
HAWSTEAD JOURNAL

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Children from Lawshall Preschool entertained guests at the Seniors Christmas Lunch with some tuneful carol singing.



CHURCH SERVICES - HAWSTEAD UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

JANUARY

Sunday 8th	08.30	Said Eucharist
Sunday 8th	11.00	Public Baptism
Sunday 22nd	11.00	Morning Prayer

FEBRUARY

Sunday 12th	08.30	Said Eucharist
Sunday 26th	11.00	Morning Prayer

HARVEST CHURCH NOTICES

REQUEST:

Our church is in need of help with the Church Flower Rota and cleaning. Not at all an onerous task and it would be lovely to have some new faces. If you would be interested and would like to have a chat about what might be needed please call Lesley 386132 or Simon 388841.

A BIG THANK YOU

To everybody who supplied cakes, mince pies etc. for the Christmas Fayre at the Village Hall on December 4th. It was a festive occasion and lovely to see so many people. The Church made £260.

PLEASE NOTE

Hawstead Village Hall has been booked for our **Lent Lunch** on Monday 13th March. Details to follow.

Lesley Carey

HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

First, your Community Council would like to wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

We hosted some lovely Christmas events at the village hall over the festive period.

Our annual **It's Nearly Christmas Quiz Night** was not sufficiently well supported to run it at the village hall. Instead it was held at a private house in the village and great fun was had by all. With Steve Butt as Quiz Master, the three teams grappled with festive rounds including A Knight Before Christmas, Name that Mary, Merry Christmas and Eye, Eye Sir. After ten rounds all three teams ended on 72 points! We did offer a decider round but everyone was very happy feeling that they had won! A collection at the end of the night raised £26 for Children in Need. Huge thanks to Steve Butt and Susanne White for setting the questions and to Hannah Pamplin, Head Elf, for maintaining order and keeping the score.



HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

On Sunday 4 December we welcomed local craftspeople to our annual **Christmas Craft Fayre**. Visitors were treated to a range of items for sale, including knitted snowmen, jewellery, handmade children's clothes, Christmas wreaths, festive foods, and much more. Volunteers from the Church provided hot and cold drinks, as well as delicious cakes. Our thanks must go to Jo Butt for organising the event and to everyone who kindly donated cakes/biscuits for sale for church funds.

Two children from the village, Faith and Shannon Webb, together created all the **table decorations for the Seniors Christmas Lunch**. They spent a couple of hours at Park House on Sunday 11 December with secateurs in hands and produced some amazing results. We thank them for their time and creativity, and Hawstead Community Council for funding the oasis, etc. This event is often held at the village hall if sufficient village families show interest.

Upcoming events...

Hawstead Community Council Open Doors Meeting - Monday 6th February 2017 at Hawstead Village Hall - 7.30pm onwards for tea and biscuits

As well as maintaining the village hall premises, your community council has the task of trying to build and maintain the community spirit. We can't do this in isolation... we need you to join us, respond to requests for help and ideas, support events and become an active part of your community.

We need to grow our Community Council Committee to try to share the workload so that we can keep the regular social activities we have and even expand on them. Without more support we will have to cut back on village events in 2017.

If you value the village community spirit, then please come along to our February Hawstead Community Council Open Doors Meeting. It will take place in the main village hall from 7.30pm on Monday 6th February. We'll be having tea/coffee and biscuits, and chatting about our upcoming social events for the village. We'd really welcome your input and suggestions for other events we can run. Please find the time to pop down for a cuppa and tell us what you think. We're a friendly bunch, and all our meetings are very informal and relaxed.

PLEASE NOTE THIS MEETING IS HELD ON THE FIRST MONDAY EACH MONTH.

Susanne White

On behalf of Hawstead Community Council

HAWSTEAD VILLAGE HALL



BEAUTIFUL OAK-BEAMED HALL WITH KITCHEN, MEETING ROOM AND WOODEN OUTSIDE PLAY AREA IN A RURAL SETTING

... available to hire for all celebrations, business meetings and club events (up to 100 guests standing or 80 seated). Facilities include a kitchen with optional crockery, cutlery and linen hire, internet access, drop-down projection screen, sound system and separate meeting room. Cleaning service included. IP29 5NP. See website for hire rates.

