

Our 'Local'

As we no longer have a pub in Hawstead, many of us have adopted the Red House at Stanningfield as our 'Local'. The Red House is a privately owned traditional English pub - a free house, serving a range of real ales and good pub grub. It has an enclosed garden and Pauline, it's super landlady, welcomes children until 9pm and dogs on leads. Quite a few Hawstead residents meet there on Friday evenings at around 6pm. We are usually the noisiest group in the corner. We would love to meet you - do come and join us.

01284828330 <http://www.theredhousesuffolk.co.uk/home.html>



Welcome to Hawstead

Milk Deliveries, Post Office and local grocery suppliers

Milk

Dairy Crest makes deliveries in the village three times a week and carries a range of groceries. Tel. 0845 6063606 www.dairycrest.co.uk

Village Veg

Free range eggs and seasonal home grown vegetables and fruit are often available from Andy and Fran at 1 Fyletts Manor Cottages (opposite the village hall at the corner of Bells Lane). They can be contacted on 01284 386501 email evershed1@tiscali.co.uk.

Post Office and Village Store

There is a Post Office at Sicklesmere on the A134 Sudbury Road also selling newspapers and groceries. Tel. 01284 386303.

The Glebe Minimarket

Lawshall's village store at The Glebe, IP29 4PW, carries a range of groceries and delivers Sunday newspapers in Hawstead. Tel. 01284 830205.

The Mobile Library

The mobile library comes to Hawstead each month. It is in Whepstead Road lay-by between 1.10 and 1.30pm and in Bull Lane, Pinford End between 1.25 and 1.40pm. It also stops at Nowton Village Hall between 3 and 3.15pm. The dates for this year are 19 May, 16 June, 14 July, 11 August, 8 September, 6 October, 3 November, 1 December, 29 December

The Mobile Library managers are Steve Adams and Kevin Lambert Tel. 01473 263838 email: help@suffolklibraries.co.uk.

Hawstead Oil-Buying Group

Jacquie and Richard Milns, who run this oil-buying group, research the best price available and arrange delivery. They can be contacted on 01359 233143 and by email at richardmilns@gmail.com.

Healthcare

There are a number of NHS doctors and dental practices in Bury. NHS Choices will provide, as well as a wealth of other information, details of practitioners in this area. <http://www.nhs.uk/Pages/HomePage>.

West Suffolk Hospital, Hardwick Lane, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 2QZ, provides a 24 hour A&E service. Tel. 01284 713000 www.wsh.nhs.uk.

Police

Our nearest police station is in Raingate Street, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 2AP. To contact the police on a non-emergency matter, telephone 101. People with hearing difficulties should call 01473 611160.

St Edmundsbury South is our Safer Neighbourhood Team. Its aim is to listen to any concerns that villagers have, to work with us to tackle those concerns and to keep us informed. Our Safer Neighbourhood Officer is PCSO Anthony Welford. He presents a report at each Parish Council meeting. Villagers can register for the Police Direct messaging system. It provides the latest information about local crime, advice on crime prevention & information on Police activity in the area. <http://www.suffolk.police.uk/aboutus/ourservices/policeconnect.aspx>.

Neighbourhood Watch

There are two Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators in Hawstead - Michael Harrison (Tel. 01284 386157) at the Pound and Joan Baker (Tel 01284 386657) at the Village Green. Please contact Michael or Joan if you are aware of anything untoward

Transport

There is a limited bus service to and from Bury. It stops at the Village Green and Pound Green. Timetables can be obtained from the bus station in Bury St Edmunds, from the village website and online at www.suffolkonboard.com.

Refuse Collection

Refuse is collected fortnightly on Thursdays with black bins (household waste) and blue bins (recycling) and brown bins (compostable materials) collected on alternate weeks. <http://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/bins/when-are-my-bins-emptied.cfm>.

There is a bottle bank in the Village Hall car park.

Welcome to Hawstead

On behalf of Hawstead Community Council, Hawstead Parish Council and the people of Hawstead, we are pleased to welcome you to our village.

