Hawstead Journal

Guest edited by Anne East

Games nights are back!

Our Hawstead games nights are making a welcome return for spring/summer, starting at 7pm on Friday 7 April, followed thereafter on Friday 5 May. The evenings will be crafted around the wishes of those who attend, and can include organised bingo, as well as darts, boules, cards, chess, etc. Do come along with some friends and join us for a chatty evening of fun. BYO drinks and nibbles.



Church services

All services are at Hawstead church, unless specified otherwise

Date	Time	Service	
Sunday 12 March	8.30am	Said Eucharist	
Wednesday 15 March	7.30pm	Compline	
Mothering Sunday 26 March	11am	Joint family service at Lawshall church (Lawshall, Hawstead and Nowton)	
Sunday 9 April	10am	Benefice Palm Sunday Procession (donkey from Gt Whelnetham Community Centre to church for 10.30am Benefice Eucharist	
Sunday 16 April	10.30am	Benefice Easter Eucharist at Lawshall church followed by Easter egg hunt	
Sunday 23 April	11am	Morning prayer	

Messages from Hawstead Community Council

The Hall on the Green

For marketing purposes only, we are now promoting Hawstead Village Hall as 'The Hall on the Green'. It appears that wedding parties in particular much prefer this wording for their invitations, and we all agree that our village hall is so special it perhaps deserves a grander title!

Village hall cleaner required

Hawstead Village Hall is seeking a cleaner on a flexible part time basis, approximately 15-25 hours per month at times to suit hall bookings and the cleaner's personal commitments.

The successful candidate can start immediately or wait until 1 June. This is a paid position and requires someone (or two people who would like to job share) who takes special pride in their important role. The work will include preparing for and clearing up after events, washing up/drying crockery, glasses and cutlery, sweeping, hoovering, stacking chairs/tables, maintaining the outside spaces, cleaning windows, checking equipment after events, and laundering and ironing tablecloths, as well as ordering cleaning supplies, etc., and liaising with our Bookings Clerk and Treasurer.

As a village, we are fortunate to have such a unique hall which has been so well maintained since its



Messages from Hawstead Community Council continued...

construction. We want to ensure that its rustic charm continues to shine, along with its clean floors and tablecloths!

If you know of anyone who would be interested in this role, please contact Andy Taplin on andy@peninsulafilms.com He will be able to provide a more detailed job specification and information about pay, etc.

It's a murder mystery, but do you know anything about it?

We THINK we'd like to offer a murder mystery night or meal for villagers but have no experience of running one. If you have the time, energy and know-how, could you let us know what it involves, how it works and perhaps lend us a hand?

Please contact Susanne White on susanne@pamplin.me.uk or 01284 388166 if you have the knowledge that could help us stage something a bit different at the village hall.

Hawstead fine dining - is it for you?

We have a number of opportunities for quality evening dining at the village hall in the range of £30 per head plus drinks. We are uncertain as to how many villagers would be interested and how often it could be offered. If you think it is something you would be happy to support or would like to know more, do please contact Andy Taplin on andy@peninsulafilms.com and we'll see if it is a viable option.

A suggested menu for an authentic 'Italian night' menu would be...

APERITIVO

Calice Di Benvenuto

Pan-fried mini potato and parmesan polpette, olives, sun-dried tomatoes, crostini (v) plus a glass of Brut Prosecco Superiore, DOCG Colvendrà

PRIMO

Minted pea torte with melted formaggio di capra (goat's cheese) and caramelised red onion (v)

PASTA

Pappardelle pasta with lamb ragù and pecorino cheese

Pappardelle pasta with pomodorini (cherry tomatoes), malanzane (aubergines), parmigiano reggiano (v)

DOLCE

Tiramisù or Lemon and amaretti cream pot (v)

Messages from Hawstead Community Council continued...

Italian Pot Luck Supper – Saturday 22 April

On Saturday 22 April from 6.30pm Hawstead Village Hall will be hosting a 'Pot luck Italian supper' with BYO drinks. All are welcome (villagers and non-villagers) at just £1 per head PLUS you bring a starter, main course or dessert for 6-8 people. All children are free.

Sarah Webb, has kindly offered to coordinate our pot luck dishes so that we don't end up with lots of desserts and no main courses, or indeed nothing suitable for vegetarians! So please email (sarahlwebb84@gmail.com) or telephone (01284 388124) Sarah to register your interest and agree an Italian dish.

