

HAWSTEAD JOURNAL

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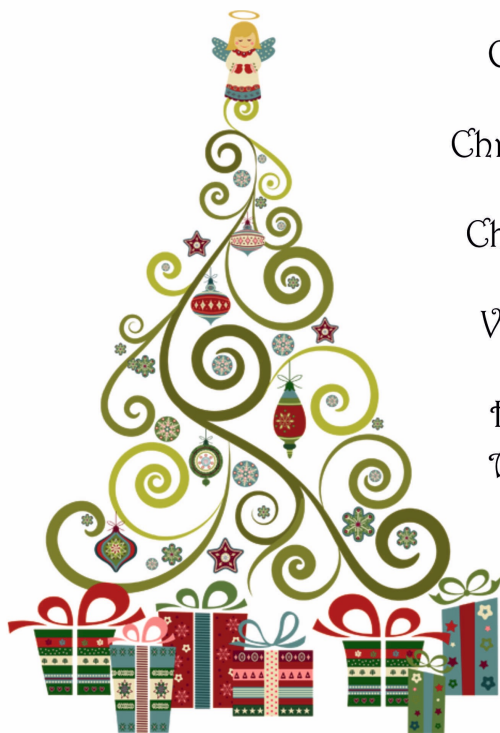
CHRISTMAS FAYRE

A Christmas invitation from the crafty folk of Hawstead

Sunday 3 December

11am–3pm 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!!!

CHURCH SERVICES - HAWSTEAD UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

NOVEMBER

Sunday 12th	10.45	Joint Eucharist / Act of Remembrance with Nowton at Hawstead Church
Sunday 26th	11.00	Morning Prayer

DECEMBER

Sunday 10th	11.00	Parish Eucharist
Sunday 17th	18.00	Joint Carol Service with Nowton at Nowton Church
Christmas Day	09.30	Joint Christmas Eucharist with Nowton at Nowton Church

Hawstead Churchyard Work Party - THANK YOU

Lesley and the Church team would like to express their gratitude for the fantastic support they received from villagers at the recent Hawstead churchyard tidy up. A huge pile of clippings and weeds generated a wonderful bonfire, and all the hedges are looking so much neater.

HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Blackheart Music Night a Great Success

Wow! What a night we had on Friday 13th October. We were treated to some top-quality electronic folk music with some impressive displays of musicianship across a diverse array of instruments. The duo gave a breathtaking performance and enjoyed the special atmosphere of our beautiful village hall. All the original music was warmly appreciated by the 40+ villagers who attended... some of us have even bought the T-shirt!

If you have only an ounce of musical appreciation in your bones, make sure you come along next time to admire and wonder at The Blackheart Orchestra and the quality of music two people can generate with a bit of technology and a mass of talent

Simon Miller

All members of Hawstead Community Council would like to express the sadness we feel at the loss of Simon Miller from our 'fold'. Simon was a warm and gentle man who devoted much of his time to community life in Hawstead. While others will talk about his dedication to Hawstead Church, for us he was a quiet and humble leader who could just as easily be found up a ladder 'fiddling' with the electrics as he could with his head up in the loft or on his knees willing the boiler back to life. Simon's absence from village life is strongly felt. He should have been at our recent music night, he would have really enjoyed our upcoming quiz night, and always loved the Seniors Christmas Lunch and Christmas Drinks Party. We will miss you Simon... thank you so much for all you have done for our village.

An invitation to...

CHRISTMAS DRINKS

... for all Hawstead residents



Please come along from 6 til 8pm on
Saturday 23 December and join
Hawstead Community Council for festive
drinks and nibbles at Hawstead Village
Hall. Wear something sparkly!
Children very welcome

RSVP to John Shipley on johnshipley49@aol.com or
01284 388594 to confirm numbers for catering

Kindly funded by Hawstead Community Council



Hawstead Community Council invites all
Hawstead Villagers aged 60+ to our...



Christmas Seniors Lunch

Welcome drink, followed by three-course meal and coffee

Friday 15 December
Hawstead Village Hall
12pm for a prompt 12.30pm start

All Hawstead villagers aged 60+ years are welcome
to join us to celebrate Christmas together in
Hawstead at our annual Christmas lunch. Simply
bring your own drink and wear something festive!