It can be difficult during the busy days of moving home and settling in to find out about the area, local facilities and events, so we have put together this welcome pack. It includes information about the village and the surrounding area which we hope you will find helpful. You will soon learn that there is plenty to do and see, both in the village and in Bury St Edmunds.

We hope you find this information useful.

A village is created by the people who live in it, so please do get in touch. We are looking forward to meeting you and your family and getting to know you.

Simon Miller

Chair, Hawstead Community Council

About the Village

Hawstead, set in the gently undulating Suffolk countryside, is mentioned in the Domesday book of 1086 and was first settled by Anglo-Saxons in the mid 5th or 6th centuries.

The parish occupies an area of approximately 2,300 acres, 3 miles north to south by 1.5 miles east to west. It is not a compact village but rather a cluster of small hamlets, each with its own name and character. These include Pinford End and The Pound, Whepstead Road, Lawshall Road and The Green.

Hawstead has approximately 380 residents in 127 households. Although a small village, there are a number of buildings of note including the beautiful and ancient All Saints church, a Victorian former school house, the Philip Metcalfe Almshouses built in 1811, the Gild Hall built in 1478, now a private dwelling and the Metcalfe Arms, a public house as long ago as 1855. The pub has recently become a cycle shop and café.

Between the 15th and 17th centuries the Drury family, of London's Drury Lane fame, lived at Hawstead Place. Unfortunately little more than the surrounding moat and a series of fish ponds remain.

Hawstead is set in a rolling agricultural landscape - across which the River Lark and a tributary brook meander. Most of the land is farmed by the Brown family, who grow the usual East Anglian crops of wheat, barley, sugar beet and oilseed rape.

There are several areas of woodland in the village and a wealth of open spaces. These include four village greens, the most significant of which, Great Green, is one of the largest and finest areas of undeveloped flower-rich grassland in Suffolk.

Although it has special environmental status, Great Green is for villagers to enjoy. There are mown paths, benches, swings, a play area for younger children and a mown area with a goalpost, where older children can play ball games. Walkers and their dogs are welcome, with dog bins provided at intervals.

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Local Services and Facilities

Churches

All Saints Church

Hawstead's All Saints Church is one of six parish churches in the St Edmund Way Benefice. The other parishes are Bradfield Combust, Gt Whelnetham, Lawshall, Nowton and Stanningfield. Our Rector is the Reverend Jayne Buckles.

The Benefice magazine is published and distributed monthly. See Communication on page 6.

Other Churches

There is a Catholic Church and a Free Church in Lawshall, a Methodist church in Stanningfield and other denominations in Bury St Edmunds.

Education

Hawstead is in the catchment areas of the following schools:

- All Saints Primary School, Lawshall Tel. 01284 828223
- King Edward Sixth Upper School Tel. 01284 761393

There are school buses to these local catchment area schools.

There are other schools in the area to which application can be made. Local schools are the responsibility of Suffolk County Council www.suffolk.gov.uk.

There are also a number of fee paying schools.

West Suffolk College

West Suffolk College in Bury St Edmunds, is a further education college serving rural communities. The College has a series of local learning centres serving full and part-time students, including 14-18 year olds, apprentices, workplace learners and adult and higher education students. It runs literacy courses for adults and English language courses for non-English speakers. As a campus for Suffolk University, it provides full and part-time degree courses. Tel. 01284 701301 www.westsuffolkcollege.ac.uk.

U3A is a self-help group for people who are no longer in full-time paid employment. Activities include lectures, special interest groups, study days and educational visits Tel 01284 717196.

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The public access defibrillator at Hawstead village hall

Hawstead Parish Council has placed a community Public Access Defibrillator (cPAD) in a secure cabinet on an outside wall of the village hall. It has clear video and audio instructions enabling anyone in the vicinity, without any prior knowledge, to carry out defibrillation.

On dialling 999 from anywhere in the vicinity, the location and access to the cabinet will be provided and an ambulance on its way. There will also be a team of people throughout the village with the code.

