

HAWSTEAD JOURNAL

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EASTER SUNDAY

SCARECROW FESTIVAL TREASURE HUNT FROM HAWSTEAD VILLAGE HALL

3–5pm, Sunday 1 April

Movie-themed Scarecrow Festival and Easter Egg Hunt, with drinks, cakes and prizegiving at the village hall. Perfect for walking off an Easter lunch!

To create your own movie-themed scarecrow and be included on the Easter treasure trail map, please contact Shannon on sarahbulleten84@gmail.com or 01284 388124 by Sunday 25 March. There'll be a prize for the best Movie-themed Scarecrow.

To take part in the Easter Egg Hunt, please let Shannon know how many children you will be bringing along. Treasure trail maps will cost £2 each (i.e. per child). Children will each receive a map and shiny pencil and then follow the Scarecrow trail to collect a series of Easter words. Then it is back to the village hall to discover their Easter treasure.



Kindly organised by Shannon from Hawstead Community Council. All monies raised will be split equally between **Hawstead Community Council** and, appropriately for Easter, the **British Hen Welfare Trust**!

HAWSTEAD'S EMERGENCY PLAN

You will have received an updated copy of the emergency plan with your Hawstead Journal. The purpose of the plan is threefold –

- i) to take care of people if, for instance, there is a prolonged power cut,
- ii) to care for people until the emergency services are able to attend if, for instance, there has been a road traffic accident or house fire and
- iii) to be able to start immediate CPR and defibrillation in the event of someone suffering a cardiac arrest.

Please take a few moments to ensure you and your family familiarise yourselves with the plan and ensure it is kept in a safe but easily accessible place.

Geraldine West

On behalf of Hawstead Parish Council

CHURCH SERVICES - HAWSTEAD UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

MARCH

Sunday 11th	11.00	Mothering Sunday - Joint Eucharist with Nowton at Hawstead Church
Sunday 25th	10.00	Palm Sunday - Benefice Procession with Donkey from Stanningfield Green to Stanningfield Church for 10.30am Benefice Service (no service at Hawstead)

APRIL

Sunday 1st	11.00	Easter Day - Joint Eucharist with Nowton followed by Seasonal Refreshments at Hawstead Church
Sunday 8th	11.00	Parish Eucharist
Sunday 22nd	11.00	Morning Prayer
Sunday 29th	10.30	Benefice Service at Stanningfield

LENT LUNCH

On Monday 5th March the Lent Lunch was held at Hawstead Village Hall. It was a happy, social occasion with people enjoying each other's company after the weather restrictions of last week! A total of £230 was donated and the charity chosen to benefit was '*Bury Town Pastors*'.

A big thank you to everyone who helped and attended.



CHARITY WALK

On the 13th May I, along with three others, will be walking "*The West Highland Way*" (Scotland). It is a total of 96 miles, which we hope to complete in eight days.

If anyone would like to sponsor me, the proceeds will be divided equally between 'The St. Edmund Way Benefice' and 'Bloodwise'. You will find sponsorship forms at the back of each church and money/cheques can be given to any Church Wardens. Please make cheques payable to:

Bradfield Combust PCC Benefice Account.

I would also like to mention James and Ruben Carr, who were seen in the rain on Sunday trying to finish laying the hedge in the Millennium Field. Thank you very much for all your efforts.

Lesley Carey

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

HAVE YOU HEARD about the NEW COFFEE MORNING?

Tell your friends, bring a mug and join us at Hawstead Village Hall
on the **third Thursday of the month**, this month the

15th MARCH

At 10.30 - 12 noon

**Coffee, tea and biscuits will be provided
(also mugs if you forget).**

The draw for the 100 Club will take place each month.

**As the weather warms up the doors can be opened onto
our beautiful Village Green.**

All donations go towards Hawstead Church funds.

**Spread the word and come along to make
this a real community event.**

MILLENNIUM FIELD WORK PARTY

A very big thank you to all who came out on a cold Saturday morning in February to help plant new hedge-saplings, open the view to the stream and cut and lay the roadside hedge.

Everyone worked very hard and the meadow does look different! It was great to have some new faces amongst us and see all ages pitching in.

Thanks also to Christabel for the tea and coffee and Doc and Florence for the delicious home-made cookies!

James Carr

VILLAGE FÊTE

Village Fête - Flower and Produce Show

Sunday 2nd September



We are keen to encourage more of you to take part in the flower and produce show. With this in mind, please would you let us know what you would enjoy seeing in the show and, more importantly, what you might be happy to exhibit yourself.

