
HAWSTEAD JOURNAL

Editors: Judy & Dave Carter

AUTUMN **in HAWSTEAD**

What a beautiful autumn we are having. The sun has shone for us in Hawstead for a majority of October. Perhaps it is because of this the brilliance of colours in the leaves has seemingly been more noticeable this year. I think we are particularly lucky in our area to see these changes daily in the trees around the green or as we drive, cycle or walk down our lanes and in our local parks.

With this unseasonably warm weather our winter may seem shorter and we should all have the benefit of cheaper fuel bills!

If you have taken any photographs locally and would like them to be put into the next edition of the Journal (albeit in the New Year) please let me have them.

A poem by George Cooper circa 1887

October gave a party;
The leaves by hundreds came -
The Chestnuts, Oaks, and Maples,
And leaves of every name.
The Sunshine spread a carpet,
And everything was grand,
Miss Weather led the dancing,
Professor Wind the band.

The Chestnuts came in yellow,
The Oaks in crimson dressed;
The lovely Misses Maple
In scarlet looked their best;
All balanced to their partners,
And gaily fluttered by;
The sight was like a rainbow
New fallen from the sky.

Then, in the rustic hollow,
At hide-and-seek they played,
The party closed at sundown,
And everybody stayed.
Professor Wind played louder;
They flew along the ground;
And then the party ended
In jolly "hands around."

Judy Carter



CHURCH SERVICES - HAWSTEAD UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

NOVEMBER

Sunday 8th	08.30	Joint Said Eucharist and Remembrance Service with Nowton
Sunday 22nd	11.00	Morning Prayer
Sunday 29th	10.30	Benefice Advent Service at Nowton Church

DECEMBER

Sunday 13th	08.30	Said Eucharist
Sunday 20th	18.00	Joint Carol Service at Nowton Church
Thursday 24th	23.30	Midnight Eucharist
Sunday 27th	11.00	Benefice Morning Prayer at Great Whelnetham

JANUARY 2016

Sunday 10th	08.30	Said Eucharist
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CHURCHYARD CLEAN UP

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to help with this task in October. In particular I would like to thank Henry who lent his portable scaffold, which enabled Steve and Simon to mend the guttering and clean out some pipe work. We even had time for a few helpers – only those with strong knees – to climb the tower and enjoy the view.

A big thank you to everyone who attended the Harvest Service, plentiful donations of food were given for the 'food bank', and the collection was given to 'Farm Africa'.

The Church is going to provide the 'Tea and Cake' at the Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall on Sunday 6th December. Any Donations of Cake, Mince pies etc., will be very gratefully received. Please contact me if you are able to bake for this. Telephone: 01284 386132.

Lesley Carey

HAWSTEAD'S HEART DEFIBRILLATOR

The Community Heartbeat Trust will be holding a basic life-saving course in the village hall. It will cover cardiac arrest and heart attack, falls, burns, choking, bleeding, motor/farm vehicle accidents etc. The course will last 3-4 hours, will be held on a Saturday morning - date to be confirmed - and will be paid for by Hawstead Parish Council.

Although this course is open to all villagers, it is being held primarily for those who would like to be included in a defibrillator 'first response' team. If you are interested in coming along, or would like more information, please contact me.



Geraldine West, geraldinewest@waitrose.com, 01284 388732.
On behalf of Hawstead Parish Council

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S LOCALITY MONEY.

As Borough Councillor for Chedburgh Ward, comprising the villages of Chedburgh, Chevington, Hawstead, Rede and Whepstead, I have again been given a locality budget of £2,500 to support specific local priorities. These grants are one off and it will need to be demonstrated that any requests for funding meets the following criteria.

- “ funding should be used in building capacity and resilience in local communities, helping residents to take ownership of and make a difference to the issues they care most about locally.
- the project or activity should promote communities working together and results in greater community involvement in a project and/or connecting people and organisations in new or stronger ways.”

So far this time round I have been delighted to give £100 to Whepstead to promote a new ladies social group and help pay for some speakers. I could equally fund some new equipment for a club, give money to new or existing community projects or even to be used as a catalyst for attracting contributions from others towards more ambitious projects or activities. I could fund a one off event but I would need to see a clear residual benefit to the community after the event is completed.

Please come back to me with your ideas.