For more information please contact Jayne Robertson on Jayne@eastward.co.uk 01284 386164 or geraldnewest@waitrose.com or 01284 388732.

Businesses open to the public

The Maglia Rosso Café and Cycle Shop

The Maglia Rosso licensed Café and Cycle Shop offers a congenial atmosphere for people to get together for coffee and a cake, a light lunch or afternoon tea. Wine and beer are also available. You will always receive a friendly welcome here.

magliarosso.co.uk Tel. 01284 386884.

Khaki Devil World War 1 Experience

Khaki Devil located at Brook Farm in Bell's Lane are specialists in military uniforms, weapons and other equipment from the 1900's to the present day. They provide historic advice and the props required for television, stage and film productions such as War Horse. Brook Farm is being transformed into a WW1 visitor, museum and education centre. Authentic army huts are being erected and trenches constructed. The Victorian barn is to be renovated as a café and shop. www.khakidevil.co.uk.

Pinford End Nursing Home

This privately owned residential care home occupies a two storey building in Church Road, Pinford End. It offers a pleasant homely environment for up to 40 residents. It has its own gardens and comfortable rooms, with views over the countryside. Tel. 01284 388 874 www.pinfordendhouse-suffolk.co.uk.

About the village Contd...

The oak-framed village hall is located on Great Green and provides a very attractive venue in this outstanding rural setting. The hall itself has a high vaulted ceiling with exposed oak beams and glazed double doors overlooking the open expanse of village green. There is a small quiet and comfortable meeting room which can accommodate up to 20 people, a store room, a well equipped kitchen and of course toilet facilities.

The other greens in Hawstead are Pound Green to the north, Bull Green at Pinford End and Brook Green across the bridge to the east of Great Green. This last is almost completely covered by trees and shrubs.

A pocket of former Glebe land adjacent to the church, known as the Millennium Field, provides a quiet place for contemplation. It has a picnic table and space for children to run and play.

There are several footpaths in the village including the Market Path which links the village green to The Pound and 'The Cranks' which strikes off from the rear of the churchyard towards the River Lark and then to Pinford End.

There are footpath maps on the notice boards at the village hall and at The Pound.

The Hawstead Book

For a very good and extensive introduction to the village, the much acclaimed book 'Hawstead 2001 - A West Suffolk Village Record' is recommended.

The book was produced to mark the start of the new century. If the previous owner of your property did not leave a copy for you and you would like one, please contact a member of the Community Council.

The book costs £20. A copy can also be borrowed from the library in Bury St Edmunds.

Village Communication

The Hawstead Journal

Since 2002 Hawstead has had its own newsletter called the 'Hawstead Journal'. It is produced every two months by volunteers with the support of the Parish and Community Councils and sponsorship from villagers. Judy and David Carter are its current editors. They compile, print and with the help of a willing team of distributors, deliver the journal to every home in the village. Contributions of news, reports, articles and photographs are actively encouraged. As newcomers, Judy and David would welcome a paragraph or two about you and your family, so don't be shy! Judy and David's email address is judy@mmgd.co.uk.

The St Edmund Benefice Way Magazine

This St Edmund Benefice newsletter is published monthly and is delivered to residents of all the parishes in the Benefice. As well as details of church services and a message from the vicar, it provides news from each parish, details of forthcoming events and other articles. Local traders also advertise in this newsletter. The editor is Doris Wright Tel. 01284 386560 d.wright101220@btinternet.com

Village Websites

The village has two websites. www.hawsteadvillagehall.co.uk is used to manage village hall bookings and www.hawstead-parish-council.co.uk the village website. It is hosted by Hawstead Parish Council and managed and edited by Andy Parrett. It provides a wealth of information about all things to do with Hawstead. On this website you will find the agendas and minutes of Parish Council meetings, copies of the Hawstead Journal from 2002, local news and photographs, details of events and even the weather! The site is updated regularly and Andy welcomes suggestions and contributions. Andy can be contacted on 01284 386531 email andyparrett@rocketmail.com.

