

ISSUE

20

19 July  
2022

# The Village Voice



Welcome to our village newsletter

Please send in your contributions!

Summer is here! This issue is packed with photographs from the recent Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The event really showed that, despite the weather, everyone managed to have a fabulous time. Huge thanks to everyone involved in putting together such a memorable village event.

We really would love any and all contributions for our newsletter. You don't have to write an essay, but it would be brilliant to have more features and comments. Even if you just want to shout about a great podcast, film or TV series, we want to hear from you. Susanne and I really can't put this together on our own, so please send ideas to:

[anneng100@googlemail.com](mailto:anneng100@googlemail.com). Thank you!

**The deadline for issue 21 submissions is 30 September 2022**

# Celebrations and jublations!

On 5 June 2022 villagers came together as a community to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. In true British style, the weather was a little hit and miss. Nevertheless the celebratory spirit won through!

On Sunday 5 June 2022 more than 130 Hawstead villagers came together for a fantastic bash to celebrate the Queen becoming the first British monarch to serve for 70 years. This was an historic moment, with 10 million Britains joining in Platinum Jubilee street parties.

Despite the weather being rainy and chilly, villagers came out in force. A team of

village volunteers set up the event, people arrived carrying delicious food, our specially formed village Morris dance troupe performed alongside village musicians, and a traditional Punch and Judy show was enjoyed by all.

The village hall, at the heart of our community, was the perfect venue. The organising team changed the set up for the event at short notice when the weather forecast turned wet and cold, bringing most of the tables indoors to keep people warm and dry.



Every generation attended, and guests were greeted on arrival with Pimms and lemonade or Prosecco, thanks to Bruce Monk and Imogen Carr. Villagers could also snap a selfie with a life-sized cut-out of the Queen, who was also present to welcome them!

The event was lavishly decorated with tables covered in red, white and blue, dotted with vintage cake stands, union jack paper plates, and beautiful cornflowers arranged in red and blue bottles (thanks to Adrienne Linfield). Helium balloons and a balloon arch added to the

party atmosphere (thanks to Shannon Bullen and her boyfriend), and a portrait of the Queen was hung on the wall – it is amazing what we find in the village hall loft!

Fairy lights festooned the village hall and the outside tents, and the centrepiece was a spectacular giant Union Jack iced fruit cake, made by Lesley Carey.

Giles Rushen gave a welcome speech on behalf of the Parish Council, which was followed by the National

Anthem and a toast to the Queen. Villagers were invited to enjoy the huge spread of food, including a wonderful authentic hot curry made by villager Susie Surti.



Villagers then braved the cold and rain to gather outside to enjoy the entertainment. Fran Evershed led the musicians for the specially formed Hawstead Morris Dancing Troupe. They were applauded enthusiastically for their joyful, if a little haphazard, performance!

Father and son team, Anthony and James Holliday, dressed in Davy Crockett-style hats, gave an hilarious performance of Punch and Judy. They received much adulation, especially from

the young children, some of whom decided to investigate what was going on behind the puppet theatre!

Thanks to the army of volunteers who all worked incredibly hard to make this event happen: Pat Baker, Penny and Richard Barham, Ali and Giles Bovill, Sarah Bullen, Shannon Bullen (plus boyfriend), Bob Brough, George, Keith and Theresa Campen, Lesley Carey, James, Christabel and Imogen Carr, Judy and Dave Carter, Alf Dawson, Dave and Sandy Dawson, Fran and Andy Evershed, Michael and Rosemary Harrison, Anthony and James Holliday, Adrienne and John Linfield, Amanda Lomas Farley, Bruce and Sonja Monk, Chris Pamplin and Susanne White, Charlie, Louisa and Giles Rushen, Sue Scott, Chris and John Shipley, Susie Surti and family, Sally Tolhurst (apologies if I've missed anyone out who helped).



**Our Platinum Jubilee Big Lunch was organised and funded by the Community Council, with additional generous financial support from Hawstead Parish Council.**

All photographs from the Hawstead Platinum Jubilee Big Lunch were taken by Rick Senley (who is making a new photographic book of Hawstead portraits) and young villager George Campen (who is taking pictures for his GCSE photography course).