WWW.HAWSTEADVILLAGEHALL.CO.UK

For bookings enquiries, please contact Sarah Webb on 01284 388124 or sarahlwebb84@gmail.com

VISIT TO HAWSTEAD BY MATTHEW HANCOCK MP

FRIDAY 27th JANUARY AT 4 p.m.

As you know we as the Parish Council have been working hard to try to improve our broadband facilities by keeping the pressure on BT. We haven't made as much progress as we would have liked although we have a fibre optic cabinet in Pinford End (yet to be connected) and the promise of a fibre cabinet on the village green. We are confident it will happen but trying to get an accurate timescale from BT is proving impossible.

Many of you may know that Matthew Hancock MP is our local MP but he is also Minister of State for digital and culture. Mr Hancock has been invited to come to Hawstead on Friday 27th January 2017 at 4.00pm to talk to us and answer questions that you may have. We expect Mr Hancock to stay about an hour. The village hall will be open serving tea and cakes from 3:30 - 5:30 pm.

In order to get the most from the visit and so that I have an approximate idea of numbers it would be most helpful if you could email me as soon as possible brewishenry@gmail.com. If you would be good enough to let me know if you are likely to attend (if you have to change your plans it doesn't matter - but so I get a rough idea of numbers) that would be very helpful. Quite often in these situations questions are asked and the answer isn't known, so in order to get the most out of the afternoon then perhaps you could also email me your questions in advance. This way I can pass them on to Mr Hancock in advance of the meeting. This obviously doesn't stop you asking additional questions on the day. Also questions don't have to be limited to broadband issues.

It is in all our interests to have a better broadband service, but if you are trying to run a business in Hawstead and struggling with the broadband or you are an older person and feel that this is a lifeline that isn't working properly then that would be of particular interest to Mr Hancock.

You may also know that Jo Churchill is our neighbouring MP. Jo Churchill raised concerns last week about rural broadband with Mr Hancock. Please have a look at this link:

<http://us11.campaign-archive1.com/?u=3fb3f1334134621840407c41f&id=3d14e10b1d&e=97d63c6a4c#awesomeshare>

It would also be very useful to know how good (or bad!) our current speeds are throughout the village. Please could you take a few minutes out and do a download speed test for your property over the next few days. The answer will be in Mbps probably somewhere between 0.5 and 25. If you could email me this information I can compile a chart for Mr Hancock. Please include your postal address or just approx position e.g. The Pound, top of Whepstead Road etc. There are plenty of speed checkers available but here is a link if you want one:

<http://www.broadbandspeedchecker.co.uk>

Many Thanks

Henry

On behalf of the Hawstead Parish Council



**THERE ARE NO TOOLS OR WIRES
LEFT IN THIS CABINET OVERNIGHT!**

AVIAN FLU LATEST ADVICE FOR CHICKEN OWNERS

As quite a few Hawstead residents keep chickens I thought it might be pertinent to include the following regarding **Avian Flu**.

The Prevention Zone will be extended to 28 February 2017. This requires poultry to be “housed” away from wild birds.

The H5N8 strain of the disease has been confirmed at a poultry farm in Lincolnshire, at a premises in Carmarthenshire, Wales, and at a premises near Settle in North Yorkshire, and restrictions are in place.

The same strain has also been found in wild birds in England, Scotland and Wales.

Risks to public health are very low and avian flu does not pose a food safety risk for UK consumers.

We have taken several actions to reduce the risks and help protect poultry and captive birds from avian flu.

If you keep poultry – whether on a commercial scale or simply a small backyard flock – you are now **required by law** to house them (keep them under cover) or otherwise keep them separate from wild birds. This requirement (the Prevention Zone) has now been extended until 28 February 2017. We have also banned gatherings of poultry across the UK.

