

HAWSTEAD JOURNAL

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CHURCH SERVICES - HAWSTEAD UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

JULY

Sunday 8th	11.00	Parish Eucharist
Sunday 22nd	11.00	Morning Prayer
Sunday 29th	10.30	Benefice Service at Bradfield Combust Church

AUGUST

Sunday 12th	11.00	Parish Eucharist
Sunday 26th	11.00	Morning Prayer

A THANK YOU FROM LESLEY

A wholehearted Thank you to anyone who sponsored me on my West Highland Way walk. I raised over £1000.00, which is mostly gift aided.

We raised over £573.65 at the Cream Tea for the Benefice, a big Thank you again.

100 CLUB: Ticket No 36 (Neil) won the £500, which was drawn on the afternoon of the Cream Tea.

COFFEE MORNING 10.30 – 12.00 – change of venue for July.

Our drop-in coffee morning will be held at Lesley's on THURSDAY 19th JULY. The July draw of the 100 Club will be during this morning.

The Coffee Morning on Thursday 16th August will be back in Hawstead Village Hall.

Many Thanks.

Lesley

The Gt Whelnetham Garden Party

**Sudbury Lodge, Stanningfield Road
Gt Whelnetham**
(opposite new houses)

Saturday July 7th 2.00—4.30pm

**Cream Teas
and Bake-Off Competition**

" Cup Cakes Galore"

Children's Class. 12 years and under. plate of 4 cupcakes

Over 12 and Adults Class. Plate of 6 Cupcakes

Specifically Scones Class, any flavour

Showstopper Cake Class--- Go mad, be inventive!

**Prizes for the winners.
Free entry.**



**Tombola. Raffle and more
All proceeds to be divided
equally between the Benefice**

HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Hawstead Village Hall 10th Anniversary Tea Party

What a lovely Saturday afternoon we had at Hawstead Village Hall when we came together to celebrate the achievements of 'The Magnificent Seven' and their team of supporters in bringing to fruition the current incarnation of our remarkable village hall.



How it all Began

It all began on Sunday 27 October 2002, when an autumn storm blew the roof completely off the old hall, at which point it became an open-air venue! After several urgent meetings of the Community Council, in March 2003 a village referendum was held. Should we build a new hall or repair the old hall? Some 71% of the votes cast were in favour of a new hall.

By September 2003 the project team was able to publicly display architectural plans for a new hall. But there was concern expressed about its size and costs, so the design was scaled back. Having decided that the best location was once again on the village green, a new project team was formed and members consulted with the firm English Heritage Buildings, specialists in oak framed buildings. After many meetings, and travelling extensively around the UK to see examples of their work, a new project plan was proposed.

Approaches were made to many possible funding organisations, including St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Suffolk County Council. With about £60,000 from the insurance write off pay-out on the original hall and a £100,000 contribution from the Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich (special thanks must go to Graham Shorter (ex-Park House) for his work in liaising with the Diocese), the project fundraising was well underway.

Local fundraising began in earnest, including coffee mornings, plant sales, a village folk festival on the green, a monthly village lottery and a 'Raise the roof' donations project. Many villagers made substantial generous private donations, some anonymously.

The total funds raised amounted to almost £300,000, which meant the team was able to complete the project with a small surplus cushion. The building was ordered from English Heritage Buildings and work began during 2007. Hawstead youngster, Laurie Evershed, cut the first sod of grass for the foundations.

The village had been without a hall for 5 years, but in April 2008 the new hall was completed and opened for business. There was a party to open the hall in May 2008, with residents Rosemary Carr and Jimmy Lebbon jointly cutting the ribbon, and Phyllis Pettit reading a poem.

A Special Thank You

'The Magnificent Seven' involved in the village hall project at the time were Sonja Monk, John West, Richard Milns, Alan Brown, Bill Crockford, Dave Dawson and Sylvia Miller. At our 10th Anniversary celebration, we invited our Guest of Honour, Sonja Monk, to unveil a plaque commemorating the huge impact the project team has had on the village. Through their dedication and hard work, we have an amazing community asset to enjoy which will continue to serve the community for generations to come.

The project team was ably assisted by many residents, including in particular Simon Miller, Geraldine West, Margaret Crockford, Ruth Mackay, Richard Steed, Joan Cook and Bruce Monk. Many other villagers contributed in a variety of ways, and we thank them all.