Remember this is a pot luck event, so if someone fails to turn up with their dish there may well be much more dessert than starter, but who cares?!



Hawstead fine art fair 2017



Those of you who were in the village in August 2015 may remember the inaugural Hawstead Fine Art Fair, an exhibition of paintings, drawings, photographs, prints and sculpture held in our lovely Hall on the Green. The event showcased a great deal of local talent, both from within the village and from the surrounding area, and gave visitors the opportunity, not only to enjoy the artwork, but also to buy something special and unique — with a proportion of all sales going to a very worthwhile children's charity.

We are intending to hold another Art Fair during the first week of August this year. More information will follow in due course, including how you may enter your own work into the exhibition, but this is a plea for help please. Mounting such an event takes a lot of planning, organisation and hard work and Bill Crockford, whose initial idea it was, as well as myself and the rest of our (currently) very small committee would be very grateful for any assistance you might be able to offer — in particular in setting up/dismantling the hall, hanging the exhibition and/or offering a couple of hours of your time to be on duty during the show. Or if you'd like to get more involved, please do come and join us on the planning committee.

If you feel you may be able to lend a helping hand, please contact me in the first instance:

Thank you

Janet Watson Tel: 388030

Email: janet@peninsulafilms.com

UK Power Networks

UK Power Networks, owns and maintains the local power lines and substations and is responsible for reconnecting supply after any power cut. It offers a 'Priority Service Register' to which vulnerable people can sign up to; registration enables UK Power Networks to identify customers who are vulnerable or need extra help when the electricity is off as efficiently as possible and to get help out quickly.

Residents eligible to sign up include those with a disability or medical dependency on electricity (i.e. users of Careline, nebulisers etc.), the elderly, those with children under five and more. Services available to those on the register include a 24-hour priority phone number and a dedicated team, who will keep you updated during a power cut and other tailored support where appropriate.

Further information on the Priority Service Register is available from www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk or by calling 0800 3163105.

Registration forms for this service will also be made available in the village hall after 16 March

Help wanted for an hour to plant a new hedge in the Millennium Field

Following the success of the village green path clearing in early January we have planned another work party. This time we will plant a new hedge to help enhance the Millennium Field by the church.

Since buying the Millennium Field the parish council has improved management. The addition of trees, hedges and benches has made an attractive sheltered wildlife area for people to enjoy.

The boundary at the back along by the arable field has always been sparse and this year the parish council has bought enough mixed native plants to make an attractive new hedge on the ancient earth bank.

All that is needed now is a jolly group of people to plant them! The more the merrier. It would be great to have young and old for an hour or so on **Saturday 18th March at 10am**.

50% of UK wildlife has been lost since 1970 and it is still in rapid decline (UK State of Nature Report). Please bring spades and help improve this local habitat and let's make sure Hawstead bucks this depressing trend.

Ideas for further projects welcome.

James Carr, Parish Tree Warden Cullum Cottage (Tel. 01284-386245)

Hawstead back in time

For anyone with a love for local history, here are a couple of photos that may be of interest.

Hawstead Home Guard, Ickworth, 1944



Back row, left to right:

Unknown, Wilfred Frost, Len Bumpstead, Diddy Tooke, George Gill, Stan Seaman, Arthur Wright, Unknown

Middle row, left to right:

Jimmy Reeve, Bill Wright, Bert Boreham, Bill Boreham, Unknown, Geoff Mason, Unknown

Front row, left to right:

George Finch, Denny Tooke, Percy Mason, Howard Maddever, Harry Mortlock, Ernie Tooke, Unknown, Charlie Lebbon

The Metcalfe Arms 1953



Local history recording scheme

The 2016 Report for Hawstead has now been compiled and is available on the village website: go to http://www.hawstead-parish-council.co.uk/documents/local-history-recorder-reports/ Also available on that page are previous reports covering a continuous period since 2006, with several older ones than that.

In case you are unfamiliar with this scheme, here's a little bit of background. The Local History Recording Scheme is, as far as I can assess, almost unique to Suffolk: there may be town and village local history groups right across the country (including Suffolk) but this is slightly different. It is a scheme which relies on local volunteers to keep a note of what's going on in their individual patches (mostly parishes) and write a report each year which will eventually find its way to the appropriate branch of the Suffolk Record Office for the potential benefit of future historians.

