be auctioned at around 4pm. Any one wishing to remove exhibits not intended for auction should remove them before 4pm. There will be music supplied by a jazz quartet; they are willing to play for two hours for a very much reduced fee. We shall have the usual stalls for which contributions will be needed. If you can help please pass goods to the following people:

Draw Prizes	Phyllis Pettit	Mill Post Farm
Bric-A-Brac & White Elephant	Ethel Lebbon	2 Bull Lane
Tombola (Children & adults)	James Carr	Cullum Cottage
Craft Items, Nearly New Clothes, any Home Made Produce (jam etc)	Sonja Monk	Spinney Cottage
Plants	Jo Butt	5, The Pound
Cakes & Biscuits	To be served with teas can be brought on the day.	



## Hawstead Village Fete & Produce Show ....continued

Teas will be available throughout the afternoon. Barbecued food has never been a great success, however, we thought this year we might have this later in the day after the auction. A change is as good as a rest they say!!!

The Community Council members are currently Sonja Monk, James Carr, John West, Margaret Crockford, Joan Cook, Andy Parrett, Sylvia Miller, Nicki Brown and Lorraine Stokes.

John West replaced Sandy Dawson as Treasurer. Lesley Carey also stood down this year. Sandy had looked after our money for many years giving us all peace of mind; she did much in other ways too. Lesley best known for her cakes, winning most of the prizes at the Produce Show and of course taking the village hall bookings has been a very generous and hard working member. The village owes these ladies a huge thank you. We are very grateful to John for taking the post of treasurer; hopefully to whom we can give vast amounts of money to look after.



Finally, posters will be posted to advertise the event so keep a look out! Also we currently need a volunteer to run the Coconut Shy!

Sonja Monk

## Hawstead Parish Council

The Council Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> July was held in the Church because the usual secular venue, The Metcalfe Arms, was again unavailable. However the good news is that the vacancy is only temporary as the Clerk has been informed by the Owner's Agents that a new tenant has been found. She comes from Southsea in Hampshire and will be running "The Metcalfe" under a temporary protection order from the beginning of August, pending the Magistrates hearing on 5<sup>th</sup> September, of her application for the granting of a full Justices License.

At it's Annual Meeting in May, the Council received the Auditors approval of the Accounts for 2001-2002, only to hear at the July Meeting that the 2002-2003 accounts now had to be ready for audit by 12<sup>th</sup> September! The Council is required by law to make arrangements for the accounts to be available for inspection by any local electors interested, during the fortnight before that date and public notices about this will be put up shortly.

There was also a lively argument about the best time for mowing the grass on Hawstead Green, because of the possible adverse effect of this on the reseed-ing of some of the protected rare plants found there.

R. Whitfield Parish Clerk

## Hawstead Community Council

### Plans and Planning

By the time this edition of the Hawstead Journal reaches you the Community Council will have shared with its Trustees and the Parish Council the very first draft of the ground floor plans of the new village hall prepared by the Architect, Chris Sale. It is, as Chris explained, no more than a rough sketch linking together the halls and rooms which, from the consultation with the village, we know will be necessary to carry out the range of activities you have identified. It is no more than a starting point. I am quite sure when the document goes back to the architect it may be radically different. One thing though that the project group is determined to include in the final design is a building with long views over our beautiful green. If all goes smoothly everyone will be invited to an exhibition of the plans and have the chance of meeting with the architect in September.

At the same time as developing the building the Project Group is also looking at ways to use the new hall so that the vulnerable in our community may benefit. With this in mind a small group visited a Day Centre in Felsham. Besides talking with the elderly people who were spending from 10.00am to 3.30pm in the warm friendly atmosphere of the Centre we looked at the kitchen facilities and marvelled at the way the cook prepared nearly thirty meals for the volunteers and the elderly. It is planned to visit another Centre at Clare in the near future and if anyone in the village is interested in joining the expedition would they please contact Joan Cook. We do need as many people as possible to be involved and your ideas and opinions are always welcomed.

In the same way, since boredom can lead to mischief with unfortunate out-comes, the Community Council is trying something new this summer and organising some events for young people in the village. It is hoped that once the hall is built that activities chosen by the young people themselves will be a regular feature. The very young in the village will not be forgotten either!

