

Above Your Head!

Star gazing time is back; in other words the sun is now setting early enough in the evening for it to be dark well before my bedtime!

On 27th of August Mars was at its closest to Earth for 60,000 years. Mars, the fourth planet from the Sun, is just over half the size of the Earth, with a rotation period similar to the Earth's. Although Mars is very cold, with a thin and unbreathable atmosphere, it is the only planet in the Solar System that is in any way like the Earth. It has rocky deserts with sand dunes, and icy polar caps. Huge canyons suggest that water may once have flowed across its surface, when it was warmer and wetter several billion years ago. Primitive life may have arisen on Mars in the remote past, and it might survive today, hidden in Mars' soil.

Is there life on Mars? – In August 1996 NASA announced that possible fossilised bacteria had been found in Martian meteorite ALH84001. The Beagle 2 project, headed by Professor Colin Pillinger of the Open University, is a British led effort to land on Mars. The project is part of the European Space Agency's Mars Express Mission, launched in June 2003. The probe will analyse the Martian rocks and soil in a search for telltale traces of life. See www.beagle2.com and www.sci.esa.int/marsexpress for more information and mars.jpl.nasa.gov for NASA's Mars missions past present and future.



work of straight lines on Mars, and speculated that these might be canals built by a civilization of intelligent beings!

Apart from the Moon, Mars is the brightest light in the night sky at this time and distinctly red. It rises in the south east shortly after sun-set.

Observing Mars though a telescope you'll see a small orange disk with several dusky desert features and a bright south polar ice cap. The V- shaped plain of Syrtis Major will be clearly seen, along with a bright area to its south called Hellas, an asteroid impact basin. Some astronomers in the 19th and early 20th century imagined that they had seen a network of straight lines on Mars, and speculated that these might be canals built by S.M.

Supported by Cecil & Larter Volvo
Bury Road, Horringer
Bury St Edmunds Suffolk
Tel: 01284 735856
www.cecilandlarter.co.uk

Printed by CandLe  Marketing Tel 01284 735177

***The editor for the
next issue will be***

Geraldine Upfold

Editor: Jo Butt



Hawstead Journal

For the Village by the Village

Volume 2, September 2003

EXHIBITION

Saturday 27th September 2003

**All Saints Church, Hawstead
10.00am – 4.00pm**

Come and see

THE PLANS FOR THE NEW VILLAGE HALL

Meet the architect, Chris Sale who has designed a stunning building

Take a virtual reality tour of the new hall

See how the Project Group has developed the accommodation to meet the needs of the activities YOU have chosen

This is your opportunity to meet with the architect and members of the project group

YOUR comments will be welcomed and opinions sought

The Project Group is reaching the final stages of preparing the application to the Lottery Board for a maximum grant of £300,000, but before the application is submitted we need to know that we have achieved what you asked us to do. The Group has taken enormous care to find the right architect and to give him a brief which will not only give as a functional meeting place but a building that will complement the beauty of its location. We hope you will agree that we have achieved this. Your comments will be very important and allow us to fine

J.C.

SATURDAY 27th September HAWSTEAD CHURCH

If any Villager would like transport to the exhibition, please contact Sonja on 01284 386876

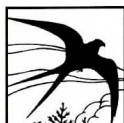
Hawstead Parish Council

Posters were put up in the Parish giving notice of a vacancy for a Parish Councillor and explaining that a by-election would be held if ten electors gave written notice to the Returning Officer requesting it. No such notice was received within the time allowed and the law accordingly requires the Parish Council to fill the vacancy by co-option at its next Meeting on 18th September, when the first business will be the choosing of a new Chairman to succeed John Holdway.

R.W.

For The Record

Approximately 30 house martins, on the 10 September 2003, flying low over and near to the sugar beet pad at Pinford End. J.K.



A Hummingbird hawk moth was seen near the pound early in September

Summer Holiday Sports

The parents and children who took part in our Summer holiday sports activities would like to join with the Community Council and say a big thank you to Dave Dawson for organising several enjoyable evenings of football and rounders on the green plus swimming and tennis at Sonja's and Leslie's. We had a lot of fun.

S.M.