Previous history recorders for Hawstead have included Karen and Paul Caldwell, Joan Cook and Harry Payling. Currently 288 parishes in Suffolk have a recorder – but unfortunately 217 do not. There's a county coordinator (to whom I will shortly be sending my report) and the scheme itself is overseen by the Suffolk Local History Council (SLHC), an independent body which has been inexistence since 1953 with the general aim of

fostering and encouraging an interest in local history. For more information about SLHC please see: http://www.slhc.org.uk/

Please feel free to view or indeed download any of the reports on the village website: and if you know about anything which happens during this year which you consider worthy of recording for posterity, please let me know. I also collect printed memorabilia and photos about the village – also for eventual deposit in the Records Office (Bury branch) - and welcome any contributions from you!

Andy Parrett

A thank you from Colin

Mr. Colin Rose would like to thank all the friends and neighbours who helped him to celebrate his 80th birthday; for their good wishes, gifts and cards, not forgetting their good company!

In particular, he would like to thank Sarah, Shannon and Faith for their kindness and hard work in organising his party and providing such lovely food; even if he was too surprised to eat it!

News from Maglia Rosso

We are coming up to our third anniversary of trading as Maglia Rosso at the Metcalfe Arms and will be marking the occasion with a weekend of activities on April 22/23/24.

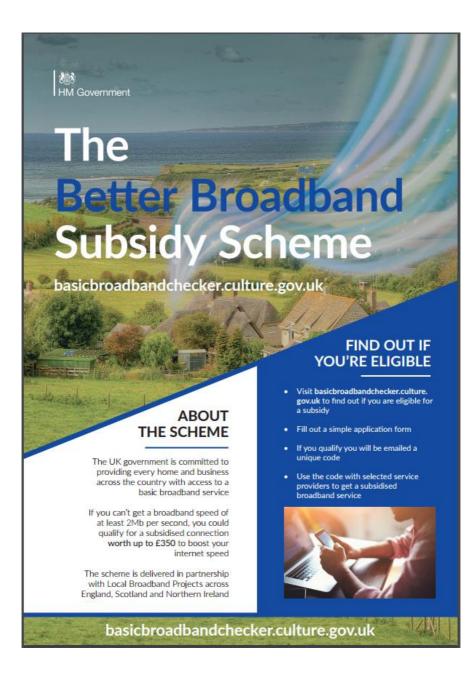
We start off with a celebration evening on the Friday with customers and friends invited, followed on Saturday by trade and club stands in our garden area, bikes to try out, product demonstrations and the visit to us by very famous cyclist.

Sunday sees us running a sportive endurance event from here with riders having the choice of routes over two, three or four counties at 30, 60 and 100 miles respectively.

In the meantime, our country café continues to attract visitors from all over the region, and not just cyclists – everyone is welcome for breakfasts, elevenses, lunches or just coffee and cake! On that subject, we are still looking for part-time staff to help out in the café, hours to suit the applicant, no experience necessary, just willingness to serve the customers!

Barry Denny

Maglia Rosso at the former Metcalfe Arms, Hawstead



New village footpath

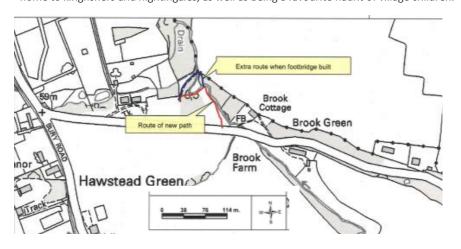
There was an amazing turnout of 24 people for our work party on 8^{th} January. We had anticipated having to organize several sessions in order to clear the path, but with so many hands we achieved our goal in an hour and a half (including coffee break!) – as you can see from our triumphal smiles.

This stretch of ground is a flood plain through which meanders a beautiful stretch of wild stream, the course of which has shifted (sometimes dramatically) in living memory. As such it is both a rare natural feature (most streams these days have been dug out,



channelled, and contained) and a natural flood defence for areas downstream.

We now have a path (coloured red on the map) that follows the bends of the stream. With its overhanging trees, and little shingle beaches, it will be a perfect place for summer picnics. It's hoped that by opening up the area a little, and allowing in a bit more light, we'll also be encouraging the plants, insects and birds that live there. In the past, it was home to kingfishers and nightingales, as well as being a favourite haunt of village children.



The Parish Council has now invited contractors to tender for a foot bridge to link this stretch with another patch of ground belonging to the village to the north of the brook. This bridge will create a circular section for the new footpath (coloured blue on the map).