All poultry keepers must continue to keep a close watch on the health of their birds, and take steps to reduce the risk of infection via the environment, for example in wild bird droppings, by practicing good biosecurity. You should do this even if your birds are inside.



The following guidance is also available:

How to spot avian influenza (bird flu), what to do if you suspect it, measures to prevent it, and the Prevention Zone – <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu>

·Biosecurity and preventing disease in captive birds within a Prevention Zone -

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu#biosecurity>

Clinical signs that poultry keepers should look - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu#about-avian-influenza>

Suffolk Trading Standards are providing up-to-date advice and information on their social media accounts (Twitter and Facebook.)

SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER

We welcomed 38 seniors to the village hall and also ferried a meals on wheels service to two other residents. Once again the hall was decorated beautifully and the table laid fit for a king. Residents were treated to a three-course meal plus coffee and mints, and also enjoyed a mystery raffle! We were particularly delighted to welcome children from **Lawshall Preschool** who entertained our guests with a selection of carols and told the Christmas story.



CHRISTMAS DRINKS PARTY

Finally our doors were opened to all villagers for our **Christmas Drinks Party** on the evening of Saturday 17 December. More than 80 villagers attended the free event and were invited to partake of mulled wine, a free bar and lots of party food. A vibrant Christmas atmosphere meant that the evening passed really quickly and it was soon time to wander home. Our thanks go to all those villagers who kindly brought along some dessert nibbles... they were delicious.



FREECYCLE

Here's one way to promote environmental sustainability!

Some Many years ago I dismantled a greenhouse in a friend's garden, brought it all home and stored it with the intention of re-erecting it. A couple of months ago I decided that it was never going to happen so I offered all the glass as available free for collection via the website www.freecycle.org Three people came and took differing quantities and it's now all gone and I haven't taken the glass to the tip in town.

'Freecycle' is a concept in between putting things you no longer want/need/have space for, up for sale (local paper, Ebay, Gumtree etc.) and throwing them away. It's an exchange system (but not a swapping system) in that you can 'post' items that you wish to dispose of – and are still usable (they may even be brand new!) - for free; or you can post a 'wanted' notice in the hope that someone will respond positively. It's a system of free exchange and freecycle membership is free.

Freecycle is locally based. It's been going since 2003 when a chap in Tucson Arizona, USA had the idea: since then it has spread to over 100 countries with (so they say) over 9 million members. To quote from the website: *"It's a grassroots and entirely non profit movement of people who are giving (and getting) stuff for free in their towns and keeping good stuff out of landfill."*

You sign up by joining a local group. There's one for Bury St Edmunds and there are groups for other local towns (Newmarket, Sudbury, Haverhill etc.). Being local means that arranging exchanges is easy – there's no need for packaging and mailing things: just an agreement between parties as to when a collection can be made. This can usually be a convenient place in town if that is preferred to having someone call at your house (but not so good for bulky items like 3-piece suites or paving slabs!)

Being mostly based on local towns has a potential downside in that there may not be a very large membership which could limit the amount and variety of goods on offer. Looking around Suffolk I see that typically the group membership is around 2500-5000 per town group: but Ipswich and Cambridge both have over 20,000 members! You can belong to more than one group, but increased distance can obviously be off-putting both for you and for anyone wanting to collect from you.

So, you sign up, get a username and password and then you can start – either posting 'offers' or 'wants' – or contacting people who have already posted. You can elect to get notification emails 'one for each post' or as a 'digest'. I do the latter and usually get an email most days with several items offered or wanted (it also tells you about things that have been 'taken'). By having the digest I run the risk of missing desirable items as they can get snapped up within a few hours (it's largely a 'first come, first served' system) – but then I'm in it more for decluttering (aren't I?!)

