

HAWSTEAD JOURNAL

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SUMMER TIME STILL?



Photo taken 16th August in the old walled garden at Ickworth House:
part of it is a wild flower meadow.

*And in the nearby church on **Sunday 13th September at 4pm.** the **Piper Ensemble** will be performing music by Debussy, Elgar, Gardel Sibelius and others in an event entitled "An hour of music for a late Summer afternoon"*

The Piper Ensemble comprises Fran Evershed (flute), Ros Alexander (Cello) and Polly Anderson (Keyboard)

Tickets are £5.00 per person and although these are available from John Porter (Tel. 735006) I suspect that by the time this HJ is delivered you'll need to get your tickets at the door!

All proceeds are in aid of the continued restoration and upkeep of Ickworth Park Church

CHURCH SERVICES – HAWSTEAD

September

Sunday, 13th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
Sunday, 27th	10.30am	Benefice Morning Prayer and **Harvest Festival**

October

Sunday, 11th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
Sunday, 25th	11.00am	Morning Prayer

November

Sunday, 8 th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
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HARVEST LUNCH

Sunday 27th September in the Village Hall

Pulled pork and trimmings (Veggie option) / Dessert / Glass of Wine

Adults: £12.50, Children 5-16: £6.50, under 5: free

Tickets from Lesley 386132, Simon 388841 or Jackie 755150

COME AND JOIN US TO CELEBRATE HARVEST!

LOCALITY GRANT

Each year, Hawstead Community Council can apply for up to £500 for a grant towards something that enhances community life. It can be a fixed reusable piece of equipment (we bought the picnic table outside the village hall with the last one) or fund a community activity. If you have any ideas for use of this grant to enhance village life in Hawstead, please e-mail Simon Miller on simon.j.miller@talktalk.net.

This issue of the Hawstead Journal has been kindly sponsored by
Rosemary Carr
of Beech Cottage, The Green

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST BIKE RIDE AND WALK

The 34th Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Bike Ride and Walk will take place on Saturday 12th September between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. The Trust is non-denominational and helps to preserve Suffolk's historic churches and chapels.

The Bike Ride and Walk is a fun day when you can cycle or walk between as many or few churches as you wish. You obtain sponsors for your efforts and the sponsorship money raised will be divided between the Trust and the church chosen by the participant. (Hopefully if you take part you will choose to make Hawstead your chosen church).

There have been no participants from this village for some years now and therefore it would be really great if some of us took part, especially as cycling is so popular in this area now with the Maglia Rosso being open. Sponsorship forms are available from Michael Harrison (386157).

Although we have not had participants recently, we do man the church between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. with a steward to sign in participants on their arrival. We usually share this task on a one or two-hourly basis so if you could spare one or two hours on the day for a relaxing sit-down at the church, your help would be much appreciated. Again please contact Michael Harrison if you are available for this by phone or email mharrison151@btinternet.com.

Michael Harrison

AN INVITATION

MANY OF US KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS OR HAS HAD CANCER.

PLEASE COME AND ENJOY A CUP OF COFFEE OR TEA, CAKE AND A CHAT TO HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



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ON SATURDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2015
10.30 A.M - 12.30 P.M. IN HAWSTEAD VILLAGE HALL.
WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE DONATIONS OF CAKES AND ANY PRESERVES AND ANY UNWANTED ITEMS THAT YOU MAY HAVE FOR THE TOMBOLA.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR COLLECTION OF ITEMS, PLEASE CONTACT JOYCE DAINTY 01284 386314
WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE.

HAWSTEAD FINE ART FAIR, 5-12 AUGUST 2015

The inaugural Hawstead Fine Art Fair was held in the village hall during a sunny week in August. Celebrating painting, drawing, prints, photography and sculpture by local amateur and professional artists, and featuring Bill Crockford in a special Art in Action display, the exhibition attracted visitors from all around the area. Not only were the organisers grateful to have the support of the Community Council, we were also especially



fortunate that Hawstead resident James Bedford generously sponsored the Private View through Bedfords Estate Agents. This event was held to mark the opening of the Fair on the evening of 5 August, with exhibitors and invited guests enjoying wine and nibbles and, most importantly, The Art!

After essential expenses were paid, we were delighted to have raised the grand sum of £650 as profit from donations and exhibitors' fees, plus 20% commission on sales of work. This was donated to Children and the Arts, a UK-wide charity working to introduce disadvantaged children and young people to potentially life-changing arts experiences.

The Fine Art Fair (FAF) organisers – Bill, myself, Margaret Crockford and Andy Taplin – would like to thank everyone who took part, as well as all the volunteers who gave their time, expertise and resources to help make the event such a success.