On the 1905 Ordinance Survey map, this area south of the brook is shown simply as a continuation of the main Village Green. Bells Lane was then little more than a track leading down to a ford across the brook and then across to Brook Green which is now the stretch of woodland to the left as you go up the hill. But being such a small area and with machinery getting larger it became more difficult to cut this stretch for hay, which is why it gradually became overgrown with scrub, bramble, and now larger trees.

This regrowth has given it a very special character, quite different from the main green and we would like to give it its own name. We thought it would be fun to run a competition (complete with age-appropriate prize) for the best suggestion, which we will



put to the vote at the annual village meeting in May. So if you have an idea, please email Ros at R.King@soton.ac.uk or tell one of the councillors. Please mark your email Hawstead Competition.

Ros Alexander Christabel Carr James Carr

Chadacre challenge

Lawshall Pre-school are very excited to launch our big fundraising initiative 'The Chadacre Challenge' which is set to take place on April 2nd 2017.

The Chadacre Challenge is a 3km fun run and a 10km multi-terrain running race through the picturesque and nearby, Chadacre Estate.

This is a family friendly event with face painting, cake stalls and more so please get involved, share the fun and help raise funds for our pre-school.

How to get involved

You can help in a number of ways:

Enter a race

We would love to see you and your little ones taking part on the day, or even better, why not get the whole family involved – how many teachers or parents are brave enough to take on our 10k race?

Our 3km Fun Run has been created for all the family to enjoy, it celebrates achievement but keeps the emphasis on having a great time.

All finishers receive a medal and there are fun prizes awarded for best costumes and biggest smiles on the day.

Race entry is: £6* per person
*Run for FREE by raising sponsorship
to the value of £20 or more for
Lawshall Pre-School



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LAWSHALL PRE-SCHOOL

Our 10km multi-terrain race is a little bit more challenging and has a minimum age limit of 15 years. This is a great opportunity to challenge yourself whist enjoying a rare opportunity to explore the wonderful grounds of the Chadacre Estate. This race is chip timed, all finishers receive a bespoke medal, trophies for top 3 male and female finishers.

Race entry is: £18 per person

Entry can be completed online at: www.chadacrechallenge.co.uk
Sponsorship forms can be found at: http://www.chadacrechallenge.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Chadacre-Challenge-Sponsorship-Form.pdf

Help spread the word

This event is open to the general public and we would very much appreciate it if you could help us to spread the word.

Let us know if you can display a poster or hand out some flyers. You can also follow Chadacre Challenge on social media and share your training pictures by using the hashtag #chadacrechallenge

Volunteers and marshals

We are seeking volunteers and marshals to help with the following:

- Cake baking
- Refreshment stall helpers
- Race registration
- Car parking attendants
- Race marshals
- Administrative support
- General help and support

If you are able to help with any of these roles, please let us know by completing our form at: http://www.chadacrechallenge.co.uk/get-involved/

We look forward to hearing from you, and hopefully seeing you all on the day.

Surviving winter – help with fuel costs

Although spring is in the air, keeping warm can still be a struggle. The Surviving Winter campaign offers vulnerable older individuals respite from the anxiety of managing fuel costs and the opportunity to stay warm and healthy during the winter. The project is a joint venture between The Suffolk Community Foundation and EADT.

Every year, the government provides a non-means-tested Winter Fuel Payment for everyone aged 62 and above. The Surviving Winter campaign encourages people who don't need the extra support to donate it to help those who may otherwise struggle to afford to heat their homes.

This year Ipswich and District Citizens Advice are administering the distribution of those funds. Forms for financial assistance with winter fuel costs for those over 63 will be available in the village hall after 16/3/17, or further information can be obtained direct from the Surviving Winter Campaign (tel 01473 219770) or email survivingwinter@ipswichcab.org.uk)

Lent lunch

A simple lunch of soup and bread for Lent is available at Hawstead village hall on Monday 13th March, 12pm for 12.30pm.

So that we can organise catering, please let Lesley (01284 386132), Jackie (01284 755150), or Simon (01284 388841) know if you would like to come. Please also let them know if you need a lift too.

The Bury Friends Group invite you to support St Nicholas Hospice Care

Bridge for Fun

with a Terrific Tea

in aid of St Nicholas Hospice Care

2pm Friday 5 May 2017

New Green Centre

New Green Avenue, Thurston, Bury St Edmunds IP31 3TG

Directions: At the roundabout by the Fox & Hounds travel up the hill, pass the station on right, turn right into New Green, follow the road - the New Green Centre car park is on the right.