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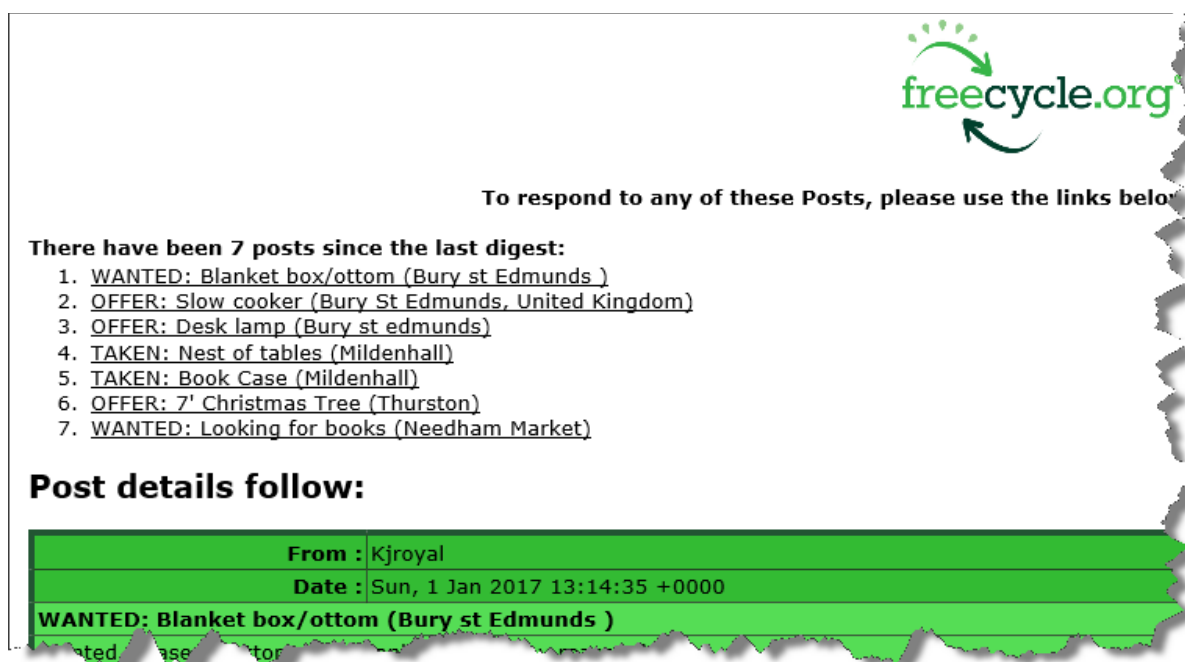
FREECYCLE —CONTINUED

Here's an example of a recent digest. More information is usually provided by individuals and is available by clicking on the item i.e. the green 'post details follow' section. There's also links for replying. Often people post photos of items they are offering and these can be seen by linking from the email over to your freecycle group web page.

Posts remain active for one month but can be re-posted if there has been no response.

There's lots more information about how to use freecycle at: https://wiki.freecycle.org/how_to_use_freecycle Click on the blue phrase "Search for this page title" and then scroll down. Why not have a look?

Andy Parrett

The image is a screenshot of an email digest from Freecycle.org. At the top right is the Freecycle.org logo, which consists of the text 'freecycle.org' in green with a circular arrow icon above it. Below the logo, the text 'To respond to any of these Posts, please use the links below' is centered. Underneath, it says 'There have been 7 posts since the last digest:'. This is followed by a numbered list of seven items, each with a status (WANTED, OFFER, or TAKEN), a description, and a location in parentheses. The list items are: 1. WANTED: Blanket box/ottom (Bury st Edmunds), 2. OFFER: Slow cooker (Bury St Edmunds, United Kingdom), 3. OFFER: Desk lamp (Bury st edmunds), 4. TAKEN: Nest of tables (Mildenhall), 5. TAKEN: Book Case (Mildenhall), 6. OFFER: 7' Christmas Tree (Thurston), and 7. WANTED: Looking for books (Needham Market). Below the list, the text 'Post details follow:' is displayed. At the bottom, there is a green rectangular box containing the following information: 'From : Kjroyal', 'Date : Sun, 1 Jan 2017 13:14:35 +0000', and 'WANTED: Blanket box/ottom (Bury st Edmunds)'. The bottom of the screenshot shows a partially visible line of text: 'ated use for'.