Janet Watson



GLYN'S WEATHER REPORT



Above: Nice cloud formations over Bury from the top of Bull Hill (2nd September)

Several years have passed since the last weather report in the Journal. Recording has continued with the assistance of James Carr who kindly deputises when I am away.

It is always interesting to compare casual remarks about the weather with actual recordings. A few days ago someone remarked that July's weather had been pretty grim compared to last year. In fact the first 3 weeks were somewhat warmer (daily maximum 24.3deg.C, 76deg.F) and markedly drier. Granted, the final week was cool, breezy and wet with c.54mm (>2in.) of much-needed rain. So, an example of perception at odds with the facts.

I make observational readings of wind speed, not being in possession of an anemometer. This year so far has been abnormally breezy, something that I'm sure cyclists would confirm. Soils, waterlogged after heavy rainfall last autumn and early winter, dried out such that there was a soil moisture deficit by late June. This is a normal condition of East Anglia. Summer evaporation rates are high so that the heavy rainfall of late July had evaporated by early August. Once again, the vegetable gardeners reached for the hosepipe!

Looking back over this year, temperatures have been close to average every month and there have been no notably low minimum temperatures: several nights in late January reached -6 deg.C but that's not unusual. On the other hand, on April 15th I recorded 24deg.C, 75deg.F by day and on July 1st the temperature reached 32.8deg.F, 91deg.F, in fact the highest temperature since July 2006.

Between early March and late July this year rainfall has been below average. May, however was close to average, April recorded less than 50% of normal and June a mere 35% of normal. The winter was all but without snow, except for 1cm. on February 3rd.

The arrival of Spring as noted by the coming into leaf/flower of various trees and other plants was later than in recent years but earlier than the cold Spring of 2013. In most years 'nature' does catch up. Indeed, this year the harvesting of garden crops is a week or two of seasons 40 years ago.

Glyn Hammond August 2015

VILLAGE FETE 2015

We had a fantastic day on Sunday 6 September with beautiful weather and lots of visitors. Councillor Angela Rushen welcomed us all and handed over to Clive to comper the afternoon. Our traditional fete included Pat's display of vintage tractors, Nik Lowe singing his wonderful music, Doc's annoying penny game, Nancy and Ethel's bric-a-brac, Margaret and Bill's adult tombola, Michael and Rosemary's book stall, the bar manned by Andy and John, the tea tent run by Liz Cooper and her willing team of villagers, Simon's Flower and Produce Show, Chris and Ben's BBQ, Hannah and Georgia's children's tombola, Ruth and Flo's crafty area, Andy's golf game, Dan and Emma's bowling game, the Carr Family's Splat the Rat, Dave's hoop game, face painting, a silent auction and lots of craft stalls. Our grateful thanks to all who helped prepare for, run and recover from this year's fete.

Our Flower & Produce Show was better supported this year but would still benefit from more entries. Special mention must be made of the 10 men's cakes submitted for judging. Competition was fierce, and the winner for 2015 was John West, with Dave Dawson and Simon Miller placed second and third respectively. Well done to the men of the village for stepping up and taking part in this new category – a great effort and an example to us all.

Our thanks must also go to Great Welnetham Village Hall for lending – at the last minute – nine tables. We never seem to have enough to go around!



And finally, our silent auction was kindly supported by Henry Brewis, Bury Golf Club, Jayne and Paul Robertson, Fullers Mill Gardens, Strikes Bowling and the Pamplin family's horses. It alone raised £296 for our village.

Our Treasurer Andy Taplin reports that we nearly doubled last year's profits, making in excess of £1,100. So a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who rallied around, as helper, stallholder, donor or visitor, to make the day so successful. Also, Liz Cooper would like to acknowledge the great support provided by bakers and helpers who supported the tea tent which was a great success.

Susanne White



More photos are available on the village website at:

www.hawstead-parish-council.co.uk/picture-gallery/hawstead-fete-2015

PLAY AREA FACELIFT

This year Hawstead Community Council has invested over £800 in our village play area, with new seats to the swings and 15 cubic metres of play bark. Our thanks to Dave and Alf Dawson, Simon Miller and the Pamplin clan for meeting over the summer break to move and spread the large delivery of bark. The work has given the play area a face lift and it looks fresh and ready for autumn.

Susanne White

BURY TO CLARE WALK (or CLARE TO HAWSTEAD)

If you enjoy walking in the country and would like the challenge of a full day's walk rather than a short afternoon stroll, I can recommend the Bury to Clare walk which was set up by St Edmundsbury Borough Council a number of years ago. In total, this is 18.5 miles long and its one disadvantage is that it is linear rather than circular which thus presents a logistical issue.