The categories we have traditionally included are flowers and flower-arrangements, fruit, vegetables and herbs; indoor plants; bread; cakes, biscuits and tarts; photographs; artwork – paintings and drawings; and craftwork of various kinds. Please let us have any suggestions you may have for exhibits within these sections or for additional sections.

We are especially keen to encourage the younger generation to get involved. The categories will be: children aged 5 and under, children aged 6 to 10 and young people aged 11 to 16. With this in mind, please let us know what would encourage your own children to take part. Do they love growing things, cooking, creating art/craftwork, taking photos or something else entirely? Lastly, would your younger children like to come to the fete in fancy dress?

We would be really pleased to hear your suggestions.

Thank you.

Geraldine West

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On behalf of Hawstead Community Council

EASTER SCARECROW FESTIVAL - SEE FRONT OF JOURNAL

Easter Scarecrow Festival - Sunday 1st April (EASTER SUNDAY)

Organised by our new junior member of Hawstead Community Council, Shannon Bullen, we are delighted to bring to your **Easter Sunday** (1st April) a fun **Movie-themed Scarecrow Festival and Easter Egg Hunt**, with drinks and cakes and prize-giving at the village hall, all being run between 3 and 5pm. This is the perfect activity to walk off an Easter lunch.

If you would like to **create your own movie-themed scarecrow** and be included on the Easter treasure trail map (which will be based around the Whepstead Road, the Village Hall and Maglia Rosso part of the village), please contact Shannon on sarahbullen84@gmail.com or 01284 388124 by Sunday 25th March so that you can be added to the map. If you are living in a different part of the village and would like to make a scarecrow, please still create it and transplant it onto the village green (under supervision!) on Easter Sunday. Check with Shannon! There'll be **a prize for the best Movie-themed Scarecrow**.

Shannon will also be providing Easter colouring pages to keep the children occupied while carers enjoy a hot drink and cake.

Shannon is also seeking help with **cake donations**. Simply email or phone her if you think you can help. All monies raised will be split equally between **Hawstead Community Council** and, appropriately for Easter, the **British Hen Welfare Trust!**

Susanne

CLIVE'S FISH & CHIPS QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 23rd March sees our well-loved Fish and Chips Quiz Night returning for another session, with Clive Robinson at the helm, ably guided by Bill Crockford. We'll have a great selection of questions (I'm doing them!) written to give everyone a sense of enjoyment and achievement... 10 questions in each round, and as many rounds as we can fit into the time. All ages are welcome (although this is an adult quiz), with the usual teams of up to 8. Please gather together friends and family and contact Sarah Bullen (on sarahbullen84@gmail.com or 01284 388124) to book your table (tickets are £8.50 each including food, or £4 each BYO food). Payment must be made in advance, please, given that we are incurring costs ordering your food.

If you fancy alcohol with your supper, please bring it along with you. We will supply jugs of water/squash at no charge. And if fish just isn't your thing but you would still like to join us, please talk to Sarah about an alternative menu or bring your own platter.

Susanne

 fish & chips 

QUIZ NIGHT

AT HAWSTEAD VILLAGE HALL
7–10pm, Friday 23 March

Quizmaster: Clive Robinson
Scorer: Bill Crockford

Tickets
£8.50 includes Fish & Chips
Supper
£4 BYO food
Half-time fish & chips;
condiments supplied; BYO drink
Tickets available from Sarah Bullen
on sarahbullen84@gmail.com or
01284 388124

Last orders for fish & chips by Sunday 18 March.
Payment in advance direct to Sarah or through
Hawstead Village Hall letterbox.