Apples

We have a part share in a beautiful, mature apple tree. The tree lives in the garden next door and belongs to our neighbours Arthur and Doreen, but its branches overhang our shared fence. Thanks to this magnificent summer, the tree is heavy with glorious rose-tinted fruit. The ripening apples, it seems, grow larger and more luscious with each additional day of late summer sunshine.

Apples of some sort have been around for a very long time – certainly since before the Norman Conquest. The crab-tree or wild apple is native to Britain and is the ancestor of all the cultivated varieties available now. There are numerous mentions of apples and cider in old manuscripts.

Cider Apples probably bridged the gap between the crab apple and today's cultivated varieties. In days gone by every farm would have made cider. The apples would be tipped in heaps on the straw-strewn floor of the pound house and all hands would be busy for days preparing the cider. A boy would feed apples into the top of the pounder whilst one of the men turned the handle, as the apples were crushed to pulp between its rollers. The pulp was then pressed and the clear liquid stored in vats.

Apple cookery in England also dates from ancient times, with the wonderful, classic apple pie being no less esteemed by the Tudors than it is to-day. Although in those days, as well as putting cinnamon and ginger into their pies, they gave them a lavish colouring of saffron.

In Shakespeare's time, roast apples were served with a little saucer-full of caraway seeds. This is still the custom at Trinity College, Cambridge, and at some old-fashioned London Livery dinners.

Apple Moyse is another old English recipe. Take a dozen apples, roast or boil them, pass them through a sieve with the yolks of three or four eggs. Strain and add three or four spoonfuls of rose water, season with sugar and half a dish of sweet butter. Boil in a chafing dish (I am not quite sure what this is!) and sprinkle with biscuits, cinnamon and ginger. *Apple Butter*, a kind of jam, probably evolved from this dish. Boil tart apples in cider until reduced to a very thick smooth paste. Flavour with allspice and store in tightly covered jars.

But there is no better way of eating apples than straight from the tree on a sunny autumn day.

G.U.

Journal Exclusive -Jack and the Beanstalk meets The Three Little Pigs (it all happened in Hawstead)!

Many residents will know that there is an allotment opposite Cooks Farmhouse which has been used by villagers for many years. Arthur Wright had been the last tenant to use it and grew good vegetables there for many years. When he and Rene moved into Bury it was feared that this part of village life might have come to an end. Happily this has not been so. Steve and Jo Butt have renovated, manured and grown a great variety of good crops on it this summer. It is wonderful to see it in production again. If anyone fancies having a bit more ground to grow things there is allotment space available. Why not have a ponder on it and give it a go? It isn't all that difficult and there is nothing so fresh, tasty or satisfying as growing and eating your own food. The allotment is on a peaceful corner of a meadow and the owners are happy to let villagers use it at a reasonable rate. Weigh it up: you can save a fortune by sacking both your stress therapist and personal trainer and by cancelling that expensive gym subscription....and don't forget Felicity Kendal looked well on it didn't she?

This summer three experts in traditional land improvement have been brought in to help the village plot. Hawstead has been very fortunate in that they agreed to provide their contractual services in return for board and lodging. Yes, three Large Black pigs have been living on and clearing an overgrown part of the allotment. Large Blacks are a rare breed which nearly became extinct a few years ago and are still endangered. Modern agriculture relies on fast-growing pink hybrids which although when young may be kept free range usually end up fattened in small concrete pens in intensive units. Large Blacks are ideal outdoor pigs for free ranging in a traditional manner. They have done an excellent job in clearing the weeds and helping keep the allotment viable for the village. Arthur tells me that pigs used to be kept up there by farm workers to fatten and to clear the fallow areas so we are simply using traditional techniques to keep the allotment going and providing a market for rare breed pork at the same time. It has been a very interesting time as none of the three families who got together to keep the pigs had ever done it before. By the time this is printed the Large Black boys will have gone to meet Mr Clarke in Hartest and the first phase of the Good Life will be over. The second phase involves the freezer and bringing home the bacon which I admit to being equally interested in. At 90kg a pig I never knew that allotments could be so productive- and that was the bit that the weeds were left on!

If you are interested to join us in keeping the allotment going, or just to find out more, please contact me, James, or my fellow conspirators:

J.C.

James and Christabel Carr tel. 386245
Steve and Jo Butt tel. 388817
Brian and Jan Kew tel. 386248

All Saints Church- Hawstead Services

All Saints Church – Hawstead.