Booking essential

Meals on wheels and veggie option available

**Places must be booked before Monday 11 December, no
exceptions.** Please book via Susanne White
at susanne@pamplin.me.uk, phone 01284 388166
or text 07887 591853.



Kindly funded by Hawstead Community Council



COFFEE MORNING CONCERT

PIPER ENSEMBLE AND FRIENDS
HAWSTEAD VILLAGE HALL

SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

10:30 FOR 11AM

TICKETS £8 (INCLUDING REFRESHMENTS)

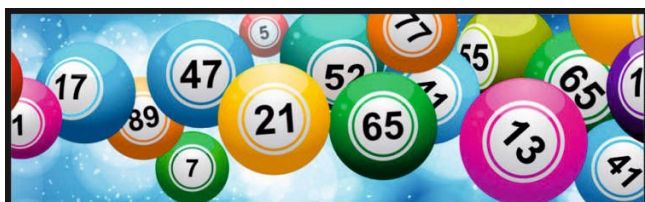
Start your Sunday with an hour of beautiful music performed by local musicians, and support Bethany's fundraising for her Operation Wallacea trip to Madagascar.



Operation Wallacea (Opwall) is an organisation that runs a series of biological and conservation management research programmes. Bethany has been given the opportunity to go to Madagascar for 2 weeks as part of an Opwall expedition in July 2018.

The aim of the trip is to assist in the conservation of the area and support the local people.

Tickets on the door or in advance from evershed1@tiscali.co.uk 01284 386501



Bingo Night

Friday 1 December

Hawstead Village Hall
6.45pm for a prompt 7pm start

ENTRY FREE

ALL AGES WELCOME

**BYO drink and nibbles...
and a pen!**

£1 a game • Cash prizes



Mark's It's Nearly...
**Christmas
Quiz Night**

Saturday 25 November

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. £4 per person.

Bookings: Susanne at susanne@pamplin.me.uk,
phone 01284 388166/07887 591853. Just one
or two adults? Don't worry, we'll have space.

HAWSTEAD CAROLLERS

The Hawstead Carollers were a great success last year, both in terms of the fun we had and the money we raised. It is intended to repeat it this year. We propose to sing on two evenings, possibly Monday 11th and Wednesday 20th December.

This is not a 'choir event', so there will be no rehearsals. On these evenings we will assemble at various points in the village, sing some well-known Carols and collect money for charity.

Non-singers are welcome and may be provided with a tambourine.

When we have no voice left, or maybe before that we will return to Fran and Andy's house for some warming refreshments.

If you would like to join in and sing, play or even bang the tambourine please let me know.

More details will be sent round nearer the time to those who contact me or who came last year.

Many thanks

Fran Evershed evershed1@tiscali.co.uk 01284 386501



SIMON JOHN MILLER



A TRIBUTE TO SIMON by Lesley Carey

This is what Lesley had to say about Simon at his funeral last week.

My name is Lesley and to those of you who do not know me Simon and I were Church Wardens of this lovely church for longer than I like to remember.

We both shared a Christian faith and mostly enjoyed the privilege of being caretakers of this place.

We both had different strengths and talents.

We were a good team.

Sylvia, Simon's wife was Sacristan here for years, so they were both part of our small 'Church Family' from the time they moved into the village.

After Sylvia's death, Simon worked very hard to (and I don't think the family will mind me saying) to reinvent himself to live without her.

At a fundraising party some of my friends mentioned the U3A.

How he embraced this is evident in so many members being here.

He lost weight, joined at least three walking groups, liking nothing more than walking and the outdoors.

He played badminton. He joined the science group and became a member of the newly formed choir, who are singing here today.

He loved dancing and went regularly to lessons and Tea Dances, getting over his 'two left feet' problem that most men seem to have.

He loved his yearly trips boating on the Broads.

We had great fun making Cider. Gathering what seemed like tonnes of apples from his and my orchard; pressing them and using the waste to feed the 'Village pigs'. We were trying for The Good Life. Caroline and Peter you must have gallons of the stuff at home.