Sadly John Holdway will not be part of our consultations and his good sense and wisdom will be missed.

Joan Cook Project Leader

### FOR THE RECORD

Flying low over a garden in Pinford End a bat at 10.00pm on Tuesday 15th July 2003.

On Tuesday 22nd July at 9.00pm a huge flock of 50 to 60 swifts flying quite high encircling Pinford End.

JK



## Cambridge University Local History-18th Century Suffolk

The next course the University is running is from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2003 for 10 weeks. The venue this year, because of the state of the hall, will be All Saints Primary School, Lawshall. Fees are £30 or £23 for concessions.

The tutor will be Clive Paine.

Further information available from Joyce Dainty Tel 01284 386314.

Every one is welcome.

## Closure of Whepstead Post Office

Following the closure of Whepstead Post Office on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2003, negotiations are underway to open a "Satellite Post Office" at Whepstead

Community Centre in the very near future. As yet we are unable to give you a date but will keep you informed. Watch this space!

Jenny Botting

Chairman of Whepstead Community Association Tel 01284 735396

## All Saints Church- Hawstead Services

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

#### **August 2003**

Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Parish Eucharist
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#### **September 2003**

Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Said Eucharist (BCP)
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Supper in the Church Barn.
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Parish Eucharist

A service of Quiet Prayer is held every Wednesday at 5pm.

*For all other Services in the Benefice please see the Church Notice Board*

### **Heard In Hawstead**

There once was a lady of Niger  
Who met an extraordinary tiger  
Said she "Are you willing  
To be killed for a shilling?"  
Said she, "It will cost you a fiver".

## In Memory of John Holdway—1929-2003 aged 73

John was born in 1929 in Whitechapel Hospital, London, and could justifiably be called a "cockney", having been born within the sound of Bow Bells. He grew up in Essex and attended Raynes School after which he worked for the Ford Motor Company and Bowater, before moving to Barclays Bank in 1959. During the early 1950's he served his National Service in the British Army during which period he was stationed in Egypt. This was at a time when relations with Britain were extremely difficult.

After being demobbed he worked his way up in Barclays Bank, first in the City, at the Lombard Street branch, then to Ipswich, and eventually to Radbroke Hall, near Knutsford in Cheshire where he was Manager. Whilst in the City John met his beloved wife to be, Shirley. They married in 1967 and had 2 children, Sarah and Robert. They lived for a while in Shirley's parents' bungalow in Whepstead Road, then moved to Felixstowe and finally to Knutsford where they remained until John took early retirement at the age of 55.

They then returned to Hawstead where John was able to devote much of his time to serving the local Community in various ways. This brought him into parish council work, which ultimately led to him being elected to the Chairmanship of the Hawstead Parish Council in 1992, a position he held until he died. Many tributes have been paid to John for all that he did for Hawstead during this period and there is no doubt that he was totally committed and unfailing in his care of our village. His council work was also recently acknowledged when he was elected a Vice President of the Suffolk Association of Local Councils.

John was also involved with other village organisations including the Metcalfe Almshouse Trust being a Trustee and Treasurer. In this latter role he helped build up and consolidate the funds necessary for the refurbishment and maintenance of the almshouses and the installation of the car park.

Another cause very dear to him was the Royal British Legion and he was Welfare secretary to the local Bradfield St.Clare branch. For some years John was also a committee member of the Hawstead Community Council and was treasurer for a while. He donated a trophy known as the Holdway Bowl to the annual Flower Show, to be given to the person who gained the greatest number of points for an entry in the Fruit Section.

Very sadly, Shirley died on Christmas Day 2000 and in their tribute to their father, Robert and Sarah said how John had held them together after their great loss. His family have taken solace in the fact he and Shirley will be reunited at rest.

John was a devoted grandfather and a favourite of "Archie", his 18-month-old grandson. He died suddenly on Felixstowe beach, having urged Sarah to go for a swim. She came out of the water realising that the end had come. We all offer Sarah and Robert our deepest sympathy in their loss. Indeed a sad loss to the whole village of Hawstead.