POLICE APPEAL REGARDING A SPATE OF BURGLARIES ACROSS SUFFOLK

Police are appealing for witnesses and urging communities to be vigilant following a series of break-ins across west Suffolk in the run up to Christmas.

These crimes have typically taken place in rural locations, between the early afternoon and evening, at properties where the occupants have not been at home, and involved the offenders forcing entry. The items that are mainly being stolen are cash, jewellery and electrical items.

As the majority of the burglaries in this series involve houses being entered by force rather than because of insecurities, police are urging members of the public to be their eyes and ears and 'See it, Hear it, Report it'.

Detective Inspector Andrew Smethurst, of Western Area CID, said: "We are appealing for local communities to be on the look-out for any suspicious behaviour in their villages and neighbourhoods and not to disregard persons or vehicles that appear unusual or out of place. This could include a suspicious vehicle outside your neighbour's house or hearing the sound of glass smashing nearby.

"Note down the car registration number or description of any suspicious persons you may have seen and report it to us if you believe it to be unusual. These criminals may present themselves as genuine callers, so if their behaviour seems odd then let us know."

Anyone who has witnessed any suspicious activity in their local community, is asked to contact Western Area CID on 101, or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

The burglaries have taken place in the following locations: Badwell Ash; Bardwell; Barking; Bradfield St Clare; Brandon (x2); Bury St Edmunds; Clare (x3); Culford; Fornham All Saints; Forward Green; Great Cornard; Hundon; Kedington; Lavenham (x2); Long Melford; Mildenhall; Moulton; Needham Market (x2); Nowton; Pakenham; and Ringshall.

By following a few simple steps, you can reduce the chances of becoming a victim of burglary.

1. LOCK

Lock all doors and remove the keys before leaving the house. This limits the amount of escape routes available to burglars.

- Keep front doors locked even when you are at home and especially if you are in the back garden.
- Close all windows fully before you leave the house, lock downstairs windows and remove the keys.
- Use window limiters to allow air in instead of keeping windows fully open, even when you're at home.
- Install window locks on upstairs windows that can be easily accessed by a flat roof.
- Lock back gates using a sturdy lock such as a closed shackle padlock to no less than CEN 3-4 security grade or 5 lever lock.

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2. LIGHT

- Leave low-energy lights on timers around the house and keep a radio on to make it seem as though someone is home.
- ‘Dusk-to-dawn’ sensored security lighting is a cheap, low cost way of making sure the front of your home or shed/outbuilding is well-lit.
- Burglars often prefer to work in the dark to avoid detection. Stop burglars from hiding in your driveway and paths by installing an ambient security light that will not disturb neighbours.
- Visible burglar alarms can make burglars think twice; get specialist advice and consult your insurance company.
- Hedging and shrubs to the front of your property should be pruned to no higher than 1m and trim trees up from the ground to 2m. This will allow a clear line of sight across your property and will stop the garden being used as a hiding place.

3. HIDE

- Keep your valuables, jewellery, cash, passport and deeds to your property in a safe.
- Never leave spare keys in an open place. Hide away to prevent them being stolen.
- Keep dustbins and wheelie-bins away from fencing/gates as these can be used by thieves to climb into windows or used to escape.
- Make sure valuables are property marked. Take photographs and keep a note of any serial numbers.
- Don’t leave equipment and tools lying around that can be used by burglars to break into your home, such as hammers, shovels or gardening tools. Keep ladders locked away and out of sight.

For further crime prevention advice please visit the Suffolk Constabulary webpage www.suffolk.police.uk or contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team on **101**.





Bury Abbey Rotary Club Presents:-

A Burns' Night Supper and Dance.