Angela Rushen. Tel BSE 386647, or angela.rushen@stedsbc.gov.uk

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE

CHRISTMAS FAYRE
A Christmas invitation from the crafty folk of Hawstead

Sunday 6 December
10.30am-4pm at Hawstead Village Hall

... serving coffee, tea and cakes with a Christmas flavour plus sausage and bacon rolls

Christmas stalls selling...
Christmas wreaths & decorations
Christmas goodies
Preserves
Village craftwork & jewellery
Handmade gifts
And much more

Come along and get some ideas for Christmas presents!!!

Seniors Christmas Lunch - Thursday 17 December 12pm onwards at Hawstead Village Hall - free to all villagers aged 60+, partners and aged 60+ ex-villagers welcome too but will need to pay, BYO alcohol - for more information and to book places, contact Susanne White on susanne@pamplin.me.uk, phone 01284 388166 or text 07887 591853 - meals on wheels for house-bound residents available too by arrangement

Village Christmas Drinks Party - Saturday 19 December 6pm onwards at Hawstead Village Hall - free to all residents and children very welcome - please register your interest (so we can assess numbers in advance) with Susanne White on susanne@pamplin.me.uk, phone 01284 388166 or text 07887 591853

Susanne


 Mark's it's nearly...
Christmas Quiz Night
Friday 4 December • Hawstead Village Hall
 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start
BYO drink and food. Wear something festive. Tables of up to 8 adults. Adult themes but children welcomed under supervision or to stay in the meeting room watching a film, etc. £3 per person.
Please book your places or table through Susanne White at susanne@pamplin.me.uk, phone 01284 388166 or text 07887 591853. Numbers limited so please book promptly. Just one or two adults? Don't worry, we'll have space on tables.


RURAL COFFEE CARAVAN INFORMATION PROJECT

The keen eyed amongst you may have noticed a picture of a caravan looking like a teapot in the last edition of the journal.

This is a project set up during the Foot and Mouth Crisis by the Rev. Canon Sally Fogden. Sally found farmers were contacting her needing information, but they also felt isolated and needed someone to talk to. She decided to gather information leaflets together and visit remote communities across Suffolk with her caravan stocked with homemade cakes and coffee. Visits have escalated from 15 in 2004 to 275 last year. The charity now has two vehicles, a caravan and a campervan and not only do they make village visits but host larger events in village halls such as Memory Lane Cream Teas and Golden Age Fairs.



They feel that due to the change in villages, i.e. no post office or village shop, many people feel isolated and in need of social interaction.

The slogan of the Rural Coffee Caravan is 'Making a difference to rural communities throughout Suffolk'. If you look at their web site (www.ruralcoffeecaravan.org.uk) you will see many of the villages they have visited.

They realise that some villages (and I would certainly like to think that Hawstead is one of these) have social activities already set up; in which case the idea is merely to provide information.

If you think this is a facility that Hawstead would benefit from please let me know and I will arrange for the caravan to visit in the Spring 2016.

Judy Carter - judy@mmgd.co.uk

HARVEST LUNCH

The Harvest Lunch was a great success raising more than £500. I'm sure that those who attended would like to thank the 'cooks, helpers, and everyone involved'. We would also like to thank Rosemary for her wonderful interpretation of the very amusing poem!

Lesley Carey



THE GRAVES IN HAWSTEAD CHURCHYARD

The Graves in Hawstead Churchyard – a Recent Survey is now available online

Whilst there has been a church in the present position since at least Norman times (recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086) the earliest marked graves in the Churchyard date from the turn of the 17th Century. Between 2010 and 2013

Angela Rushen and Tony Hillman completed a survey of the Churchyard and the document they produced as a result has been scanned and uploaded to the village website (All Saints Church page). It comprises plans of the different areas of the Churchyard, showing individual grave spaces by number: these are accompanied by tabled lists indicating who is buried where. Separate Church Registers and a 1926 Monument Survey are included in a separate file and the graves are cross-referenced to one or more of these tables where possible.



There are currently just over 300 grave spaces in our Churchyard, some of which are double or family graves. Unfortunately, historical information is incomplete and approximately 70 of these graves are either unidentifiable or uncertain. The current survey suggests that the oldest known grave (located on the South side of the Church, by the wall) is that of Rev. Anthony Pitches, 1720. He was Rector here from 1689 until he died in 1720. Curiously the 1926 Monument Survey doesn't include Rev. Anthony but it does list several older headstones going back to the late 1600's with the oldest being a Katherine Morse who died on 23rd October 1679.