*(This is a condensed version of the Address given by Revd Keith Finnimore at the funeral service on 28th July 2003.)*



## Book Review—"Green Gold- The Empire of Tea

As one who went to school more years ago than we would be prepared to admit, history was taught as a list of dates of battles and kings and queens and I found it a dry as dust subject. Since then, there has been a change, with historical events being viewed from a perspective of questions such as "what if...?" (If Napoleon had won the battle of Waterloo, possibly we would be driving on the other side of the road today). This book approaches the question of how we got here from an anthropological/sociological perspective.

In the industrial revolution, with mass migration from country to town, the big cities were real killers. Today, in advanced nations with clean, piped water and the wealth to buy other drinks, the problem of waterborne disease has largely disappeared. Alan Macfarlane looks at the part tea played in making our world possible, from its health-giving and medicinal properties to its value as an energy restorative and relaxing social drink. He traces the use of tea over the last two thousand years from the ancient Chinese and shows how tea, religion and culture are intertwined. It is easily prepared for drinking, but its preparation is sufficiently elaborate to encourage the human love of play and ceremony.

The Chinese needed a vessel to hold the hot liquid, so they developed the delicate porcelain and the industrial technologies that go with it. This is in contrast to the west, where fine glassware was made to hold the cold wine and beer. Also, a huge trade in bricks of tea grew up along the Silk Road and became so ubiquitous that they became the preferred currency in many parts of central Asia.

In the cotton mills of industrial north, working with fast moving machines requires great skill and concentration. A hand weaver could move at her own pace and take rests. Beer was given in large quantities to agricultural workers and others engaged in heavy manual work. It is unlikely that Lancashire cotton mill owners would have encouraged a "beer break". The factory tea-trolley shows how ingrained tea is in our society.

Another question is asked. Why did the British extend their empire so far into the north east of India, into Assam and into the Naga hills? To answer this, Iris Macfarlane, Alan's mother and a tea planter's widow, contributes a thoughtful chapter on the life of a Memsahib in the first part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The part played by the East India Company is examined at some length and the impression is given that the authors are not comfortable with the legacy. Did this lead to the independence movement, lead by Ghandi? Is this us viewing the past through 21<sup>st</sup> century spectacles?

The book is written in a very readable style and takes the reader along a path that shows how a "nice cup of tea", if not making history, has pushed events along in a particular direction. At £12.99 for 320 pages hardback, I can recommend it as a good read.

Anna Glypta  
K.C.

## The Weather Report

### June Summary

June, the first of three summer months and therefore associated with sunshine and warmth frequently gives us spells of very cool weather, even air frosts have been recorded on more than one occasion. Although the sun achieves it's highest angle above the horizon (61° at noon GMT) on June 21<sup>st</sup> the warming of the earth lags well behind this event. Records show that September is a warmer month than June in one year in three. The angle of the midday sun on September 21<sup>st</sup> is 37° above the horizon.

Further examination of the records reveals that June has not followed the trend towards warmer months since the 1960's. (Incidentally this is also true of October). The mean temperature has remained close to 14.5° C (58.2° F). Exceptionally, this June has been the warmest since 1976 with an average temperature of 16.4° C (61.6° F). This is perhaps suprising since there were no distinctive heatwaves. On the other hand there were no cool spells. Daily maxima reached or exceeded 19° C (66° F) every day. The average daily maximum temperature was 22° C (72° F) figure normal for July. Minimum teperatures were also above average. Although the total rainfall of 54.7mm (2.1") was close to the mean figure the warmth resulted in soil moisture deficiency. Almost half of the month's rainfall fell overnight on the 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>.

### July to the 21<sup>st</sup>.

The month began unpromisingly: five days of overcast weather with periods of rain. It was cooler than it had been for almost six weeks. On the 6<sup>th</sup> summer returned and has continued to date with a brief blip on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The 12<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> were particularly sunny. Daily maxima exceeded 30° C (86° F) on the 15<sup>th</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup>. Since the 16<sup>th</sup> the air has been less stable giving rise to more cloud and a spectacular thunderstorm during the late evening of the 19<sup>th</sup>. However to date it has continued warm.

GDH

## Hawstead Harvest Festival SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2003

SERVICE 6.00pm  
SUPPER 7.30pm



The Harvest Festival Service will be followed by supper in Lesley and Brian Carey's Barn opposite the church. If you cannot make the service, join us for supper. The price for the Supper is £7.50 (£5.00 concessions & children) which will include drink on arrival, 2 course buffet plus wine.

