

## Hawstead 2001 A West Suffolk Village Record

*For all newcomers to Hawstead this book is an essential introduction to the village and its residents! If you were lucky the previous owners of your home have left you a copy, as it was part of our deal with the lottery that every household should receive a copy. But the likelihood is that they took this widely acclaimed book with them as a memento. But don't despair!*

**There are a few copies left and can be bought from Sonja Monk at Spinney Cottage, The Pound, Bury Road, Hawstead Tel. 386876, price £20**

*Expensive? Not really, as the gold embossed, hard back A4 book has 282p. with 48 colour plates. It opens with the history of the village, going back to Anglo-Saxon times but more importantly is a record of the village now with aerial photos and accounts of many aspects of contemporary life.*

*All the profits from the sales go towards the new village hall and so far £1500 has been raised. So if you are looking for something different and a rather special to give as a Christmas present give a copy of Hawstead 2001*

### With Apologies to SM

Is there now a new method of preparing Foie-gras in France? See October's edition of the Journal "Where are they now?" - Lynda and Chris with their 3 geese in a panda - sounds tasty! We will try it and let you know if it works.

MC - Not related to le-(s) Miserable(s) Morris.

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# Hawstead Journal

For the Village by the Village

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## HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL VILLAGE HALL PROJECT

Three members of the Project team had a pre-application meeting with the Lottery Fund Grants officer a couple of weeks ago. The verdict was that the work we had accomplished so far laid a good foundation for our bid. However it was made clear to us that we must show how the village would make good use of the hall. They want to know how the money they will give us will enhance the quality of life for the vulnerable within our community as well as helping the community at large. It is not just a question of making a grant for bricks and mortar.

Many of you filled in the questionnaire expressing an interest in a wide range of activities and also showed a willingness to give time and energy to be involved with the running of different clubs and services. To meet the Lottery Board's criteria we must show that we have at least eight sessions a week that provide for the young or old of the village or alternatively brings in a service like the Post Office. We believe we can do this by setting up an after school club on some afternoons of the week. Giving children the opportunity to meet and enjoy the company of their friends in the village (or do their homework!) and at the same time freeing up parents, particularly those that are at work or are thinking of returning to work. In addition the young people who enjoyed the programme of activities in the summer will be able to meet all the year round. We are a village with at least 25% of our residents over 65 years and soon the generation of baby boomers will reach retirement age! The frail members of our community should expect that we make provision for them and by establishing a Day Centre and Lunch Club we will do just that. During the coming months members of the Project team and the committee members of the Community Council will follow up on your response to the questionnaire as we wish to involve as many people as possible. If you want to get ahead and become involved now why not contact Sonja Monk tel. 386876.

Although I have mentioned a range of activities these will be fitted in around the well-established education classes. While the Carpet Bowls and Bingo Club will not be forgotten and there will be space for parties too! JC



## Hawstead Parish Council

There was no meeting of the Parish Council in October and the next one will be on Thursday 20 November 2003, when the members will be bringing its insurance cover up to date. This will be followed by the anguish of Katie Fairbairn's Finance Committee, when they have to consider the budget for the next financial year 2004. The Clerk will have the more pleasant task of applying to DEFRA for the annual Countryside Stewardship Grant payable on Hawstead Green, which helps to reduce the cost of its maintenance.

The St Edmundsbury Council have recently announced that Hawstead has been selected for inclusion in the second phase of their blue bin kerbside collection scheme. Under this, they will be collecting dry recyclables (including paper, cardboard, plastics and metals) for recycling and thus eliminate the need for those tedious visits to the recycling centre.