Email distribution list

Hawstead also has an email distribution list, which is used primarily to distribute copies of Parish Council agendas and minutes. To join this list please contact Henry Brewis at henry.brewis@thomson.co.uk.

Hawstead Parish Council contd...

Video and Audio Recordings of meetings

Parish Council meetings are now recorded. To view or listen to a recording, please contact the Parish Council Chairman.

Hawstead Parish Councillors

- John West, Chairman,
email_johnwest5@waitrose.com Tel. 01284 388723
- Clive Robinson, Deputy Chairman (Planning and legal affairs)
- Ros Alexander (Environmental matters)
- Henry Brewis (Communication)
- Christabel Carr (Village Greens)
- Michael Harrison (Highways and Safety)
- Catherine Hibbert, Clerk to the Council
catherine.hibbert@hawstead-parish-council.co.uk

Also attending and presenting their reports are:

- Angela Rushen, St Edmundsbury Borough Councillor
- Terry Clements, Suffolk County Councillor
- PCSO Anthony Welford, Safer Neighbourhood team

Hawstead's Emergency Plan

Hawstead has an emergency plan which provides information about your local contact in the event of an emergency, some procedures to be followed, key telephone numbers and other useful information.

There is a copy on the village website and in this Welcome Pack. If you would like more information or would like to be involved, please contact the Parish Council.

We would encourage you to keep a copy for future reference.

Hawstead Community Council contd...

Community Council Committee

- Simon Miller (Chair)
simon.j.miller@talktalk.net Tel. 388841
- Rosemary Harrison (Deputy Chair/Secretary)
mharrison151@btinternet.com Tel. 386157
- Andy Taplin (Treasurer) Tel. 388080
- Emma Hatton (Village Hall Bookings Clerk)
e.hatton924@btinternet.com Tel. 386515
- Pat Baker
- Dave Dawson
- Susanne White
- Clare Vaughan (Cleaner)

Hawstead Parish Council

The Parish Council, which has seven members, meets every two months in the village hall. Parish Councillors serve for a four year term. At the end of that period, if more than seven people wish to stand, there will be an election. If less than seven apply then the remaining councillors will consider co-opting one or more parishioners.

Each May there is both an Annual Parish Council Meeting where Councillors elect their chair and vice chair and the Annual Parish Meeting where reports on the year are given by the Community Council, the village History Recorder and others.

Meeting dates, together with copies of the Agenda and the Minutes, are posted on the three Parish Council notice boards. These are located outside the village hall, at The Pound and at Pinford End. These documents are also emailed to those on the village email list mentioned earlier and are posted on the Parish Council website www.hawstead-parish-council.co.uk.

Villagers are encouraged to attend meetings, to listen to discussions and keep themselves informed about village matters. Each meeting begins at 7.30pm with a public forum to enable villagers to express their views, raise issues that are troubling them and/or question our Parish Councillors.

Events in Hawstead

Hawstead Community Council organises a number of events throughout the year. Regular events include an annual fete, a Christmas lunch, craft workshops, an Easter egg hunt for children. Occasional events include a summer barbeque, a pop-up restaurant, quiz nights, open gardens, plant sales, art exhibitions, a Christmas fayre and a visit to the pantomime.

As well as those organised by the Community Council, there are regular events arranged by villagers, including a fitness class, bowls club, wine tasting club and bible reading group. Villagers are encouraged to use the village hall for their own events and private parties.

Details of other events this year are included in this pack and are advertised in the Hawstead Journal and on the village website. They can be booked online at www.hawsteadvillagehall.co.uk and through the Community Council's Emma Hatton Tel. 0284 386515.

Craft Workshops

Craft workshops are held on the last Monday of the month from 10am in the village hall. If you have a craft project, art work or sewing piece that you would like to work on with others, then do come along. For more information contact Jo Butt on 388817 or Ruth on 388085.

The Pantomime

Each Christmas Hawstead goes to the pantomime at the Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds. In recent years over 40 adults and children have enjoyed this outing.