We shared another love – bonfires. It seems to be a family trait as Caroline and I have already had several. One we had at the back of the church was so large it could be seen burning from the Nowton Road, causing neighbours to call in to check that the church was not on fire!

Pyromania must run in families.

He was a bee-keeper and in the 'infamous shed' that he was building had incorporated hives for them. Hopefully we will still paint 'The Bee Hotels' on one of its sides.

Latterly Simon and I went on a couple of Pilgrimages. Mark and some of our friends are here today. Firstly we went to the Holy Land, which was so meaningful to everyone. The Bible came to life and we all grew as Christians.

Simon made a film which we showed at a Lent Lunch; we must show it again.

Then this year we went to India on a Faith tour. Amazing. Some of us went Tuk Tuk racing, became curiosities for photo shoots by the locals and loved it! Simon was going to go again next year to try and find where Sylvia's family had lived.

He enjoyed history researching, both into his own family and for local people.

He had endless talents.

Simon was a quiet, reserved man, but underneath he was so generous of spirit, someone you could rely on. A GREAT FRIEND.

Lesley Carey

Hedging with Simon

As with so many other tasks in the village Simon was always quietly encouraging and willing to put time and effort in to help get hedging jobs done. It was always a pleasure to work with him and I will miss his companionship in tackling hedges to lay and little projects to complete. I always particularly liked the no fuss arrangements-

Me: *I wondered about laying that young hedge at the back of the churchyard extension? What would the churchwardens feel about that?*

Simon: *Well yes, that would be good.*

Me: *I could do it this weekend – would that be any good?*

S: *Yes, fine.*

Me: *Well I'll probably come down on Saturday mid-morning – I've got some other things to fit in too.*

S: *Yes so have I.*

That was it.

So on the day I'd roll up at what seemed roughly mid-morning and somehow within 5 minutes or so Simon would also arrive. There he'd be there getting out tools, sharpening billhooks. Then the day would pass in a sporadic chatter of this and that whilst we cut, laid, trimmed, staked and wove... The work of each of us complementing the other. In among what was often a chilled, mellow day of physical work Simon would release snippets of the most surprising gems of knowledge and experience from the far side of the hedge into the winter air.

I will particularly miss his keen interest in such a large range of subjects, his quiet confidence in his faith and his steady approach to life. Somehow being with him one could feel that here was a good man: competent and willing to help in so many ways. I can't say I knew him anything like as much as I would have liked- Simon wasn't a man to be pigeon holed. Here was a man who would suddenly raise his head, turn his face into bright eyes and beaming smile and before you knew what was happening he would have quietly put up an astro-turf hedge on the side of his workshop!

James Carr



Simon clearing the churchyard
summer 2014

SIMON THE SAILOR

When I first joined the Christian Cruising and Sailing Association, I was in my twenties and living in Hertfordshire.

A week on the Norfolk Broads with some of my new friends from Saint Mary's Church in Watford seemed like a really good thing to do. Little did I think that decades later I would still be making the annual pilgrimage! And thus it was that I have gone on recruiting new crew members.

When Lesley Carey expressed interest, she found herself unable to join us, but kindly passed her application form to Simon Miller; which is how we gained a new crew member, a new friend and an excellent skipper!

Simon and I also shared an interest in genealogy and history.

Simon's quiet common sense and his willingness to apply himself to whatever task required his help, endeared him to all his "shipmates".

A quiet, private man, he loved the great outdoors, and on more than one occasion gave an interesting talk in the evening, one recalling his trip to India and one on bee-keeping. The evening attempts at greeting card making were not really his thing, but he did tell me that he once re-rigged a pond yacht, which would have been way beyond the capability of the rest of us!

During quieter moments he could often be found tucked up in a corner with a book – he was quite a reader.

I'll never forget the time my spectacle case slipped down the back of a banquette seat on the cruiser and the time Simon spent trying to retrieve it! Thank you Simon for your friendship and fellowship and of course the rides to and fro in the little yellow car!

We'll miss you Simon, rest in peace.

On behalf of Dave Hedges and all your C.C.S.A. friends. *Christine Paine*



CONNECTING COMMUNITIES



the
VOLUNTARY
NETWORK

Are you finding it difficult to use public transport?