After almost 5 years of pressure from the Parish Council we have received from the Department of Planning and Transportation, confirmation of listing of the outbuildings next to Cullum House. Dated 27.09.03 the listing is as follows:-

**27-JAN -1984**

**CHURCH ROAD  
Cullum House and the  
Old Primary School and  
Outbuilding adjacent to  
the rear**

**113/5/53**

House, formerly school-house and former schoolroom, with adjacent outbuilding. 1847. Y-plan; the schoolroom forms the long arm. 1 storey and 1 and a half storeys with attics. Flint rubble with red brick quoins and Flemish parapet gables. Fish-scale slated roofs with crested ridge tiles; axial chimney of red brick with 3 circular flues have diaper-patterned tiles. Hood-moulded 2-light windows with wrought iron casements having hexagonal panes; the schoolroom windows hood-moulded with triple small-pane sliding sashes. 1 storey Flemish-gables entrance porch with hood-moulded doorway and carved limestone plaque above with coat of arms. Battened and boarded entrance doors.

Adjacent to the rear is an outbuilding, formerly the toilet block to the school. This forms a group with the house, is contemporary with it and is single-storey. It is also of flint with red brick dressings and has a low-pitch hipped slate roof. It similarly has iron casements with hexagonal

panes. Various doorways. Central brick stack with octagonal flue.

*Ed's Note: If it hadn't been for the strenuous efforts and vigilance of several parishioners the toilet block adjacent to the former school-house which is a little gem of Victorian architecture would have been demolished by stealth, once again chipping away at our historical buildings.*

### Norcas

Drugs and alcohol concerns? If you live with, know of someone, or are affected by someone else's use of drugs or alcohol there is a local, free and confidential service for advice, information and emotional support.

The Suffolk Helpline is open Monday to Friday 10.00 am to 6.00 pm. (An answerphone is available out of hours). We are here to help those coping with a family member, friend, partner or anyone else's drug and/or alcohol use.

For young people our service is expanded to cover any concerns they might have about their own use of drugs or alcohol.

We can provide details of the services available in the Suffolk area as well as providing weekly support groups through our Families and Carers Community Support Service, which aims to help improve coping skills and develop awareness and insight into drug and alcohol use. There is no need to feel isolated or alone, for further information contact the Suffolk Helpline on free phone 0808 800 11 22.

Robin Whitfield Parish Clerk

### Diary Dates:

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December –The Triple Twenties lunch.

Last years Christmas Lunch was a great success. So we will again be holding it in Lawshall Village hall. 12.30 for lunch at 1.0pm. All our usual guests will receive an invitation & if you have passed that special three times twenty birthday & would like to join us, or are a regular, who needs transport, please phone Sonja Monk on 386876.

New volunteer helpers are also needed, decorating the tree, opening the wine, helping in the kitchen. It's enjoyable & it includes your lunch. If you'd like to help please come along to the meeting on Tuesday 2nd December, 7.30pm at Pound Cottage, opposite the post box near the Almshouses.



## All Saints Church - Hawstead Services

### NOVEMBER

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>** 11.00am Parish Eucharist

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>** 6.00pm Evensong  
**(Advent Sunday)**

### DECEMBER

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>** 8.30am Said Eucharist (BCP)

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>** 6.00pm **Carol Service**

**Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup>** 11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>** 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 at 5 – 5.30pm. All are welcome.

**Mid Week Activity Group** for young people in the Benefice aged 7 to 12 meets every Tuesday in term time at 5.30 to 6.45pm in Lawshall Village Hall. For details contact Jill Horner (01284) 828454

**A Homegroup** is held in Hawstead on alternative Tuesday mornings at Copperfields, Lawshall Road, 10.30 to 12noon, under the leadership of Anne Shorter. This offers an opportunity for people to meet on an informal basis to discuss and share the reality of living as a Christian in the world today. Details can be obtained from Christine Gossett (01284) 386764.

**The church is open every day from 9am to 4pm**

For all other Services in the Benefice please see  
Church Notice board

### **Lunch Invitation**

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2003. You are invited for lunch in aid of  
The Village Hall Rebuilding Fund at Fyletts Manor at 12.30 pm.