Having wanted to follow this trail for a long time I finally got around to it at the beginning of August and I decided to walk back from Clare rather than the other way round. Having been dropped at a point just to the North of Clare where the path leaves the road (rather than the official start in Clare Castle Country Park) I set off at a little after 9am on a lovely sunny Sunday morning. Rain was definitely not forecast so my backpack contained little more than lunch.



The footpath – and it is mostly off-road – goes via Stansfield, Somerton, Brockley Green and Whepstead before coming into Pinford End via Bull Lane. At this point I parted company as it turns left, up the hill and on to Nowton and an end in Nowton Park. Instead I used the footpath from Pinford End to the Church and then the one from the Pound round the back of Woodlands to the Green and on to home. The way was reasonably well signposted with the circular emblems (see illustration), though I did at times need to refer to the route as shown on the local O.S. Explorer maps, 210 and 211. For much of the journey I was either walking on the edge of, or crossing over arable fields and this being August the wheat and barley were ready for harvesting: I marveled

at the complete absence of weeds in this golden scene (thanks to modern herbicides of course) – and a lack of wind damage despite what Glyn says in his weather report. On several occasions I came across combine harvesters busy at work. Other crops I saw included beans, maize and sugar beet and during the walk I encountered a couple of fields of cattle. Elsewhere there were tracks through small woods or bounded by hedgerows (I noted a good source of sloes near Whepstead for later on); it was altogether quite idyllic!

On top of this I hardly saw anyone – just a few souls walking a dog (oh and Jo and Steve in their garden as I went past on the Pound!): certainly no-one else doing what I was doing. The few stretches of road were extremely quiet ones: and it was delightful to sit on a small bench outside the church in Somerton for lunch – right beside the road, but so quiet because of course the road to Somerton is a dead end!

So a good day out. I got home a bit after 5pm, tired but with no blisters: this was quite important as the walk was a training session for the second half of the Coast-to-Coast walk I was going to do at the end of August (the first half having been completed last year). I'm happy to say now that Robin Hood's Bay was reached successfully – and indeed blister-free – after 8 days walking across the Peninnes, Vale of Mowbray and North Your Moors in virtually rain-free weather.

Andy Parrett

KHAKI DEVIL



When Khaki Devil got planning permission last year to develop the Brook Farm site in Bells Lane, we anticipated that they would be opening for visitors sometime this year. Well, visitors are indeed welcome (if they've booked) this Friday and Saturday 11th/12th September because they're taking part in the national Heritage Days which have been happening for several years now. But that's a one-off for the time being: Khaki Devil have got their energies diverted somewhat!

The original plan had been to build a number of replica WW1 huts on the site but they later discovered that there are still original huts in existence and a number of these have become available for dismantling, transport to Hawstead and erecting/renovating on the Brook Farm site. This new project – 'Great War Huts' – started with the former Labour Club building in Ipswich, which had been due for demolition. This is now in situ here and there are four others in the pipeline: the project has, say Khaki Devil, delayed the opening of the visitor's centre by two years. This has, of course, had financial implications and the company has opted for a 'crowdfunding' method for raising some capital: they've produced a 5-minute video to describe what they're about which can be seen at:

<http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/hut-rescue>

There's more background information about the project on this website – you'll read for example that in 1914 plans were drawn up for the creation of hutted camps in Britain to house 850,000 men. These original examples are some of the very few that are left.



You can see much, much more about Hut Rescue with lots of photos on their Facebook page: <https://facebook.com/greatwarhuts> and there is a separate website in construction: www.greatwarhuts.org



Photo above shows local resident Jason Rushen at work on restoring the former Ipswich Labour Club building at the beginning of September



Above, left: 11, The Pound in 2000. Now demolished, a new house on the same plot appears to be almost complete

A COUPLE OF OTHER THINGS HAPPENING SOON

Embroiderers' Guild

New Branch
of the EASTERN region

an
INFORMATION MEETING
to be held on

Thursday 24th September 2015
7.30 pm

to see if a branch of the
Embroiderers' Guild
could be formed for
West Suffolk

Hawstead Village Hall
The Green
Hawstead
Bury St Edmunds
Suffolk IP29 5NP

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Eastern Region

Lesley Jones is the Chair of the Embroiderers' Guild for the Eastern Region. She is hoping to establish a new branch for West Suffolk and has arranged an inaugural meeting to take place on 24th September in Hawstead Village Hall. More information about the Embroiders Guild can be found at: www.embroiderersguildeast.org.uk



More information about this in the next issue of HJ !
(www.ruralcoffeecaravan.org.uk)

HAWSTEAD APPRECIATION AND TASTING SOCIETY (HATS)

Since the last journal we have had our annual dinner held on 2nd July at Bury Golf Club. It was a beautiful summer evening, which enabled us to have our pre-dinner drinks on the decking overlooking the golf course. The food was delicious and the evening was not spoilt by a couple of minor hiccups. Naturally we had a selection of wines to accompany our dinner and we were safely delivered home by taxi, which ran like clockwork, thanks to the brilliant organisational skills of Janet.