It looks like the ravages of nature over the nearly 90 years since the previous survey have conspired to obliterate the headstone details of these very early graves and the 1926 Monument Survey does not appear to have been accompanied by a plan.

Andy Parrett

VICTORIAN EVENING HELD AT SUFFOLK BARN, HAWSTEAD

A huge thank you to everyone who made the evening such a success.

The venue, the food, and the entertainment were all wonderful and in keeping with the celebrations of ***Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.***

Well done everyone and thank you to all the guests who joined us.



The Hawstead Journal was kindly sponsored this month by Anthony & Jane Holliday, "Larkfield", Bury Road.

Thank you for your contributions this month. Our next Journal will be January / February 2016. Please forward anything you have by 3rd January 2016.

If you would like to sponsor the Journal for one edition, please contact Judy.

Judy Carter - Oakhill House, Pinford End, Tel: 01284 386512 or judy@mmgd.co.uk

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

I would like to give a very big thank you to all who came and supported us on behalf of the above charity and to all the ladies who made the wonderful array of delicious cakes and preserves and for all your very generous donations, together we raised a fantastic sum of £1436.

I would also like to thank everyone who helped to make this a great success for the charity. They couldn't do without us!

The lovely cake, made by Lesley and raffled on Saturday was won by *Jane Powell* ticket number 69.

Thanks again to you all.

Joyce



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



HAWSTEAD OIL GROUP

As some of you may know, I have taken over the running of the Oil Group from Richard and Jacquie Milns and we thank them for their work over a number of years.

Whilst we do have about 36 homes registered for the group, I thought this may be an appropriate time to remind you of the advantages of being in the system and how it works.

About once a month I send an e-mail to all those registered (don't worry if you haven't e-mail, I can phone) advising that I am about to collate an order and giving a guide price at that time. If you require oil, you e-mail or phone me by the ordering date. (Minimum order is 500 litres.)

I then place the order with **Framtrade** who in turn seek out the best price available to them. Sometimes they may hold the order back by a day to get an even better price. The August order was placed at the very reasonable price of 31.79 ppl (+ VAT) and the October order at 32.4 ppl. They inform me which supplier will be making the delivery and when. This information is circulated to those who have ordered.

About a week after delivery, you will receive an invoice by post from **Framtrade**. This will have a date for settlement on it – normally about 3 weeks hence. You phone them by that date and pay by card. Effectively you get about four weeks free credit on your payment.

The advantages of the system are:

- *Everybody pays the same price, i.e. you don't pay a premium rate for small orders of less than 1,000 litres.
- *No payment is required upfront and effectively about 4 weeks free credit.
- *No more phoning around to get the best price.
- *We help the environment by cutting down on tanker miles.

If you would like to register for the group, please e-mail or phone me with your name, full address and phone number.

Michael Harrison 01284 386157 mharrison151@btinternet.com



Second hand book sale

at

Lackford Lakes

Suffolk, IP28 6HX



Friday 13th, Saturday 14th, Sunday 15th November - 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

There will be a wide selection of good quality books, fiction & non fiction.
Paperback & hardback, along with DVD's and a raffle.

Please note that we are unable to accept
donations of books during the book fair.



HAWSTEAD APPRECIATION AND TASTING SOCIETY (HATS)

A fascinating and unusual presentation was offered by Andy and Janet at our September meeting. They gave us a tasting to mirror the wines chosen by the Domestic Bursar and Steward of Keble College, Oxford for their Formal Hall Dinners (apparently held nightly, except Saturdays) and other events and conferences.

The wines ranged from a Saumur (the Loire Valley version of Champagne), an Australian Rosé, a South African Chardonnay, a Chilean Voignier, a Romanian Pinot Noir, a French Syrah, an Australian Muscat and a dry Sherry.

The Voignier came out on top and had the advantage of being readily available at Majestic for £6.74, followed by the Saumur (from The Wine Society); in third place the sweet Muscat (also available from Majestic at £6.99). These prices were thanks to Janet's careful negotiation and would be dearer if bought individually.

I think we all felt we would like to become under graduates at Keble College!