Connecting Communities is a service – bringing the traditional community transport services such as Dial a Ride and Community Car service under one new single identity.

Our service enables passengers to travel locally, for example to visit friends and relatives, attend medical appointments or take a trip to the shops.

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Our team will look to see if they can offer a transport solution.

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CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS WORKSHOP MONDAY 4th DECEMBER

We will supply:

A glass of Fizz
Lunch of Soup, bread and cheese
Tea/coffee and Mince Pies

All Materials Provided
£20

Time: 11.00 - 3.00pm



GET INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AND JOIN US TO MAKE
A WREATH OR TABLE DECORATION

Come and have fun with friends and have the satisfaction of making your own wreath or table decoration.

Tickets from Lesley 01284 386132, lesleycarey32@gmail.com
Or Jo 01284 388817 joandstevebutt@yahoo.co.uk

AT

The Barn, Church Farm House, Hawstead, IP29 5NT

Numbers limited so apply quickly.
Please let us know what you would like to make when you apply.

A PLEA TO ALL DOG OWNERS

Gorgeous isn't he?



Most of us love our dogs very much but they are totally reliant on us. They cannot clear up after themselves.

It has become evident recently that some dog owners are less than responsible in cleaning up their dog's mess when out on walks. Our beautiful Hawstead walk from the church to the Cranks is suffering particularly. It is becoming very unpleasant along the field edge paths. PLEASE BE A RESPONSIBLE OWNER AND PICK UP YOUR DOG'S MESS.

Thank you.



Hawstead Parish Tree Scheme

The Parish Council is funding a scheme providing free native trees and shrubs to anyone who will plant them where they will enhance Hawstead and make it an even better place to live.

Do you have somewhere that would benefit from planting a tree or two?

This can be on any scale. But don't worry if you only have a small space. Garden trees are vital and make up about a quarter of the UK's non-woodland trees. A mature tree brings shade, privacy and birdsong into your garden and can even help raise a property's value. Why not come up with a creative planting plan?

Ideas could include:

- Landscape enhancement: where the planting will enhance the wider landscape, add interest to particularly bare, open areas or perhaps where there was more tree cover in the past. Shrubs could gap up a thin hedge or trees could be planted which will mark a historic boundary or bank. The new planting should aim to be in character with and complement the existing native woody vegetation.
- Wildlife thickets for bird nesting. Gapping up and adding varied native species to spice up single species hedges with blossom and berries.
- Along ditches and water courses to help shade water courses. This can enhance wildlife and water quality.
- Plantings should be well suited to the location for scale, shade, moisture requirements etc. for the long term.

Small print: Tree provision will be from a provisional budget and at the Parish Council's discretion. Depending on amount of interest priority is likely to be given to places where plantings are visible by the public and enhance the local landscape and wildlife.

I'm very happy to chat about any ideas or provide any advice if wanted –it's a new scheme we'll have to just try it and see how it goes!

Please choose from the following list :

Tree species available (All native species which grow naturally in the village)

Large (to 30 metres tall)

Oak

Native black poplar big fast growing fairly rare native

Medium: (to 20m)

Field maple fine tree with bright yellow autumn colour

Wild cherry white blossom

Smaller trees: (to 10m)

Hawthorn white blossom, berries

Crab apple white blossom, berries

Holly evergreen, berries

Shrubs/hedge plants:

Hazel (to 10m) multi-stemmed, catkins & nuts

Blackthorn spreads by suckering to form a thorny thicket, sloes for gin..

Native dogwood red stems in winter, spreading by suckering roots

Spindle attractive orange and pink berries, spreads by suckering roots

Buckthorn food plant for yellow brimstone butterflies

Dog rose pale pink flowers, red hips

Field rose white flowers, hips

Wild privet suckering semi-evergreen

Trees and shrubs for wetter areas:

White willow (up to 30m)

Crack willow (up to 30m)

Aspen (to 25m) spreads via suckering roots

Alder (to 20m)

Grey willow (to 10m)

Goat willow (to 10m)

Please make a list of what you'd like and send it in any format before Christmas to:

James Carr, (Parish Tree Warden) Tel. 386245

(Cullum Cottage, Church Rd. IP29 5NL) email: jamesandchristabel@tiscali.co.uk

I will collate and order the plants for distribution with canes and spiral guards after Christmas.