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HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Afternoon's Festivities

We invited a number of special guests to our 10th anniversary ceremony, all of whom (or the organisations they now represent) had a connection with the village hall 10 years ago as supporters or fundraisers, including Former Mayor of Bury St Edmunds and current County Councillor, Terry Clements, Borough Councillor Mike Chester and County Councillor Karen Soons.

After a warm welcome to all from Clive Robinson, Clive continued with a humorous potted history of the village hall, and this formed the basis of much conversation throughout the afternoon. Clive then raised a toast to the project team and all joined him in expressing thanks.

Susanne White, current Chair of Hawstead Community Council, then stepped forward to praise in particular the Guest of Honour. 'This person has been described as the glue that held everything together, the person with the drive and determination to push the project through without delay and the person who could smooth troubled waters with cups of tea and large slices of cake. Sonja Monk.' Sonja was invited forwards to unveil a plaque commemorating the enormous efforts of the project team, and was then presented with a bouquet of flowers by village children Amelie Cooper and Missy Battel.



Finally, Sonja's Private Secretary, husband Bruce, was invited to step forward to toast the future of the Village Hall for future generations.

Afterwards, guests were invited to enjoy the afternoon tea prepared by Tracey Mackenzie and Sarah Bullen. The event continued in a relaxed and friendly fashion, with a live jazz duo supplying wonderful background music. Guests reminisced about the village hall and the many local characters involved with the building over the years.

Andy Parratt and Janet Watson had worked hard to get together a History Wall showing photographs of the old village hall, the aftermath of the storm, the regeneration and how the hall has been used over the past 10 years. The Wall provided a focus for discussions and was a welcome addition to the event.

A specially commissioned 10th anniversary cake was cut by Nancy Dawson from Pinford End. It was decorated with sugar flowers created to mimic the flora on the village green. Everyone enjoyed a slice, with the generous remainder being taken down to Pinford End Nursing Home for the staff and residents to enjoy.



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HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL



There were so many villagers involved in making this day very special. Thanks to you all... for your help setting up and clearing away, and generally providing the special community atmosphere that is such a feature of our village events.



A VERY SPECIAL DAY

Amazing to think that our hall has been on the green for ten years!

The celebration on the green and in the building was perfect. The caterers deserve very special thanks for the very professional array of food.



Some of Clive's speech came from the original minutes from the beginning of the Community Council. Many of those members contributed to the new hall. The original hall contributed in a spectacular fashion in a storm, just when we were thinking of replacing it. That building which gave us thirty years of use gave us a good start with funding. Quite a contribution.

I also need to thank all our team who worked on this project. In particular our treasurer who remained with those of us left holding the baby. At our first AGM we were so lucky to have James Bullbrook, recently arrived in the village offer to take on that role. James remained in that post for five years. Our trusty secretary dear Sylvia also remained as long as she was able. Rosemary Harrison took over this post for nine years.

For six years it was my pleasure to administer the hall. I always feel you have to love something to care for it, to do that you need the help of likeminded people. So many people made it possible for us to do that. Our Sarah has to stand out for that accolade. Sarah worked with me for five years or sometimes I worked with her! Then we had Clare for a further four years.

The journal proved to be a very valuable asset while the project was on going. Thank you every one who produced it during that time. I can recall Geraldine slaving away in the store room with the printer.

We did have fun and enjoyment as well as hard work! Fete days, plant sales, parties, diners and all sorts; long may it continue. To all future Community Councillors I wish you success and enjoyment.

Sonja



CLEANING TEAM

for Hawstead Village Hall



We are keen to recruit a small team of local cleaners (to supplement our current team) upon whom we can call as the need arises to clean the village hall after events. If you are physically fit for the role, have an eye for detail, despise cobwebs and have a desire to make every surface shine, do please contact us. For full details, including wage information, please contact Sarah Bullen on sarahbullen84@gmail.com or 01284 388124.

BOOKINGS CLERK

for Hawstead Village Hall

from September/October onwards



We require a new Bookings Clerk from early Autumn onwards. The candidate will need to be well presented, personable and organised, have internet access and be prepared to meet potential hirers to show them around the hall. The new Clerk must also be flexible around bookings and able to liaise with the caretaker, cleaners and the Community Council to ensure a top-quality service is provided. For full details, including wage information, please contact Sarah Bullen on sarahbullen84@gmail.com or 01284 388124.

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE AND STRIDE EVENT

The 37th Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride Event will take place on Saturday, 8th September between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m.

The Trust is non-denominational and helps to preserve Suffolk's historic churches and chapels.