SERVICES

September

Sunday 28th 11.00am Parish Eucharist and Infant Baptism

October

Sunday 12th 8.30am Said Eucharist(BCP)

Sunday 26th 11.00am Parish Eucharist

Parish Prayers. An opportunity for silent/contemplative prayer, and to pray for the parish and benefice is held every Wednesday in the church; 5 –5.30pm.

The Church is now open every day from 9am to 5pm (4pm in winter)

PENSIONER INFORMATION DAY October 1st 2003

The Pension Service is hosting a Pensioner Information Day
at

The Athenaeum, Bury St Edmunds on
Wednesday October 1st 2003.

It will be free and open to the Public
From 10.00 am til 3.00 pm.

There will be approximately 30 organisations present,
with information covering a wide variety of topics such as
Benefits, Health, Housing, Safety, Volunteering Opportunities
and Local organisations.

Come along and see us.

Hawstead Village Fete & Produce Show



Fine weather greeted us on the day of the fete, which was I think is the most important thing to get right. Many thanks to the person who ordered the weather!

There are so many people to thank, many people gave up their time and energy not to mention their gazebos, Anne Shorter's super marquee made a very up market tea tent. The Air Force tents laced together as one only just managed to hold the produce. It was a good thing most of the flower arrangers were away. The tent looked really special crammed full of onions etc. A jazz quartet played.



All the usual attractions were there with the addition of ferret racing, an amazing colony of bees, cartoon drawing, Madame Zola fortune teller. The queue for her tepee under the willow tree was four deep most of the day!



It really was a lovely day; we must do it again next year. Nine hundred and sixty pounds were taken on the day. All stall holders did very very well,

The auction did amazingly well.

S.M.



The prizes were presented by Pauline Thrower of the Rectory, Lawshall.

Andy Evershed won both Newman Cup and the Shireff Cup



Tony Hillman won the pewter pot for the best onions, Ros Alexander won the Holdway bowl for the best fruit, Joanne Abbot won the glass goblet for flower arranging, Joan Cook won the Mortlock Shield for cooking, Lily Harris and Jarret Simpson jointly won the junior trophy and Tony Hillman won the Millennium cup for the best exhibit in the show

The Shireff Cup and The Newman Cup both go to the best all round exhibitor.

Many thanks to everyone who came along to enjoy the day, to those who entered the produce show and to everyone who contributed to the day!!!

We did miss Ethel from the bric a brac; she has been running that stall for thirty years or more. Ethel is in hospital we wish her a speedy recovery.

Phyllis to was missing from her post of thirty years as raffle lady, she had a social engagement. S.M.

FREE HORSE MANURE

Does your compost heap need a boost? Adding horse manure to a compost heap which is full of grass cuttings and green waste will add moisture and lots of lovely organic matter. Your compost heap will develop better compost faster! If you would like some (can be delivered), please contact James or Christabel on 386245.

Purple Hairstreak Butterfly

A purple hairstreak butterfly was rescued from a swimming pool near the Pound alive and flapping. Has anyone else seen these unusual little butterflies in Hawstead? Hairstreak butterflies are only small and are in the same family (Lycaenidae) as the blues and coppers. There are five hairstreak species in Britain but most have declined in numbers over the years. The purple species is probably the most widespread and common. Although only small and grey-brown they have wonderful flashes of purple on the forewings. Adults spend most of their lives flying high around the canopy of tall trees and, being small and moth-like, very often remain unseen! It is likely that they are commoner than most people think but this is the first that I have seen in the parish. The chrysalis of the butterfly, which has the unusual ability to squeak audibly, is usually found in ant nests near the oak trees on which the caterpillars feed.

A green hairstreak was found a few years ago at Hawstead Place Farm. If anyone has seen either of these or had other unusual sightings I would be very interested to hear of them.

JC

Letter of Complaint

Dear Sir

Fete! I went there. It was like a zoo, ferrets and bees, all over the place and there was the military in the recruitment tents selling veg.

I bought a doughnut off some chap and he tried to make me eat it in 10 seconds. I never have this problem in McDowell's. And to cap it all, I bought some plants. I've still got the last ones. Sort me out Madam Zola.