*Caroline Miller, Volunteer Village Social Secretary*







# Festival of Suffolk 2022

## torch relay

The torch relay was held in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, travelling through the county between 13 May and 1 June. The route started from Bury St Edmunds and travelled to Nowton, Sicklesmere, Hawstead and onwards. Here are some photographs from the day.

# FESTIVAL OF SUFFOLK 2022

*Village elders Ethel Lebon (left) and Nancy Dawson (right) rode the rickshaw into Hawstead, and swapped with Lucy Brewis holding two of our youngest residents, Isabel and Felicity!*



## ***A snap from the past***

For the Queen's Golden Jubilee we had a village party in the old village hall which has since replaced by the existing one. Here's a photograph of the oldest and youngest residents of the village at the time. Elsa Fitzpatrick and Matthew Brown. Elsa has since died and is buried in All Saints Churchyard. Elsa used to live in the Old School House. Matthew is still a resident, although at university.

**Amanda Brown**



## **Taking the initiative with traffic calming**

Back in June 2022, a handful of villagers erected two new signs on the hill either side of Larkfield Corner in an effort to slow the traffic at this dangerous section of the road. The County Council had been approached, but it said that as there had been no reported accidents, they could not help us!



So the Parish Council took proactive action to fund the new signs. Supported by Councillor Nick Wiseman and his son Max, the project was completed.

Let's hope this has a positive effect.

*Penny Barham*



# A little piece of history...

Andy Parrett took two of our recent new arrivals in our village, John and Adrienne, up the church tower for a great view over the local countryside. On the way down, John noticed some writing on the spiral staircase wall that Andy had not seen before. It was particularly interesting because the trip up the tower was at around the time of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. John took a photograph and here it is. You can see that it comprises some text in pencil that reads: '1897 God Bless Your Majesty's Jubilee'. This was, of course, Queen Victoria's Jubilee, in her case the Diamond one, and it was celebrated on 22 June 1897.



## Supporting our churches with the 100 Club

Join the New 100 Club to help raise funds to support the churches in Hawstead and Nowton.

Within the St Edmunds Way Benefice we had for several years run a 100 Club. Hawstead and Nowton churches have now been moved to a different Benefice, but we would like to continue to run a 100 Club... with your help. It costs £24 a year per ticket, with monies to be paid before the end of November 2022. To join the 100 Club, please contact a member of the Church Team.



### How it will work

There will be two large draws in December and June for two £250 prizes each time. Then every other month there will be two £20 prizes. This means we give back £1400 in prize money and each church benefits by £500 to help with its running costs.

The  
**100**  
CLUB

We very much hope that the previous 100 Club members from Hawstead and Nowton will continue to support us. But we will need more members! So if you would like to renew your membership, become a member, or know of a friend or neighbour who would like to join, then we need their and your help.

For this fundraiser to be viable we must sell 100 tickets between the two Churches. If we can be up and running before the Carol Service on 18th December 2022 we could have our first draw then. What a nice Christmas present for someone!

If you are interested please contact: Lesley Carey (386132), Rosemary Harrison (386157), or Joyce Fynn (388628).

*Lesley Carey*

# Big thanks to our church tidy up volunteers!

Volunteers have been working hard this spring and summer to maintain the churchyard. Could you be part of the team? Come along and join us!

Planned tidy-up sessions have been one Saturday morning a month, and the churchyard is now looking very well cared for. It is amazing how much can be achieved in just a couple of hours with a willing team. The next date for your diary is **20 August** (there was one scheduled for July but the team has done so well it is being given a month off!). However, if that date is not suitable for you, fear not! You're more than welcome to make your way down to the churchyard at any time with suitable tools and do a bit of tidying up that you can see needs completing. (Future dates this autumn: 24 September, 22 October.)



A Big Thank You to everyone who has come along and hopefully will continue to do so.