The Ride and Stride is a fun day when you cycle or walk between as many or few churches as you wish. You obtain sponsors for your efforts and the sponsorship money raised will be divided between the Trust and the church chosen by the participant. (Hopefully, if you take part you will choose to make Hawstead your chosen church).

Last year there were no participants from this village and therefore it would be really great if some of us took part this time. Sponsorship forms are available from Michael (386157).

Even if we do not have village participants, we do man the church between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. with a steward to sign in participants on their arrival. We usually share this task on a one or two-hourly basis so if you could spare one or two hours on the day for a relaxing sit-down at the church your help would be much appreciated. Again, please contact Michael if you are available for this by phone or e-mail mharrison151@btinternet.com.

Michael

OPERATION WALLACEA (OPWALL)

Madagascar here I come!



As many of you know, on the 5th of July I am going to Madagascar on an amazing trip with Operation Wallacea (Opwall). I'd like to take this opportunity to thank anyone who donated money or helped me in any way. Opwall is a conservation organisation that runs trips all over the world and I will be in Madagascar for two weeks collecting ecological data for further research which will help to conserve the unique habitats of the island and the wildlife within those habitats. My first week will be working in the rain forest and the second will be dive training and collecting data in areas of coral reefs. However, there will be a great deal of travelling involved as it will take two days to get to our first destination and a 12 hour journey from there to the marine ecology area of Nosy Be. I will be returning to Suffolk on the 23rd of July and hope to tell you all how it was in the next village magazine.

Bethany



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cake and a chat

To help us raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support

SATURDAY 6th OCTOBER

10.30 a.m. – 12.30p.m.

IN HAWSTEAD VILLAGE HALL

We would be very grateful to receive donations of cakes, preserves

Veg. and any unwanted items that you may have for the Tombola.

For further information or collection of items please contact

Joyce on 01284 386314

We would love to see you there.



HAWSTEAD VILLAGE FETE & PRODUCE SHOW

 **Sunday 2 September** 
from 2pm onwards at the Village Hall

**BBQ • Bar • Tea Tent • Mini-Auction • Book Stall • Splat the Rat
Adult/Child Tombolas • Tractors • Craft Stalls • Kiddies Corner**



HAWSTEAD VILLAGE FETE

DONATIONS WELCOMED

Please start collecting... **Books • Adult & Child
Tombola Prizes • Silent Auction** Lots. Drop off at the
Village Hall (when it's open!) or Park House,
Hawstead, IP29 5NL. (**Cakes/biscuits** welcomed on
Sat 1 and Sun 2 September, please.)

HELP NEEDED TOO

Please contact Susanne (susanne@pamplin.me.uk or
01284 388166) to offer your time manning a stall for a
while. Our thanks to those who have already
volunteered.

**Rotary Club of Bury St Edmunds Abbey
invites you to...**



Fizz on Friday

with music and supper

In aid of Gatehouse, MyWiSH and other local charities

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Friday 7th September from 7.00 - 10.30pm

at the beautiful Hawstead Village Hall on The Green, Hawstead IP29 5NP
Enjoy an evening of drinks and good food with local talented
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For tickets and further information contact Bridget Alexander:

Tel: 01284 749009

Email: bridgetalexander6@hotmail.com

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ANYONE FOR TABLE TENNIS

"Girls and boys who are interested in Table Tennis should get in touch with Rougham Table Tennis Club whose new season starts on Wednesday 5th September at Rougham Sports Hall.

Please contact Maurice Fearn - 01284 724260 - 776fmj@uwclub.net "



Amnesty International Bury St. Edmunds

Speaker: Ben Margolis

Co-founder of The Grange and Regional Organiser for City of Sanctuary

**Building An Inclusive
Culture of Welcome
in Bury St. Edmunds**

Tuesday July 10th. at 7.30

Friends Meeting House, St. John's Street

All welcome

For further information, contact amnestyburysteds1@yahoo.co.uk

Or see our Facebook page/website Amnesty International Bury St Edmunds

The Grange is a family home and smallholding in West Norfolk which welcomes people from all over the world and helps them build their resilience. A lot of the people who visit have fled persecution and torture and are seeking asylum in the UK. <https://thegrangenorfolk.org.uk>

City of Sanctuary is a movement committed to building a culture of hospitality and welcome, especially for refugees seeking sanctuary from war and persecution. The network of local groups includes boroughs, towns and cities across the UK and Ireland, all committed to building this culture of welcome across every sphere of society. <https://cityofsanctuary.org>

HAWSTEAD VILLAGE HALL



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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.