Teams of 8 max • BYO drink

Kindly organised by Hawstead Community Council

HAWSTEAD'S CHANGING SEASONS



SPRING? February 25 Pinford End

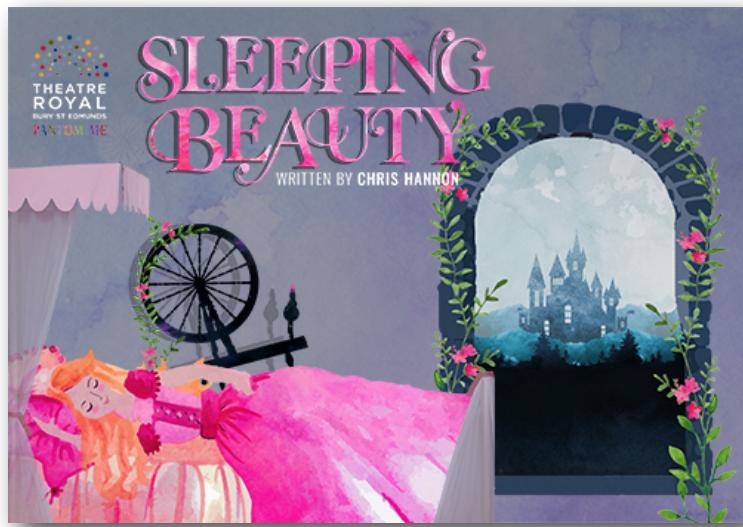


WINTER?
Hawstead
February 28/29



AERIAL SHOT
thanks to
LUCY BREWIS

THE PANTOMIME



An advance date for your diaries – Hawstead's visit to the pantomime will be on **Sunday 30 December at 3pm** at the Theatre Royal.

As always the Community Council will pay for the children. The adult ticket price will be no more than £25.

Geraldine West
On behalf of Hawstead Community Council
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WAR HUTS

SCREENING OF THE NEW 'JOURNEY'S END' AT THE GREAT WAR HUTS, HAWSTEAD

To commemorate the Centenary of the German March Offensive - exactly 100 years after the action depicted in 'Journey's End', we have been granted special permission to screen the new critically acclaimed film to raise funds for the Great War Huts heritage project on the evening of Tuesday 20th March.

This is a unique and special event - the opportunity to see one of the best films ever made about the First World War in an original First World War wooden Recreation Hut where soldiers would have watched film shows during the war itself.

Doors open at 6pm and the evening starts with an introduction by Taff Gillingham, the Military Historical Advisor on the film (much of which was filmed in Suffolk), and a short talk by popular author and historian Richard van Emden about the last survivor of R.C. Sherriff's own battalion who are the unit portrayed in the film, followed by the screening.

After the film there will be a short Question and Answer session. Refreshments will be available - all proceeds go to the Great War Huts project.

Tickets can be booked via the website: <http://www.greatwarhuts.org> and Click on events, or give us a ring on 388986.

Day: Tuesday March 20th 2018
Time: Doors Open at 6 p.m.
Film Screening: 7 – 10 p.m.

Tracey Mackenzie





reducing loneliness



Could you befriend someone who feels lonely? If you are a good listener, understanding, sensitive and can spare as little as 1 hour per week to make a new friend and ease feelings of isolation by having a cup of tea and a chat, then we would love to hear from you.

Please contact:
Amanda Larcombe 01638 608048
www.thevoluntarynetwork.org

THE BEFRIENDING NETWORK



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Amanda Larcombe (Co-ordinator)

The Voluntary Network offers a **FREE** Befriending Service in the following areas: Newmarket, Brandon, Lakenheath, Mildenhall, Haverhill, and Bury St Edmunds. We are based in Newmarket and currently have over 140 volunteers supporting older people.

Our Befriending Scheme matches **older lonely** people with DBS checked and trained volunteers, who visit the person in their own home for about **an hour a week**. Visits are **totally flexible** and times and days are arranged between the older person and the volunteer to suit. The visits are purely for a cup of tea and a chat, easing isolation and unhappiness. Volunteers are not expected to take the client out of the home (although in relevant cases we encourage client to access local clubs) nor undertake any household chores, it is purely to provide **companionship, friendship and support**.

Anyone can refer a client to the service. A lot of our referrals are obtained from G.P's, Social Services, Age UK, Care companies, etc.

Once a referral is made, the client is visited by myself and given further details of our service and to see if any further assistance is required. This enables me to find out more about the clients past and gain an idea of their personality, all contributors to finding the relevant volunteer to visit.

In order for a client to access our service they have to satisfy the following criteria below:

- 1. Over 65 years Old**
- 2. Not suffering with Mid-Late Dementia**
- 3. Not suffering with any severe Mental Health Illness.**

Please do not hesitate to get in touch or visit our website for further information.

Kind regards,

AMANDA LARCOMBE
Befriending Co-ordinator

HAWSTEAD READING GROUP

Our first meeting of the year was held at Janet Watson's in January. We had a good turnout and Janet served up lovely canapés and yummy chocolate brownies. Our book for discussion was "*Truly, Madly, Guilty*" by Liane Moriarty. 'This is a story which begins in the suburbs' and by the end of it a lifelong friendship is in tatters, a marriage on the rocks and an innocent bystander dead. In one evening six lives will change forever' Author of "*The Husband's Secret*" and the hit TV show "*Big Little Lies*", which were both very good, this book does not do her justice compared to the others. She does not get to the central plot early enough which in itself is a bit of an anti-climax. Most of the group stuck with it although we felt it difficult to connect with the characters who were all quite annoying!