The proceeds will be split between the Church and the Community Council. Details and booking arrangements to follow but should you require further information please contact either Lesley Carey on 386132 or Christine Gossett on 386764.



## Quizzing at the Metcalfe Arms

It all started when Dave Blackburn was landlord: he received some publicity from Greene King about a Sunday evening quiz league and asked various regular customers if they'd be interested in forming a team. I'm not sure if it was actually the first season, but an early quiz sheet is dated 1990/91 season so it's quite a while ago now!

I can still remember the first evening as a frightening affair! Living next door, I was inevitably the last to arrive and so they said 'you can be captain', so that was that. 'They' were Marc Ely, John McGinley and Derek Tooke. We had no idea of the format and I recall that a) the questions were hard and b) it was terribly difficult to get used to having to answer in just 30 seconds (after which, or with a wrong answer, it went to the other side for a bonus.)

Well we must have enjoyed it because the quiz team has functioned for most seasons since then, depending on landlords. There was a spell of a year or two in the mid 90's when it didn't happen for some reason and then when John & Lucy ran the pub at the end of the decade for a short while we decamped to the Lawshall Swan as John had live music on Sunday evenings. (We did find out at the Rising Sun in town that you can TRY to have both a quiz and live music on at the same time but it doesn't work very well.....!) Strangely enough, the following season, when we returned to the Metcalfe Arms, our friends from Lawshall came too and became the 'B' team, as the then Swan Landlord wasn't interested in quizzes. Only last season, with Roy & Bernice's move, has the B team returned 'home'.

Since the mid 90's break the team has included Alan and Amanda Brown, Marc Ely and Carmen Gauci, Justin Seldis, Keith Bailey and myself. (As an indication of devotion, Marc & Carmen now live in Ipswich, Justin in Botesdale and Keith is a near neighbour in Stanningfield.) Brian Kew's son Daniel was a regular for a short period in the early days and whilst they were renting at Flatt's Farm, Ray O'Malley and his wife Chris also took part occasionally.

How have we performed over the years, I hear you cry! Well, middling to good I reply. The league (one of several run by the brewery) has usually included about a dozen teams, some from Bury and others in the local rural area. Depending on who enters each Autumn, we may meet old friend/rivals, but over the years I reckon we've got to know nearly 3 dozen other pubs from The Swan, Coney Weston in the north to The Bush, Shimpling in the south and from The Star, Lidgate in the west to the Six Bells, Felsham in the East. (Also two town pubs which have closed, the Shepherd & Dog and the New Inn.) Most seasons we have finished in the top half of the league but we've never won it. In actual fact this last season we did very well indeed and came 3<sup>rd</sup> having missed the runner-up position by one point!

The season usually runs from October to March or April, with a knockout competition between the winners of the various GK leagues after. (One year I attended a rather splendid Grand Final in the Corn Exchange and saw the team from The Falcon become overall winners.) The format has barely changed over the years, a quiz comprising two halves, with four rounds in each. The questions range over all 'general knowledge' topics but when it comes to sport or pop music

## Quizzing at the ...continued

they can get rather esoteric and you really need a team member with specialist knowledge (thanks, Marc!) We're sure that the question-setter is a fanatical cricket fan as some cricket questions are absolutely impossible!! There are also two rounds, one in each half which are 'individuals' – and thankfully these questions are usually (I said usually!) a bit easier. But then it's true to say, isn't it, that any question is easy if you know the answer! Do you know which is the largest member of Britain's finch family of birds? (From the 1990/91 season, at random, but not an individual question!)

We hope, of course, that the Metcalfe Arms will continue to open its doors with a new landlord & landlady and if so that the quiz team will reform again in the Autumn. If any readers would like to join us – it's a team of four, but of course not everybody can play every week, and we also need a question master and time-keeper for home matches – then please contact me. To whet your appetite why not try the quiz below.