£10 per player including tea. Singles welcome

Two sections: Friendly Social Bridge (Chicago) and Friendly Duplicate Bridge
Prizes for the winners of each section

For further information please contact Bridget Alexander on 01284 749009 or bridgetalexander6@hotmail.com

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Bury St Edmunds town masterplan

Although the first few meetings have been and gone, you may still be able to make the events in April.

The Bury St Edmunds Town Centre Masterplan is a project to shape the future of the town centre so that it works for people. It is not just about ensuring that it continues to attract shoppers and visitors for decades to come, but also that it is accessible, and a place where people can live and work happily. That includes looking at how the town continues to cope with growth and other future pressures such as technological changes, and responds sensitively to a larger number of people and cars.

A huge part of the town centre masterplan will be to look at those elements of the town centre that don't really work, are perhaps a bit grotty or disconnected -- and that is where the public can play a big part.

Over the next eight weeks until 21 April, we will be running a public engagement campaign to get your views on what the issues and options are for Bury St Edmunds Town Centre. Once we have fully understood the issues and options that are most important to everyone who uses the town centre, we can then move forward and draw up a masterplan that can address them. That will form the next stage of the project and further consultation.

We will be holding events in and around the town centre, where you can have your say, and we will also be providing information about the consultation to residents associations, business organisations, groups representing people with disabilities and additional needs, schools, colleges, faith groups, interest groups and more — all encouraging them to spread the word and invite everyone to have their say. Cllr Alaric Pugh said: "Bury St Edmunds town centre is one of the best retail, leisure and cultural centres in the region but it is not without its faults. This is about shaping the future of the town centre and what better way to do so than by asking the people who live, work, shop or visit there. Bury St Edmunds needs you."

Events confirmed so far are:

- 8 March, 8am to 3pm at Bury St Edmunds market
- 8 March, 6pm to 8pm at The Apex
- 9 March, 10am to 5pm at Tesco St Saviours Interchange, Bury St Edmunds
- 7 April, 10am to 5pm at Bury St Edmunds Leisure Centre
- 8 April, 8am to 3pm at Bury St Edmunds market

Other events are in the pipeline – more information will be posted throughout the consultation at www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/bsemasterplan on Twitter @StEdsBC and on the Facebook page /StEdmundsburynews. Twitter users – can also Tweet a selfie when they have had their say using the hashtag #bsemasterplan

The documents will be available online at www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/bsemasterplan Hard copies will also be available at:

- West Suffolk House
- The Apex
- Bury St Edmunds Library
- West Suffolk College
- Bury St Edmunds Leisure Centre

Information leaflets will be available at:

- The Athenaeum
- The Citizen's Advice Bureau in Risbygate Street
- Skyliner Leisure Centre
- Moyse's Hall Museum
- St Edmundsbury Cathedral tourist information point

The Bury St Edmunds Town Centre Masterplan is supported by a working group comprising representatives of OurBuryStEdmunds Business Improvement District, the Suffolk Chamber in Bury St Edmunds, Bury St Edmunds market traders, The Bury Society, the Bury St Edmunds Town Trust, Bury St Edmunds Town Council, St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Suffolk County Council, working alongside urban design and town planning specialists David Lock Associates and Peter Brett Associates.

Hawstead Reading Group

There was no meeting in January but we met in February at Suzie Surti's, where we sat in her sitting room by a roaring log fire well attended by her two lovely daughters with cocktail sausages and canapés!

Our book for discussion was "I Capture the Castle" by Dodie Smith with the first line starting "I write this sitting in the kitchen sink..." Set in the 1930s this is the diary of 17-year-old Cassandra Mortmain, which tells of her extraordinary family and their crumbling castle home. Cassandra's father was once a famous writer, but now he mainly reads detective novels while his family slide into genteel poverty. Her sister Rose is bored and beautiful, and desperate to marry riches. Their step-mother Topaz, has a habit of striding through the countryside wearing only her wellington boots. All their lives will soon be transformed by the arrival of new neighbours from America, and Cassandra finds herself falling in love....

Dodie Smith (author of "101 Dalmatians") wrote this in the 1940s and, although written for a teenage audience some say it can be enjoyed by anyone of any age. Our group was divided in this view although we mostly enjoyed it. Some of us thought it somewhat dated but the characters were interesting and engaging and one or two said it was their favourite book of all time!

Our next meeting is on 1st March at Jacquie Milns, where we shall be discussing "The Rosie Effect" by Graeme Simsion, (the sequel to "The Rosie Project").