In Aid of Local Charities

Friday 27th January 2017 7.00 pm



- ❖ **Two course Burns' supper with coffee***
- ❖ **Piper and Toast to the Haggis**
- ❖ **Scottish Dancing**

*vegetarian alternative must be ordered in advance

Tickets :£24.00

Obtainable only in advance from:

bridgetalexander6@hotmail.com

Or telephone: 01284 749009

Venue:

Moreton Hall Community Centre

Symonds Road

Bury St Edmunds IP32 7EE



Proceeds to: Headway Suffolk, and Prostate Cancer UK



HAWSTEAD GOES TO THE PANTOMIME

The pantomime this Christmas – ***Beauty and the Beast*** – was as usual well attended. With great performances on stage, including some excellent voices, and a huge amount of booing and hissing from the audience, it was one of the best.

We took 58 seats in all – one of the theatre's largest parties.

Our thanks to the Community Council for paying for the 19 Hawstead children who came along (£403.50)



The pantomime this coming Christmas is ***Dick Whittington***. Please let me know as soon as you are able, if you would like seats and when you would prefer to go (there are no useful Bank holidays this year). The more places we book of course, the less we pay per seat.

Geraldine West

On behalf of Hawstead Community Council

The Hawstead Journal was sponsored by
Judy & Mike Sibley of Rose Cottage

Thank you for your offers to sponsor the Journal. I keep a list and will be in contact when the need arises.

Thank you for your contributions to this edition. Our next Journal will be March / April.* Please forward anything you have by 4th March 2017.

* Anne East has very kindly offered to produce the March / April edition of The Journal. Please would you forward any cotributions to her at anneng100@googlemail.com .

THE DANGERS OF FIREWORKS

Many of us are apprehensive about New Year, Bonfire night and other celebrations when we are subjected to other people's thoughtlessness. Horses, sheep, cats and dogs, not to mention thatched houses are all at risk. Organised firework parties such as Guy Fawkes in the Abbey Gardens are legitimate, rockets let off around the Green and other places in the village are a danger.

Rosemary Carr

HAWSTEAD CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE

The annual Hawstead Christmas Craft Fayre was held in the village hall on Sunday 4th December. The hall looked lovely and Christmassy with the tree in place and decorated with Christmas bunting. We had some regular crafty people as well as a couple of new stalls including Olly from Long Melford, who brought along his lovely handmade silver jewellery. The church ladies kept us all going with cups of tea and coffee and some delicious cakes and biscuits, Steve braved the cold yet again cooking up a storm on his BBQ providing everyone with bacon and sausage rolls. I would just like to say a big thank you to the Community Council and Parish Council for collecting the Christmas tree and helping with the decorating. Thanks must also go to Clive who helped with advertising this event. Many thanks as well to all the stallholders; I hope you had a successful day and that we will see you again in 2017!

Jo Butt

Thank you to all the Hawstead Carollers

A big thank you to everyone who came out carol singing just before Christmas. We had two very successful evenings of carols and good fun followed by mulled wine and Christmas munchies (thanks to Bethany). The weather was kind to us and we collected **£120.13** for St Nicholas Hospice Care.

Carol singing is such a lovely traditional way to spend an evening; we would love to make it an annual event for the village. Watch this space towards the end of the year! If you missed it this time you may be able to join us next Christmas.

Thank you again from us and from St Nicholas Hospice Care.

Andy and Fran Evershed

FOOTNOTE from your editor.

An enormous thank you to Fran and Andy for organising this event. It was very much enjoyed by everyone who participated and I think we were generally well received by the village!

The second evening in particular was quite chilly and we really appreciated the warmth of Fran and Andy's kitchen, the delicious mulled wine and of course the supply of munchies.



HAWSTEAD READING GROUP

Our November meeting was held at *Jayne Robertson's* in her beautiful new extension. Our book for discussion was *"The Rosie Project"* - a debut work written in 2013 by Australian *Graeme Simsion* which is set in Melbourne. Love isn't an exact science but no one told Don Tillman, a socially inept 39 year old geneticist who has never had a second date so he devises the Wife Project - a questionnaire to help him find the perfect mate. His plans are set off course when he meets Rosie, who doesn't fit many of Don's criteria but becomes a big part of his life. This quirky, upbeat love story was well received by all and was voted our best book of the year!