MILLENNIUM FIELD HEDGE – AN UPDATE

Those of you who kindly helped plant the new hedge at the back of the Millennium Field in March this year will know that the hard dry bank and many flints made tricky digging! I'm pleased to be able to say that the young hedge is alive and well. The summer got off to a dry start but only a handful of plants have succumbed to the harsh conditions and we will plant replacements this coming winter to help it on its way.

It will look more impressive in years to come like the other hedges we have planted in the area and hopefully make the area more of a pleasure for everyone. Thank you to all who helped, encouraged or gave us refreshments. From a few thin twigs planted among a pile of flints good things will come.

If people are up for a bit of bramble cutting and trimming we could lay the old hedge at the front of the Millennium Field this winter and open up a view to the small pond along the stream.

I'll hatch a plan for a nice bright frosty day!

James Carr (Parish tree warden)

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT COFFEE MORNING HAWSTEAD VILLAGE HALL 7TH OCTOBER 2017

I would like to say a very big thank you to all who came and supported us on behalf of the above charity and to all ladies who made the wonderful array of delicious cakes and preserves, and for all your very generous donations. Together we raised the fantastic sum of **£1,800**.

I would also like to thank everyone who helped on the day to make this a great success for the charity; it couldn't do without you.

The lovely cake, made by Lesley and raffled on the day was won by *Colin Rose* of Hawstead.

Thanks again to you all.

Joyce



HAWSTEAD

THE HALL ON THE GREEN



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

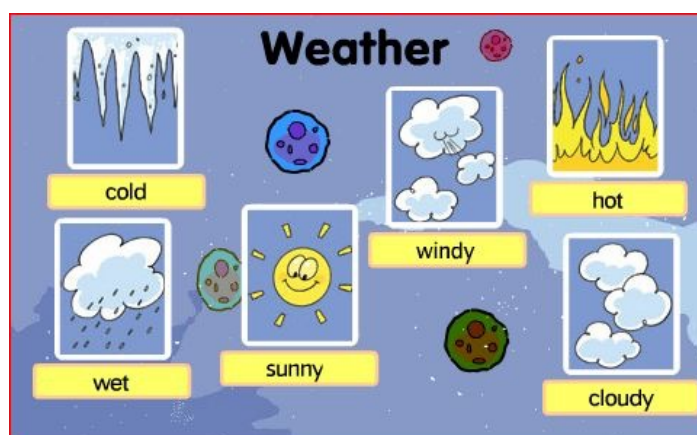
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standing or 80 seated). Facilities include a kitchen with
optional crockery, cutlery and linen hire, internet access,
drop-down projection screen, sound system and separate
meeting room. Cleaning service included.

See our website for hire rates

WWW.HAWSTEADVILLAGEHALL.CO.UK

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

HAWSTEAD OCCASIONAL WEATHER REPORT



The summer began with a flaming June, the warmest since that exceptional June of 1976, although this month was substantially wetter - 82.9 mm compared to 9.5mm in 1976. Thereafter the summer was unremarkable with no heatwave until the August Bank Holiday weekend when the thermometer registered 27.5 c (81.5 F). Following a drier than average winter period rainfall, forecasts of drought did not materialise owing to adequate summer rainfall - 218 mm which was well above the average for these three months of 167mm. Since the third week in September rainfall has been light though several deep depressions brought heavy rain to more northerly and western areas.

October recorded the lowest rainfall figure since 1995, just 18.5 mm, but incomparable with the dry October of 1972 when a mere 2.5 mm were recorded. Mid-September was notably cool heralding the onset of autumn. Fruits both of the hedgerow and garden had ripened earlier than usual. Temperatures held up well during October. On the 16th, 22.8c was recorded, the warmest day since late August, and moreover an unusually high figure for so late in the season.

One marked feature of the period from mid-May to late October has been the paucity of cool nights. After a balmy summer and autumn I have a feeling, totally unsupported scientifically, that the winter ahead will bring some sharp weather, so be prepared!