Andy Parrett Tel. 386531

## Quiz

1. Which is Britain's largest native member of the finch family of birds?
2. What is the name of the brutal schoolmaster in Charles Dicken's *Nicholas Nickleby*?
3. For his part in which film did Frank Sinatra win an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor?
4. What is the State Capital of North Carolina?
5. Which is the world's deepest lake?
6. In cycle racing what is a sag wagon?
7. In which opera by Gilbert and Sullivan do the songs "I'm called little Buttercup" and "When I was a lad" feature?
8. Which British politician and biographer died on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2003?
9. In heraldry if a figure is "trippant" what is it doing?
10. As at 1<sup>st</sup> August 2003 who is the Secretary of State for International Affairs?

### Tie Breaker

At the opening of the Liverpool and Manchester Railway in 1830 the President of the Board of Trade became the first recorded fatality of a Railway Accident. What was his name?

*Answers in writing to Alan Brown, Broadwater House, The Pound.*

## Letter of Complaint

Dear Sir,

How can anyone genuinely include Rock Island Line in their Top Ten Tunes. Is he mad? Come on. It's a joke. When I did mine at least I gave it some thought. I haven't been so annoyed for ages. If that Journal gets any bigger they'll be stocking it in Ottakens.

Yours Morris



## The Metcalfe Arms

### Metcalfe Arms - Update

**W**e have recently moved here from Southsea in Hampshire. We would like to welcome you and hope we will be welcomed ourselves. We both had separate businesses in Southsea. I had an antique pine shop and Ian a furniture renovation company, so this is a complete change of direction for both of us.

Our plans for the immediate future will be to include a more varied range of real ales and suggestions from regulars on the choice would be most welcome. Once the kitchen has been refurbished we intend to introduce a comprehensive new menu. We have a few ideas up our sleeve, so watch this space!

We also intend to have live music and believe that there are a number of talented musicians in the area, so if you think you could fit the bill please feel free to drop in for a chat.

In the longer term we would also like to cater for special occasions - plenty of space in the garden for a marquee! We intend to utilise the garden to its fullest potential, including a children's pets corner.

In the meantime why not visit us for a warm welcome.

*Wendy & Ian*

## Lost & Found

Poppy, had her picture taken in the hope of finding her true home. This dear cat had been wandering around The Pound for two weeks or so before it happened upon Bill and Margaret in Pound Cottage. As they had been suffering from cat deprivation for some time Poppy was very welcome.

Mean while up at Church Farm the family there were very worried about Poppy. News of a black cat in The Pound never reached them. When your cat has been missing for over a month you worry, but you should never be surprised by them as they are remarkable creatures. Sadly, Bill has to part with his feline friend not for a few days yet. She is staying while her owners are away on holiday.



*Bill and Poppy*

Another shy but friendly and hungry ginger tom has been frequenting Pinford End. Does he belong to you? He is spending a lot of his time at 01284 386248.

## Castaway Top Ten

This month's Castaway is Paul Caldwell from Pinford End.

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|------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| 1. Requiem                   | Brahms          | Especially Psalm 84<br>"Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnugen" (How lovely are thy dwelling places) because we like it here in Pinford End. |
| 2. Gymnopedies               | Erik Satie      | As interpreted by the Jacques Lousier Trio   |
| 3. B minor Mass              | JS Bach         | All music starts with JSB. The Sanctus cannot be beaten.   |
| 4. Sea Symphony              | Vaughn Williams | Listen to "On the beach, at night, alone" while looking at the stars on a still summers evening  |
| 5. Clarinet Concerto         | Aaron Copeland  | One day I will be able to play my clarinet like this.  |
| 6. Requiem/Pie Jesu          | Rutter          | The soprano solo is sublime.   |
| 7. Concerto No 1             | Brahms          | A heroic piece, if only value for money for its length.  |
| 8. Airs & Ancient Dances     | Respighi        | The best one for me is the Bergamsca Suite No2   |
| 9. The Song of Saint Francis | Howard Blake    | Because I have never been able to sing it properly & admire those who can.   |
| 10. Sea Pictures             | Elgar           | Reminiscent of the days of yore, think of Dame Clara Butt when you hear "Where Corals Lie".  |
- It is invidious to have to choose one but for now it must be Brahms "Ein Deutches" Requiem for me.  
Paul Caldwell.

*Next Months Castaway is Christabel Carr*