In February we met at Geraldine West's where we had lovely savoury slices and fruit pastries plus "chocolate potatoes!" Our book for discussion was "*Signs Preceding the End of the World*" by Yuri Herrera which is about the border between Mexico and the United States and those who cross it. Makina, a young woman who knows only too well how to survive in a violent, macho world, leaves her life in Mexico behind as she is smuggled into the USA carrying a pair of secret messages - one from her Mother and one from the Mexican underworld. This translation from a Spanish book is very topical at present and unusual with its allegorical allusions to Odysseus, Orpheus and the Styx. It explores the crossings and translations people make in their minds and language as they cross from one country to another. As it is a very short book we all read it but, did not necessarily understand it, and it certainly was a departure from our usual choice of book!

We finished the meeting by presenting Jo with a box of chocolates and toasting her and Steve with a glass of fizz wishing them well on their new venture to Spain!

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 7th March at Susie Surti's where we shall be discussing "*The Loney*" by Andrew Michael Hurley.

Ann Gibbs

The Hawstead Journal was sponsored by
Toby and Anne East of "The Grange", Pinford End

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 May / June.
Please forward anything you have by 1st May 2018.

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

HAWSTEAD APPRECIATION AND TASTING SOCIETY (WINE CLUB)

Our first meeting of 2018 was on the 25th January when Janet and Andy showcased 'Naked Wines'. This is a relatively new company (launched in 2008). Customer's advance £20 per month, which is used to invest in independent winemakers who, in return, provide exclusive wines at prices well below retail. The wines we tried were from a Best Sellers 2017 case.

The most expensive one we tried was a New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc from Marlborough at £10.99. The other whites were a Voignier, a Pinot Gris and a Fiano. The reds all came in between £7.99 and £9.99 and included a Minervois from France, a Grenache, Syrah and Carignan blend called Benjamin Darnault La Repasse 2015 from the Languedoc-Roussillon region of France, a Rioja and another blend of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre from South Africa. The Voignier was heralded top wine of the evening, followed by the La Repasse. La Repasse is a technique unique to Italian winemaking (until now) whereby an already mature vintage is poured over the crushed grape skins left over from a new harvest to give it even more power and flavour.

Thank you Janet and Andy for a very interesting and informative evening.

Norman and Ann chose Majestic's own brand 'Definition' wines with prices ranging from £9 – £11. These are selected by Majestic's wine buyers as being classic examples of single grape wines, or being typical of their region, i.e. a South African Chenin Blanc, a New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc or an Argentinian Malbec.

Several of these wines were given very high marks by members. It is very unusual to achieve 'full marks' (20 out of 20) but the Rioja Reserva 2010 nearly made it! It was our number one wine of the evening, closely followed by the Australian Shiraz 2016. Both these wines were £10.99. The Malbec 2017 came third. The white deemed best of the evening was an Albarino from Spain, followed closely by the Chenin Blanc from South Africa.

A truly enlightening and fun evening. Thank you Norman and Ann.

We next meet on March 29th, with a new start time of 7.30 p.m.

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 <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 monthly <i>(contact Michael Harrison</i> 01284 386157 <i>email:</i> 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:

15th March	17th May
19th July	20th September
15th November	

HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

We meet once a month in the Village Hall (usually the first Monday at 6.30pm) 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 9th April at 6.30 in the village hall.

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

In the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

Village Coffee Morning	Thursday 15th March 10.30am - 12pm
Hawstead Parish Council Meeting	Thursday 15th March 7.30pm
Screening of " <i>Journey's End</i> "	Tuesday 20th March from 6pm at The Great War Huts
Clive's Fish & Chips Quiz Night	Friday 23rd March - 7-10 pm (doors open 6.45)
Easter Scarecrow Festival, including Easter Egg Hunt	Sunday 1st April 3-5pm from Hawstead Village Hall
Community Council Meeting	Monday 9th April 6.30pm
Hawstead Parish Council Meeting	Thursday 17th May 7.30pm
Village Fête - Flower and Produce Show	Sunday 2nd September
Pantomime	Sunday 30 December at 3pm at the Theatre Royal