Glyn Hammond

Older Persons' Information Fair

Hosted by Jo Churchill MP
Bury St Edmunds



Friday 1st December
10:30AM - 1:30PM

The Apex
1 Charter Square, Bury St. Edmunds IP33 3FD



Last year's event at the John Peel Centre, Stowmarket.

Having hosted a similar event last year in Stowmarket, Jo Churchill, Member of Parliament for Bury St. Edmunds, is hosting an Older Persons' Information Fair in Bury.

The event will bring together over thirty organisations operating in and around the town to inform and advise on services. Jo's particularly concerned with the issue of loneliness, which the event will help highlight.

Come and meet with local organisations and community groups.

Mingle around the interesting and fun stalls.

Enjoy a cuppa with friends.

Learn more about what's on offer locally: how to access services, participate in community groups and unearth opportunities.

Support - Advice - Services - Arts - Health - Gardening - Tech advice

Get information around well-being: health, fitness, technology, safety, volunteering, crime prevention, gardening and the arts.

You can expect a warm welcome and free tea and refreshment.

For more information, contact Natasha - 020 7219 8487
020 7219 8487 | House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA | www.jochurchill.org.uk



ALL SAINT'S PRE/SCHOOL PTA FUNDRAISER

**THURSDAY, 23RD
NOVEMBER**

Mini Facial for the first 40 to book a place!

Come and experience a mini facial and browse Neals Yard Products; five experienced Neals Yard Consultants will take the first 40 folks to book through a mini facial.

Others welcome to come along, relax and browse. There will be products to view and try and, an opportunity to purchase products and order for delivery in time for Christmas. In addition there will be cakes, hot drinks and raffle prizes. More importantly however this will be a relaxed and fun event to bring like-minded people together and to hopefully raise some funds in doing so!



PTA & Pre-School Fundraiser

**Try and browse
Neals Yard
Products**

**Every Purchase
will raise funds
for the PTA**

**Bubbly, tea &
cake on offer**

**£3 entry includes
glass of bubbly or
a hot drink**

HAWSTEAD VILLAGE HALL

The Green, Hawstead,
IP29 5NP

RSVP: To reserve a space for
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8 – 10pm



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Bury Abbey Rotary Club Presents:-

A Burns' Night Supper and Dance.

In Aid of Local Charities

Friday 26th January 2018 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

Reserve in advance from:

bridgetalexander6@hotmail.com

Or telephone: 01284 749009

Venue:

Moreton Hall Community Centre

Symonds Road

Bury St Edmunds IP32 7EE

Proceeds to: SARS, Gatehouse, and Rotary Charities



HAWSTEAD READING GROUP

Our September meeting was at Ruth Mackay's where she entertained us very well. The book for discussion was Angela's choice of "My Brilliant Friend" by Elena Ferrante. The first of four in a series the story begins in 1950's Naples in a poor but vibrant neighbourhood. Two friends, Elena and Lila are growing up on these tough streets and rely on each other ahead of anyone or anything else. As the embodiment of a nation undergoing momentous change Ferrante tells the story of a city and a country as it is transformed in ways that also transforms the lives of our two friends.

A couple in the group really enjoyed it and the depiction of Naples at that time and were keen to read the next in the series but most of us found it confusing with such a lot of characters to keep up with and their relationship to each other! It was also a shame "My Brilliant Friend" did not "stand alone" and needed the reader to follow on to the next book in the series as there was no proper conclusion!

In October we met at Rosemary Harrison's where we had very nice canapés and Mike served our drinks! Our book for discussion was "Spitfire Women of World War II" by Giles Wittell. A departure from our usual fiction this is the incredible story of a wartime sisterhood of women pilots who took exceptional risks to fly Spitfires, Hurricanes and Lancasters to the front lines. These women pilots of Air Transport Auxiliary came from all countries and backgrounds and, although not allowed into combat, they demonstrated astonishing bravery in their supporting role. Flying unarmed without radios or instruments and at the mercy of the weather and enemy aircraft they delivered battle-ready planes to their male counterparts, the fighter pilots of the RAF. The story of these remarkable women pilots - among them Amy Johnson and Lettuce Curtis - is a fitting tribute to their spirit and valour in the Second World War.