Ann Gibbs

Hawstead Wine Club

Our first meeting of 2016 was "Adnams Old World Classics, Blind Pairs" on January 26th. We compared two French Sauvignon Blancs; the more expensive one winning hands down. Secondly it was the turn of the Voignier grape, the more expensive of the two at £8.99 turned out to be our favourite wine of the evening. In fact, it was a blend of Grillo and Voignier 'Rina lanca, Santa Tresa, Terre Siciliane.'

For the reds, we compared two Bordeaux with a mixture of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc grapes, all typical of the Bordeaux region. Our final pair were Riojas. One was priced £8.99 and the other £12.99, sadly our favourite was the dearer one a Monte Real, Rioja Reserva, Bodegas Riojanas 2011.

It was a most informative and interesting evening and our thanks go to Richard and Penny for sourcing the wines from Adnams in Bury for us.

On the 23rd February, we had another blind tasting evening, this time all wines were from Argentina and Chile and came from Waitrose. Ann and Norman tested our knowledge and our palettes with the question "are more expensive versions of similar grape wines really worth it?" Could we guess the more expensive of the two?

The first pairing were Chilean Sauvignon Blancs; one being £7.49 and the other £11.99. Most of us agreed the Aconcagua Errazuriz 2015 was superior, albeit expensive. Our second whites were Mendoza Chardonnays. In fact, the Santa Julia 2015 at a very reasonable £5.99 won hands down over the £12.99 Catena.

We kicked off the reds with a Waitrose own Soft and Juicy Chilean, which was a mixture of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes; this came top of our list this evening. At £4.99 it was deemed a 'steal'. It may well be flying off the shelves with HATS members rushing to purchase, Waitrose beware! Our final two of the evening were the ubiquitous Argentinian Malbec, the Cantena Malbec 2014, albeit £12.99 scored a higher mark than the £7.99 Malbec Mendoza.

The jury is still out on whether our palettes can tell the difference! Many, many thanks to Norman and Ann for providing cheese, pate and for those with a sweet tooth, chocolate and wafers.

We meet again on the 30th March.

Judy Carter

Hawstead Parish Council meeting dates

Meetings are held bi-monthly on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. All meetings are in the village hall unless specified otherwise. Dates arranged are:

- 16th March
- 18th May
- 20th July
- 21st September
- 16th November

Hawstead Community Council meeting dates

We meet once a month in the village hall to discuss the village hall and plan future events. Anyone who would like to become more involved in village life is very welcome. The next meetings are arranged for:

- 3rd April 6.30pm
- 8th May 6.30pm

Upcoming events for your diary

- 13th March 12pm for 12.30pm, Lent lunch, Hawstead village hall
- 7th April 7pm onwards, Hawstead Games Night, Hawstead village hall
- 22 April 6.30pm onwards, Italian Pot Luck Supper, Hawstead village hall
- 5 May 7pm onwards, Hawstead Games Night, Hawstead village hall
- 24 June Summer Solstice Village BBQ, Hawstead village green/hall
- 3 September Hawstead Fete, Hawstead village green/hall

Thank you to Henry and Hayley Brewis, of Pinford End Farmhouse, who have sponsored this edition of the Hawstead Journal

Thank you for your offers to sponsor the Journal. A list is kept and sponsors will be contacted when the need arises.

Thank you for your contributions to this edition. Our next Journal will be May/June. Please forward anything you have by 9th May 2017 to judy@mmgd.co.uk

Have you enjoyed this edition of the Hawstead Journal?

Your village needs you!



All Hawstead households are privileged to receive the Hawstead Journal through the door every two months, keeping residents fully informed of local news and upcoming events — and all in full colour!

As well as helping to enhance our sense of community spirit, the journal ensures that every member of the village is included in the social life and other aspects of this special village. However, all these great benefits don't come for free; each issue of the Hawstead Journal costs in excess of £25 to produce and is currently kindly underwritten on an adhoc basis by a few individuals and families in the village. But there are not enough of them!

If just 12 of the 125 or so households in Hawstead would agree to sponsor an issue of the journal, it would mean each of those households would be asked to do so once every two years, a contribution to the village of a little over £2 per month... And clearly the more people willing to be a sponsor, the less each would be asked to pay. Please would you consider helping us?

If you are willing to join the list of Hawstead Journal sponsors, please contact Judy Carter, Oakhill House, Pinford End; Tel. 386512 / judy@mmgd.co.uk

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