Substantial Soup Bread and Cheese Wine and Beer  
RSVP Sally Tolhurst Tel 388355

## The Weather Report

### September Summary

The large diurnal range of temperature was the prominent feature of the month. The average minimum, 6.7 degrees C, 44.1 degrees F was 2.7 degrees C, 5 degrees F below the mean average. Next to September 1986, this was the lowest such figure for September. The first air frost occurred on 24<sup>th</sup> September, some 3 weeks earlier than normal, only 2 other Septembers since 1960 have recorded an air frost, namely 1969 and 1986. By complete contrast the average daily maximum was a record high for September, 22 degrees C, 71.6 degrees F. This figure would be normal for an August afternoon. For the second month rainfall was low, about 20 mm, 0.8 ins. This figure is 36% of the normal.

To my surprise, the brook, though low, has continued to flow indicating that the water table has not fallen to the low levels of earlier years, 1995 for example.

### October to 25<sup>th</sup>

Dry weather with above average amounts of sunshine has dominated the month to date. However, high pressure to the North of Britain has drawn cool winds across East Anglia. Daytime temperatures held up well during the first half of the month; most days exceeding 16 degrees C, 61 degrees F. Maxima approached 20 degrees C, 68 degrees F on only 2 days by no means a high figure for October. Post mid-month night temperatures have plummeted under clear skies; 6 air frosts have occurred to date. Day temperatures too have been below normal reaching between 10 degrees C – 12 degrees C, 50 degrees F – 54 degrees F.

Rainfall mostly in the form of brief showers has been light. October 7<sup>th</sup> was unusual in that no sunshine was recorded – a rare event for a day in this unusually sunny year.

GDH

### **Have you booked your PANTOMIME tickets yet?**

The Community Council invites you to venture into Sherwood Forest with Robin Hood & his merry men for this year's Theatre Royal Pantomime. Children under 16 go free & student's 16-18 at reduced rate. Adult tickets are £11.50 (Dress circle boxes). We have reserved 30 tickets for Friday 16th January at 6.45 so don't delay, phone Sylvia Miller on 388841 and book today. Join us for a fun-packed couple of hours for all the family.



## A Tale from old Hawstead

Now that the clocks have gone back and the nights are drawing in, we can enjoy autumn and the great display of colours. Mother nature is excelling herself with a magnificent show of colours and we remember the harvest, one of the best for some time. The village's gardeners again showed their great expertise in the Fete in September. Some would like to say that the little event at Chelsea competes, but a first in show at Hawstead really does set the standard.

October is over and Halloween gone, Bonfire Night is upon us and the distinctive smell of gunpowder brings back memories of treason and plot. For me, though, the tang of burnt sulphur reminds me of my old uncle George, a keen gardener. He was an advocate of the miracle grow properties of a bag of sheep manure in the water butt for feeding tomatoes and soft fruit. There was always a steady bubbling of fermenting organic material. I suppose the nitrogen and minerals gave an extra boost, which resulted in him winning the Emlyn Persiflage cup every year.

George was in friendly rivalry with his neighbour, Harry. Now Harry was not above using a trick or two to gain an advantage. So when he spotted in the Saturday market a limited supply of Patagonian tomato seeds which, the stallholder assured him, would without fail produce the biggest fruit and the largest crop, of great commercial value and they were bred to be adapted to this climate. It came with its own fertiliser as a dark grey powder in a sack. He couldn't resist and bought the whole of the stock.

So, on his outside vegetable plot, he picked the sunniest spot, which happened to run up to a hedge overlooking uncle George's Greenhouse and water butt. A carefully dug trench was prepared and filled with good compost as a booster. Harry proceeded to spill the contents of the sack along in a furrow, with a good dollop for luck at the end, and turned it in with soil as instructed.