In December we met at *Jane Holliday's* for our Christmas get together. We were entertained very well by Jane and Anthony in their wonderful barn with mulled wine and festive nibbles. Our book for the month was *"The Miniaturist"* by *Jessie Burton* which won many awards and received rave reviews when it was published in 2014. Set in 1686 Nella, an 18 year old bride leaves her family home in the Dutch hinterlands to move into her husband's grand but gloomy house in Amsterdam. Here she must deal with her aloof husband, antagonistic sister-in-law and mysterious servants. Nella becomes fascinated with a doll-size replica of her new home which is to be furnished by an elusive miniaturist. Slowly the household's dark secrets are revealed by the tiny creations which keep appearing and who mirror their real-life counterparts in unexpected ways. The book paints a good picture of 17th century Amsterdam - the class system, food eaten etc. and although a controversial and quite gloomy read with many unsympathetic characters it came a close second to *The Rosie Project* as our book of the year! Our worst book of 2017 was *"White Teeth"* by *Zadie Smith*.

As part of the festivities Anthony challenged us to a very difficult quiz whereby we had to find the meaning of words such as "pogonophobia", "galeanthropy" and "birl" to name but a few!

There will not be a meeting in January but we shall next convene at *Judy Carter's* on Wednesday 1st February to discuss *"I Capture the Castle"* by *Dodie Smith*.

Ann Gibbs

HAWSTEAD APPRECIATION AND TASTING SOCIETY (WINE CLUB)

Our last meeting of the year was on November 24th when Richard and Jacquie provided us with Liam from Majestic's suggestions for wine to accompany our Christmas festivities.

We began the evening with a delicious alternative to Champagne called Bouvet Saumur, produced using the traditional Champagne method but made by using Chenin Blanc grapes rather than Chardonnay. We then sampled a 'party' white wine being an Albarino from Spain. The following two were suggestions to enjoy with the turkey; a Premier Cru Chardonnay or a Jackson Estate (New Zealand) Sauvignon Blanc called 'Stich' named after the founder of the Estate, John Stichbury. The latter one was preferred by a majority of the group.

The suggestion for a 'party' red was from Portugal, followed by an Italian red to enjoy with the turkey, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo. The red given the most marks by us was a French Corbières.

The evening was rounded off with a Moscatel from Spain, which not only was given top marks to enjoy with fruit puddings, creamy desserts or blue cheeses but also had the most attractive label!

Jacquie and Richard made the evening very festive with crackers and delicious Christmassy themed snacks. Both Dave (Dawson) and Andy were on top form guessing most of the answers to the traditional cracker questions!

We look forward to our January meeting on Thursday 26th to be hosted by Penny and Richard.

Judy Carter

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 (held in members' homes)
HATS (Wine Club)	Last Thursday of the month 8.00 pm (not December)
Hawstead Craft Group	Last Monday of the month 10am - 4pm (not December)
Hawstead Oil Buying Group	Orders placed monthly (contact Michael Harrison 01284 386157 email: mharrison151@btinternet.com)

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 January 2017	16th March
18th May	20th July
21st September	16th November

HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

We meet once a month in the Village Hall (usually the first Monday at 7.30pm) to discuss the village hall and plan future events.

While all residents are members of the Community Council, we would be delighted to welcome to our meetings all those interested in getting a bit more involved in village life.

Next meeting Monday 6th February at 7.30 in the village hall meeting room.

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

In the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

Hawstead Parish Council Meeting	Thursday 19th January 7.30pm
Matthew Hancock Visit	Friday 27th January 4.00pm
Community Council Meeting	Monday 6th February 7.30pm
Community Council Meeting	Monday 6th March 7.30pm
Lent Lunch	Monday 13th March
Hawstead Parish Council Meeting	Thursday 16th March 7.30pm