Yours
Morris

LAMB FOR SALE- WHOLE OR HALF LAMBS

Born and bred in Hawstead, ready for September.
Jointed to your requirements.

For more information contact James and Christabel Carr: 386245.

Hummus

A classic starter which also makes a perfect snack

One can of chick peas (drained, reserve liquid)
Half a jar of tahini (pulp of sesame seed)
Juice of two lemons
2 to 3 cloves of garlic, crushed
4 tbsps of olive oil
Salt to taste

1. Put the chick peas into a blender or food processor blend together with $\frac{1}{4}$ pint of reserved liquid.
2. Add the tahini, lemon juice, olive oil, the garlic, and salt.
3. Blend until smooth adding a little more stock if it is too thick.
4. Leave to stand for an hour or so to let the flavours develop.
5. Serve in individual dishes with a little olive oil drizzled over the top.

Time: Preparation takes 10 minutes, standing time one hour.

Serve: garnished with lemon
Accompany the hummus with warm pitta bread.

S.M.

Your Community Council invites you to join Robin Hood & his Merry Men for this year's Theatre Royal Pantomime.
Children under 16 go free and students 16-18 at reduced rate.
Adult tickets are £11.50 (dress circle boxes).
We have reserved 30 tickets for Friday 16 January at 6.45pm.
So don't delay, phone Sylvia Miller on 388841 and book today!
S.M.

Free range eggs £1.50 per dozen.
Also other produce in season.
Andy and Frances Evershed
1 Fyletts Manor Cottages, The Green, Tel: 386501.
A.F.

The Weather Report

July summary

During the latter part of the month the weather became more unsettled but unlike the first week it was pleasantly warm (23 C, 73 F) with the rain falling at night or the early hours, 22.2m, 0.9ins on the 27th.

The average temperature for the month 18 C, 64.6 F was 1.4 C, 2.6 F above the mean making it the warmest July on record. Rainfall totalling, 65.8mm (2.6ins) was 70% above the mean figure. The climax of the month's single heatwave was a temperature of 32.8C 91F, on July 16th.

August to the 20th

High pressure over Europe has dominated the weather since June. Hot air from the South has brought unprecedented heat and drought to the Alps and further north. We have been on the northern edge of this hot experiencing more temperate conditions at least until the first fortnight of this month when hot air spread over Britain on August 10th the recorded high temperature was broken when the thermometer reached 37.7C, 100F exceeding the previous high of 36.1 C, 97 F on August 3rd 1990. Between the 2nd and the 13th daily maxima exceeded 26C making it the most enduring heat wave since August 1997 when a similar temperature was exceeded on nineteen consecutive days.

Since the 13th the heat has abated but the days have been warm with plenty of sunshine. With winds in the northerly quarter the minimum temperature fell to 4.7 C, 40.5 F, a first hint of autumn or just a welcome relief. GDH

Announcement—Hayley's Labours

OWEN JAY BISHOP was born at the West Suffolk Hospital on Monday 27 January 2003 at 7.20 am after a 36-hour labour, weighing in at 7lbs 3ozs. He was 11 days late.

Hayley and Owen left hospital later that day at 3.30 pm. They live with his Great Grandparents.

Owen's christening will take place at Hawstead Church on Sunday 28 September 2003 at 11.00 am. He will have three godparents who are: Phil Shaw of Lawshall, Billy Bishop of Whepstead and Tracy Collins of Great Whelnetham.



H.B.

Castaway Top Ten

This month's Castaway is Christabel Carr

1. Run to You – Bryan Adams
2. Living on a Prayer – Bon Jovi
3. Jump – Van Halen
4. Dance of the Knights - from the ballet score for Romeo and Juliet – Prokofiev
5. Smells Like Teen Spirit – Nirvana
6. Song 2 – Blur
7. Kiss from a Rose – Seal
8. Russians – Sting
9. When Doves Cry – Prince
10. Spaceman – Babylon Zoo

No deep and meaningful review of songs this month- it's just the music that I always turn up when they come on the radio – which I could do to my hearts content when castaway.

Next month's Castaway will be Mike Sibling of Bull Green

Heard in the Village

What do you get if a person is insomniac, dyslexic and agnostic?
Someone who lays awake in bed at night wondering if there's a Dog!