Perhaps the label on the contents should have warned him, *Patagonian best Flashawful Flabbergastor*. As Harry turned to admire his work, he took his pipe out from his pocket, lit it and took an appreciative suck. He tossed the match to the ground into the furrow at the starting point. Contact with the earth had somewhat dampened the powder, but sparks began to fly, smoke and then a flame burst from the ground as a pillar of fire set off down the furrow towards the hedge and uncle George's water-but. With mouth agape, Harry saw the flame get to the end of the furrow, the hedge catch alight, reach the water-but and set alight the gases coming from the top.

The methane gases burned attractively with a blue flame and soon attracted an appreciative audience. There were many "ooh's", "ee, look at that's" and intakes of breath. Someone started to toast crumpets.

Old grandmother Glypta reckoned that the thieves who broke into the local quarry had taken the black powder thinking it was refined ore. When they realised it was useless, they left it by the roadside where a stallholder found it. He thought there is bound to be a mug who will buy this and Harry was that mug.

Which goes to show that powder can corrupt, but gunpowder can erupt absolutely.

Anna Glypta

### Thought for the Month

The mark of great power is the ability to resist the temptation to use it.

### For the Record

Whilst looking out of my kitchen window I saw a sparrow hawk flying erratically amongst the shrubbery (I noted subconsciously that his legs were particularly bright) endeavouring to catch a female blackbird!

After flinging open the window and clapping my hands the hawk flew away leaving a very ruffled blackbird also to fly away, hopefully unscathed.

On the village boundary at the upper end of Bull Lane, a small flock of lapwings, now a rare sight in many parts of the country.

Not wishing to be left out of all the media interest in the hummingbird hawk moth saga, a lone individual visited a workshop at Pinford End during mid October.

Also, a green woodpecker which consistently attaches itself to a power supply pole, hammering away at the metal casing that protects cables.

Ed & BK

## Apples, Apples, Apples & More Apples!!!!!!

Apples have been raining down on us this year, and everywhere you go you are asked would like some apples. As it happens I like apples, so what do you do with so many? Make chutney for next years village fete of course. I have tried various recipes these are favourites.

### APPLE AND TOMATO CHUTNEY

2lb apples, peeled, cored and sliced	4 level tsps of salt
¾lb onions, skinned and chopped	one clove of garlic
½lb of dried fruit	chopped
1tbls of mustard seed, tied in muslin	¾lb of Demerara sugar
1level tsp of cayenne pepper	5 level tsp of curry
1½ pints of malt vinegar	powder
2lb tomatoes, sliced	

Stew the apples in a very small quantity of water until tender. Put the apples, tomatoes, onions, and garlic with the dried fruit, sugar, spices, salt and vinegar, into a pan. Bring to the boil reduce the heat and simmer until the consistency is thick and there is no excess liquid. Remove the muslin bag, pot the chutney and cover. Makes about 5lb

### SPICED APPLE AND PECAN CRUMBLE....WITH MASCARPONE CREAM!!!!

Serves 6/8 you will need a baking dish 8x11 inches, 2 inches deep

1lb 8oz Bramley apples	8 Cox's apples
1oz light muscovado sugar	1 slightly rounded tsp of
½ tsp ground cloves	cinnamon
4oz of raisins	1/3 of a whole nutmeg

#### For the crumble

4oz pecans	3oz of chilled butter diced
6oz of S.R. flour sifted	2 level tsps ground cinnamon
4oz of Demerara sugar	

#### For the mascarpone vanilla cream

250g mascarpone, at room temp.	1 tsp of vanilla extract
200ml fromage fraise	1 rounded dsp golden caster
	sugar

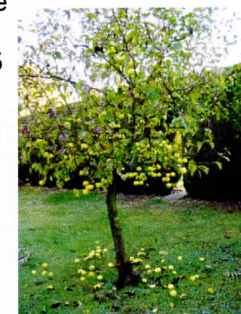
You will need a baking dish 8x11 ins 2 ins deep (oven temperature 200 cent.) Toss sliced apples (you may leave the skin on the apples for more flavour) and raisins in the spices, arrange in the dish. Next the crumble, place the butter and flour, in the processor give it a whiz until it resembles crumbs, then stir in the cinnamon, sugar and pecans, process again but not too fast. Now

## Continued:-

sprinkle the crumble over the apples pressing it down, the more tightly it is packed the crispier it will be. Bake in the centre of the oven for 35mins. Rest for 10/ 15 mins before serving.