The pantomime this year is Jack in the Beanstalk and the date is Monday 28th December - the Boxing Day Bank Holiday - at 3pm. Please put this date in your diary if you would like to come along. You are allowed to come without children!

As always, Hawstead's children will be paid for by the Community Council.

Contact Geraldine West Tel. 01284 388732 email geraldinewest@waitrose.com.

Hawstead's Open Gardens

In recent years Hawstead has held two open gardens events and will be holding another next year. They have proved to be an immensely enjoyable event for both the visitors and the garden hosts. Our next open gardens event is on Sunday 12th June 2016. Plenty of time to get your gardens into shape. The money raised goes to charity.

If you are interested in opening your garden next year, please contact Geraldine West Tel. 01284 388732 email geraldinewest@waitrose.com.

Regular events organised by villagers

Carpet Bowls

There has been a carpet bowls club in Hawstead since the 1970's. Carpet bowls is a very social sport and we thoroughly enjoy our evenings. There are usually about ten of us, playing fourteen ends with a very welcome coffee break after the first seven. Once a month the village team plays a friendly match against one of the neighbouring village teams. We welcome new members. You do not have to be able to play – we will gladly teach you. We meet on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm. For more details contact Rosemary Harrison on 01284 386157.

Breathe Easy

Breathe Easy combines Tai Chi, Yoga and Pilates. It aims to restore a sense of balance in our lives, helping our minds as well as our bodies to function effectively. Sam Reid our instructor has been teaching for over 25 years and loves delivering these positive classes. Just bring an exercise mat and wear comfortable clothing. All ages and abilities are warmly welcomed.

Classes are held weekly on Tuesday mornings between 9.15 and 10.15. They cost £5. Call Sam on 07850 207365 email sam@yourfitness.net for further details.

Reading Group

Hawstead's Reading Group was set up at the beginning of 2011. Our meetings are fun and informal. We take it in turns to host the meetings which are held in members' homes and to choose the next book. The reading group encourages us to read books which we would not perhaps have chosen for ourselves, thereby discovering new authors and new genres. The Reading Group meets on the first Wednesday of every month. If you would like more information please contact Ann Gibbs on 01284 765332 email nwgibbs@globalnet.co.uk.

HATS

HATS has been meeting monthly in Hawstead since late 2010. Our aim is to introduce our members to different wines. Without this monthly opportunity to sample many of us would stick to the few we know and like. Members take it in turns to give a presentation on a variety of wine related topics. This could be a grape variety, a country of origin or even a selection of visually pleasing labels! Occasionally we welcome a guest to widen our horizons. Cheese, biscuits and other nibbles are available during the tasting sessions. We have a fun, informative evenings that are not in the least bit 'stuffy'.

We meet in the village hall on the last Thursday of each month at 8pm. Our numbers have now swelled to 18, but more are always welcome. If you would like to join our journey please contact Judy Carter on 01284 386512 or judy@mmgd.co.uk.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

This event is held in September each year and raises a great deal of money for this worthy cause. As well as tea and cake, there is a raffle, book and plant stalls and a tombola. Volunteer cake-makers and tea-servers are always welcome. Please contact Joyce Dainty Tel. 01284 386314, if you would like to be involved.

Hawstead Community Council

Everyone who lives in the village is considered to be a member of Hawstead Community Council, which was formed in January 1971 and is a registered charity. The Community Council Committee represents us, raises and manages funds, manages the village hall and holds events for the village throughout the year.

The village hall is key to Community Council fundraising and as a result is now a popular venue for wedding parties, anniversaries, clubs and business meetings. It has internet and telephone access and a pull down projector screen. The telephone number for this public access telephone is 01284 388766.

Dates of meetings and details of events can be obtained from any member of the Community Council and are listed in the Hawstead Journal which is published bi-monthly.

Villagers are encouraged to attend the Community Council Committee meetings which are held monthly in the village hall. Dates of meetings can be found in the Hawstead Journal and on the village website www.hawsteadvillagehall.co.uk.

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