We had mixed feelings as a group as the author's style was rather disjointed and it was difficult to keep up with each individual girl so it might have been better to dedicate a chapter to each one. That withstanding it gave a very good insight into a part of the wartime effort we knew very little about and it is interesting how mundane they found their lives post wartime! It also highlighted how the women were treated as inferior to the men who still received all the accolades! It is interesting to note that Giles Wittell also wrote "Bridge of Spies!"

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 1st November at Sonja Monks' where we shall be reviewing "Our Endless Numbered Days" by Claire Fuller.

Ann Gibbs

The Hawstead Journal was sponsored by
John and Geraldine West of Kelly Croft, Hawstead

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 January / February 2018. Please forward anything you have by 2nd January 2018.

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

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO DELIVER 15 JOURNALS TO HOUSES AT THE TOP END OF WHEPSTEAD ROAD, A COUPLE IN BRAND'S LANE AND HAWSTEAD PLACE FARM PLEASE. THIS DOESN'T TAKE VERY LONG AND IS ONLY SIX TIMES A YEAR!

Please contact Judy on 01284 386512 or judy@mmgd.co.uk if you are able to help.

Thank you.

HAWSTEAD APPRECIATION AND TASTING SOCIETY (HATS)

The theme for **September** was "Should you judge a wine by its label?" *Nikki* and *Becca* did a great job in choosing some really fun 'animal' bottles of wine. The whites were represented by sheep, mule, whale and frog and the reds hog, cockerel, porcupine and elephant. The red Porcupine Ridge, a Syrah grape from South Africa was judged as the best wine of the evening. It is readily available and a snip at £7.99. The white 'sheep' was a close contender being Pecorino Terrestrial de Chieti from Italy and cost £5.99.

An interesting snippet we learnt was animal branded wines sell particularly well in the U.S.A. There is apparently a segment of consumers who don't wish to have to take wine too seriously! Maybe this could be said for HATS members?!

Andy and *Angela* did a marvellous job in **October** informing us about Italian wines. Quite a surprise to most of us was that Italy is the top wine producing country in the world, followed by France and Spain. We tasted wines from Piedmont, Tuscany, Campania, Veneto, Emilia-Romagna, Abruzzo, Puglia and Sicily, basically from the very top of Italy's thigh to the toe. Our most northern wine from the Piedmont area near Turin was a Gavi DOCG Gavi from Waitrose. The favourite red was a Sesti Grangiovese from Montalcino in Tuscany. Sadly both these wines were the most expensive ones we sampled at nearly £15 a bottle.

Italy has several unique grapes and the Puglian Passitivo wine from Aldi made solely of Primitivo grapes was deemed excellent value at £7.99.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the group with their individual presentations and entered into the spirit wholeheartedly again this year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL.

Judy Carter

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Caroline Reffell

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:

16th November

18th January 2018

15th March

HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

We meet once a month in the Village Hall (usually the first Monday) 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.

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

In the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

Hawstead Parish Council Meeting	Thursday 16th November 7.30pm
Coffee Morning Fundraising Concert	Sunday 19th November 10.30 for 11am
All Saints Pre-School Fundraiser	Thursday 23rd November 8 - 10pm
Mark's It's Nearly Christmas Quiz Night	Saturday 25th November 7 for 7.30pm
Older Persons' Information Fair	Friday 1st December 10.30am - 1.20 pm at The Apex
Bingo Night	Friday 1st December 6.45 for 7pm
Christmas Craft Fayre	Sunday 3rd December 11am - 3pm
Christmas Decorations Workshop	Monday 4th December 11am - 3pm Lesley's Barn, Church Farm House
Community Council Meeting	Monday 4th December 6.30pm
Village Carol Singing	Monday 11th and Wednesday 20th December
Hawstead Seniors Christmas Lunch	Friday 15th December 12 for 12.30pm
Hawstead Carol Service	Sunday 17th December 6pm at Nowton Church
Hawstead Christmas Drinks Party	Saturday 23rd December 6 - 8pm
Pantomime	Friday 29th December 3pm Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds
Burns' Night Supper and Dance	Friday 26th January 2018 at 7.00pm Moreton Hall Community Centre