For the vanilla cream mix all the ingredients together and chill.

S.M.



## Castaway Top Ten

This month's castaway on the village green is Kathryn Diaper of The Pound

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|-----|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1)  | Snake                  | R Kelly               |
| 2)  | Chi Chi man            | C.O.K.                |
| 3)  | Superwoman             | Fabulous/Lil Mo       |
| 4)  | Like Glue              | Sean Paul             |
| 5)  | React                  | Erick Sermon          |
| 6)  | Who am I               | Beanie Man            |
| 7)  | Everyone Falls in Love | Tanto Metro & Devonte |
| 8)  | Can't Hold us Down     | Christine Aguilera    |
| 9)  | Strange Places         | Kelly Rowland         |
| 10) | 21 Questions           | 50 Cent               |

Ed's Note: Well, I've heard of Christine Aguilera and possibly Kelly Rowland??!!

**Next month's Castaways are Alf and Nancy Dawson of Pinford End**





## Congratulations!

**Philippa Diaper and Matthew Musgrove of The Cottage Hawstead are pleased to announce the safe arrival of "Tommy James" born at 2.04 pm on 4.9.03 at the West Suffolk Hospital weighing 7 lbs 13 ozs.**

Tommy James was born via elective caesarean section at 38 weeks (2 weeks under the normal 40 week pregnancy) due to him being in a flexed breech position.

Pregnancy wasn't much fun in the scorching heats of July and August so I guess I was lucky in a way that he was to come early!

Unknown to us that we were having a boy, Tommy was bottom down with his legs up near his shoulders, unlike common breech position where the baby's legs are crossed.

Two options were given to me by the hospital, I was to have Tommy turned manually by the Consultant Gynaecologist (which I had heard to be a traumatic event with possibility of complications) or to be given a date for a caesarean section (a breech is not classed as a safe way to deliver a baby normally).

I was given the date of the afternoon on 4<sup>th</sup> September, I was nil by mouth from 6.00 am and was at the hospital by 11.00 am to give the Consultant and Anaesthetist time to chat to me about the operation.

The time between and 11.00 am and 1.30 pm when I finally went down to theatre seemed like forever! Especially, when I couldn't eat and Matthew was having a nice sandwich for lunch!

I went into the anaesthetic room and had a spinal injection into my back, this was the weirdest sensation as you can still wriggle your toes but you feel totally numb from the ribs down. I was taken into the theatre at 1.55 pm and Tommy was rapidly delivered at 2.04 pm! I was out of theatre by 2.35 pm and back onto the ward.

I had a baby in under an hour and didn't feel one labour pain! After the spinal wore off I was given morphine pain relief and this kept all pain at bay. I was back at home 2 days later but due to the stitches I have to take it easy (shame!) and couldn't drive for 6 weeks (unfortunate for those who taxied me around!)

Motherhood is great but tiring, I have heard the best is yet to come, but what can be better than bringing a little you into the world who is totally dependant on you for everything, it's rewarding when you get even the smallest smile in return for changing a dirty nappy!

## ABOVE YOUR HEAD

*Late on a clear night looking towards the sugar factory and up, this is what is to be seen, without the words and lines!*



Continuing with the circumpolar constellations we come to the less well known one Cepheus. It does not form a highly distinct pattern on the sky and also some of its stars are faint. Its shape can be likened to the gable end of a house, standing on the Milky Way not far from Cassiopeia with its apex pointing towards the pole.



### Heard in Hawstead

There was a young lady of Hawstead  
Who was always very exhausted  
She slept on the green  
Without her sunscreen  
And roasted, poor lady of Hawstead

S.T.