Gisela impressed us in October with her knowledge of German wines. With the exception of one they had all been purchased by her in Germany. Hence we guessed the prices in Euros.

The area around the Mosel Valley and Rheinhessen was highlighted. Of course this is the major wine growing area in Germany.

We were treated to a Reisling, a Pinot Grigio, a blend of Riesling and Admirable de Courtiller, a Rosé (more Golden than Rosé in colour). Moving on to reds we had two Dornfelders, which is apparently the most popular red wine for Germans, a Dunkelfelder, this grape was revived in the 1930's and is renowned for being particularly dark and a delicious Grauer Burgunder dessert wine. The overripe grapes for this wine are individually handpicked.

The general consensus was the white wines were better. This may be because our English palettes are unaccustomed to German red wines. The dessert wine was a clear winner and came in at €10. The blended white was second and a bargain at €5 for a litre, followed by the golden coloured Rosé at €8.

Judy Carter

HAWSTEAD CRAFT GROUP

The next meeting for the craft group will be on Monday 30th November in the village hall from 10am to 4pm.

There will be no meeting in December.

Everyone welcome to come along and get crafty!

If you would like further details please contact

Jo Butt on 388817 or joandstevebutt@yahoo.com

HAWSTEAD READING GROUP

Our September meeting was held at *Jayne Robertson's*. We had very nice nibbles and white and local rose wine to drink! Our book for review was "*Wake*" by *Anna Hope* which is set around Remembrance Day 1920. A wartime secret connects three women's lives: Hettie whose wounded brother won't speak; Evelyn who still grieves for her lost lover and Ada, who has never received an official letter about her son's death, and is still waiting for him to come home. As the mystery that binds them begins to unravel, far away, in the Fields of France, the Unknown Soldier embarks on his journey home. The mood of the nation is turning towards the future - but can these three women ever let go of the past? The book was very thought provoking and we had a lively discussion about the immediate aftermath of that terrible war. An impressive debut novel and appropriate to read at this time of year.

In October we met at *Janet Watson's* where we again had excellent hospitality and sat down to discuss "*The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window* " by *Jonas Jonasson*. Sitting quietly in his room in an old peoples home Allan Karlsson is waiting for his one hundredth birthday party. The Mayor will be there. The press will be there. But, as it turns out, Allan will not.... Escaping through his bedroom window (in his slippers) he makes his getaway. So begins his unlikely journey involving criminals, several murders, a suitcase full of cash and incompetent police. As his escapades unfold, Allan's earlier life is revealed. A life in which remarkably he played a key role behind the scenes in some of the momentous events of the twentieth century. We all agreed that although very funny (particularly the scene with the elephant) the book could be rather too detailed in places but it was still fun to accompany Allan on his romp through the 21st century and the escapades which led to his meetings with its world leaders.

Our next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 4th November at *Geraldine West's*.

Ann Gibbs

REGULAR EVENTS

Breathe Easy	Weekly on Tuesdays 9.15 - 10.15 am
Carpet Bowls	Weekly on Tuesdays 7.30 pm
Reading Group	1st Wednesday of the month 7.30 pm <i>(held in members' homes)</i>
HATS (Wine Club)	Last Thursday of the month 8.00 pm <i>(not December)</i>
Hawstead Craft Group	Last Monday of the month 10am - 4pm <i>(not December)</i>
Hawstead Oil Buying Group	Orders placed end of each month <i>(contact Michael Harrison 01284 386157 email: mharrison151@btinternet.com)</i>

HAWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

*Meetings held at the Village Hall
unless otherwise stated
Everyone is warmly welcome to attend, in fact
you are positively encouraged to come!*

Meetings held bi-monthly on the third
Thursday of the month at 7.30pm.
Dates arranged are:

19th November
21st January 2016
17th March

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!

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

In the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

Hawstead Craft Group	30th November - 10am - 4pm
Parish Council Meeting	19th November - 7.30pm
Mark's Nearly Christmas Quiz Night	4th December - 7 for 7.30pm
Christmas Craft Fayre	6th December - 10.30am - 4pm
Seniors Christmas Lunch	17th December - 12pm onwards
Village Christmas Drinks Party	19th December - 6pm onwards
Pantomime at The Theatre Royal	28th December <i>(Jack and the Beanstalk)</i>
Hawstead's Open Gardens	3rd July 2016