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Caroline Reffell

Thank you for your contributions to this edition.

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

HAWSTEAD READING GROUP

In **May** we met at my house where we discussed "*The Fault in our Stars*" by *John Green*. The story is narrated by 16 year old Hazel who has cancer. Hazel is forced by her parents to attend a support group where she meets and subsequently falls in love with 17 year old Augustus Waters, an ex basketball player and amputee who has lost his leg to cancer. Augustus reads Hazel's favourite novel "*An Imperial Affliction*" written by *Peter Van Houten* which ends abruptly without a conclusion. Van Houten lives in Amsterdam and Augustus arranges for the two of them, accompanied by Hazel's mother, to visit him and find out what happens after the novel ends! Although sad this book is uplifting and thought provoking and explores the relationships between the two main characters, their parents and friends in light of their serious illnesses. Made into a motion picture most of the group enjoyed the book although some felt it manipulative and the characters annoying!

Our **June** meeting was held at Judy's where we had a lovely evening in her summerhouse which caught the last rays of the sun beautifully! We enjoyed blinis and delicious freshly picked strawberries with clotted cream. Our book for discussion was *Alexander McCall Smith's* version of "*Emma*" by *Jane Austen*. The summer after university Emma Woodhouse returns home to launch her interior design business. It also enables her to befriend various people with whom she is intent on match-making.....! We decided that *McCall Smith's* take on "*Emma*" was still old fashioned and did not really bring the story into the 21st century even though carriages were replaced by minis and BMW's, and tea with cappuccinos, yet barely a mention of mobile phones! Personally I don't see the point in messing about with these Jane Austen classics (which have also been "updated" by *Joanna Trollope* "*Sense and Sensibility*" and *Val McDermid* "*Northanger Abbey*"). However it was an easy read and most at the meeting had managed to finish it!

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 4th July at 7.30 pm at Ruth's where we shall be discussing "*The Sunrise*" by *Victoria Hislop*.

Ann

HAWSTEAD APPRECIATION AND TASTING SOCIETY (WINE CLUB)

On a beautifully sunny May evening Penny and Richard aptly named their presentation 'Summer Special'.

It was pure joy to be treated to a selection of Provence Rosés. Year on year rosé sales increase, particularly in the summer months. It has become synonymous with sunshine. These ranged in price from £10 - £14. The Domaine de Buganay 'Espirit de Buganay' 2017 was our favourite, available at Waitrose and priced at £10.99 – although it has recently been on offer for £8.99. The Baron Gassier Cuvée Elégance 2016 was our second favourite rosé and was a bargain from Sainsbury's at £7.50 (on special offer!).

Our red selection was entitled 'Cool Reds'. These again all came from France. A Pinot Noir, a Rouge Sancerre, Saint Nicolas de Bourgueil 2015, which was 100% Cabernet Franc grape with the auspicious claim of having a nose described as "the smell before it rains" and Domaine De La Jalousie Cuvée La Chapelle 2015, which emanates from a small 16 ha vineyard on the edge of the Vienne. The Vineyard takes its name from a chapel built in 1724 by Jesuit Monks; they built an adjoining winery and the rest is history! 60% of their grapes are Grenache and the vines are 40 years old. This final 'red' was almost twice the price of the Saint Nicolas which was voted the best wine of the evening by the club members.

Richard and Penny had scoured the area and driven many miles to give us such a variety of French reds. Many thanks to them.

Our next meeting will be our annual dinner.

Judy

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 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 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 July at 6.30 in the village hall.

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

In the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

Community Council Meeting	Monday 9th July 6.30pm
Village Coffee Morning	Thursday 19th July .10.30 am - 12.00 Lesley's Barn
Hawstead Parish Council Meeting	Thursday 19th July 7.30pm
Community Council Meeting	Monday 6th August 6.30pm
Hawstead Golf Challenge	Friday 10th August 2.00 pm at Bury Golf Club
Village Coffee Morning	Thursday 16th August .10.30 am - 12.00
Village Fête - Flower and Produce Show	Sunday 2nd September 2.00 - 5.00pm
Fizz on Friday	Friday 7th September 7pm - 10.30pm
Hawstead Parish Council Meeting	Thursday 20th September 7.30pm
Macmillan Coffee Morning	Saturday 6th October 10.30am - 12.00
Blackheart Music Night	Friday 12th October 8pm onwards
Hawstead Parish Council Meeting	Thursday 15th November 7.30pm
Pantomime	Sunday 30 December at 3pm at the Theatre Royal