In July we decided to hold an informal tasting with members bringing a bottle of their own choice to share. There certainly was a selection and we happily began with two bottles of Champagne. Unusually the remainder of the bottles were reds, coming from several different countries. I believe our favourite was a very reasonably priced Italian blend from Tesco, which again goes to show you don't need to pay a fortune for a bottle of wine!

On August 27th 15 of us met for Richard and Jacquie's presentation of Laithwaites wines. A very clever idea, conjured up by Jacquie, was to compare sparkling wines. We began with a Cava from Spain, moved on to a Prosecco from Italy, a Crémant from France, a Rosé from Provence and an Australian sparkling red which included Shiraz, Cabernet, Merlot and Durif grapes. Needless to say this was pretty heavy and not to everyone's taste! We also tried three Portuguese wines, a Vinho Verde, a Rosé and another fizzy red. The Rosé from Provence and the Vinho Verde got the top marks of the evening and in third place was the Cava. We also had some exceptionally tasty olives and strawberries to taste alongside the wines.

Our next meeting is on September 24th and will be hosted by Janet and Andy Taplin.

Judy Carter

HAWSTEAD READING GROUP

Our July meeting was held in Ruth McKay's lovely farmhouse setting where, as it was such a beautiful evening, it was possible to sit outside! The book for review was "Gone Girl" by American writer Gillian Flynn which provoked quite a lively discussion. On their fifth wedding anniversary Nick Dunne's wife Amy suddenly disappears. The police suspect Nick, and Amy's friends reveal she was afraid of him and kept secrets from him which he swears isn't true. A police examination of his computer shows strange searches. He says they weren't made by him. So what really did happen to Nick's beautiful wife? A thriller which reached both the New York and English Times best seller list it was made into a film starring Ben Affleck and Rosamund Pike.

There was no August meeting and the next one is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd September at Jayne Robertson's.

Ann Gibbs

HAWSTEAD CHRISTMAS FAYRE

This year's Christmas Fayre will be held on Sunday 6th December in the Village Hall, from 10.30am – 4.00pm. Anyone wanting to have a stall, please contact Jo Butt via joandstevebutt@yahoo.co.uk or Tel. 388817

Please put this date in your diary to come along and support our local crafty people!

There will be more details in the next issue of the Journal

REGULAR EVENTS (VILLAGE HALL UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

Breathe Easy	Weekly on Tuesdays 9.15 – 10.15am
Carpet Bowls	Weekly on Tuesdays 7.30pm
Reading Group	First Wednesday of the month 7.30pm (in members' homes)
HATS Wine Club	Last Thursday of the month 8.00pm
Hawstead Craft Group	Last Monday of the month 10.00am – 4.00pm
Hawstead Oil Buying Group	Orders to be placed at the end of each month
	NOTE: Change of contact: Michael & Rosemary Harrison, mharrison151@btinternet.com or Tel. 386157

HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Community Council meets in the Village Hall on the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm. Do please come along and enjoy the banter!

HAWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets in the Village Hall bi-monthly on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. Villagers are warmly welcome to attend: for their benefit there is an 'Open Forum' prior to the meeting proper (ie at 7.30pm) where matters of interest or concern can be raised and discussed

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (VILLAGE HALL UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

17 September	Parish Council, 7.30pm
19 September	Churchyard Cleanup from 10.30am
28 September	Craft Group, 10am – 4.00pm
3 October	Macmillan Coffee morning 10.30am – 12.30pm
5 October	Community Council, 7.30pm
26 October	Craft Group, 10am – 4.00pm
19 November	Parish Council, 7.30pm
4 November	Mark's Nearly Christmas Quiz Night
6 December	Christmas Craft Fayre
17 December	Seniors Lunch (free to over 60s residents; younger partners and non-villagers welcome too)
19 December	Christmas Drinks and Nibbles FREE for the village, 6.00pm
28 December	Pantomime at Theatre Royal (<i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i>) As always, Hawstead's children will be paid for by the Community Council

THE BACK PAGE

1) Where is it?



“1714” is inserted within this partial flint wall. Do you know where in Hawstead it is?

2) Did You Know?

We have three post-boxes in Hawstead and they're all different!