We are now opening the church daily for quiet time and personal prayers. We would also like to reinstate a rota for



cleaning and flowers on a monthly basis before services. Anyone who could spare an hour or so to dust, polish, clean brass or put some flowers in our lovely church would be very much appreciated. If you feel you could help to share these jobs, we would love to hear from you.

Contact: Lesley Carey (386132), Rosemary Harrison (386157), or anyone on the Church Team. (PCC)



## Contributions to The Village Voice

If you would like to see anything featured or have something to submit, please send it to Anne at [anneng100@googlemail.com](mailto:anneng100@googlemail.com) by **30 September 2022**.

# Parish council updates

Our parish council has a new Chair... Phil Baker. Our special thanks to former Chair John West, who has worked tirelessly as a councillor for some 12 years for the betterment of the village.

At May's parish council annual meeting John West, who has been Chair of Hawstead Parish Council for 12 years, decided that the time had come for him to stand down as Chair. Fortunately his skills and experience are remaining within the council. Everyone thanked John for his service and commitment to the village over the years, and he was presented with a gift of some fine wine which he understandably failed to share!

Councillor Phil Baker, who was Vice Chair, was voted in as the new Chairman, with Giles Rushen taking up the role of Vice Chair.

The parish council will continue to support the local community and the two commercial enterprises in the village. It also welcomes input from residents to keep Hawstead as a really special place to live.

*Phil Baker*



*Feeling lucky we have these beautiful views and walks on our doorstep. Photographs courtesy of Anne East*



*Haymaking on Hawstead's glorious green  
(photograph courtesy of John West.*





# FETE



**SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER**

**On the village green, 2 - 5pm**

**FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY including:**

- CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
- COCONUT SHY & GAMES
- BBQ, BEER & WINE
- TEA & CAKES
- LIVE MUSIC
- CAKE BAKING COMPETITION & PRODUCE SHOW
- TRACTOR SHOW & lots more.



**Call out for volunteers to help organise the fete.  
Please contact Caroline Miller 07980 675137 or email  
carolinemiller033@gmail.com**

# Ride and stride for Suffolk churches

The annual Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride event will be taking place on Saturday 10 September between 9am and 5pm.

Organised by the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust (SHCT), this annual event has been held since 1982. Originally for cyclists only, the event has now been extended to include walkers. Do you fancy taking part and raising much-needed funds for our village church?



Photo taken from <https://shct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

Cyclists and walkers are invited to seek sponsors who will

agree to pay a sum of money either per church visited or a lump sum for the cyclist or walker taking part. The money raised by each participant is divided equally between the nominated church and the SHCT. The object of the exercise is, of course, to visit as many churches as possible in the 8 hour period.

Whilst we always open Hawstead's All Saints Church for this event, we have only once in recent years had one person partaking in aid of our church. It would be wonderful if this year we could attract some participants. So what do you think?!

Anyone wishing to take part should please contact Mike Harrison on 386157 or at [mharrison151@btinternet.com](mailto:mharrison151@btinternet.com).

Similarly, if anyone would like to assist for an hour or two on the day signing in the cyclists and walkers, would they also please contact Mike?

## Surviving winter – help for people in Suffolk

More than 300 people die in Suffolk every year because of the cold and poor living conditions. The majority are aged over 65 years old. In addition, nearly 30,000 households in Suffolk live in fuel poverty. If you would like to help those in need, take a look at <https://www.citizensadviceipswich.org.uk/surviving-winter/> for guidance of what you can do.

If you would like to apply for a payment, applications are open, visit the link above for instructions.

# BARRE DEFINE



Ballet-inspired fitness classes for adults with an emphasis on toning up and improving core strength, posture and flexibility.



We have a range of class styles with both daytime and evening options so there is something for everybody!



Locations:

Lawshall Village Hall

Hazelwood Dance Studios,  
Bury St Edmunds

Book your FREE trial at [www.barredefine.com](http://www.barredefine.com)

Email Sophie Ward on [info@barredefine.com](mailto:info@barredefine.com)

 [Facebook.com/barredefine](https://www.facebook.com/barredefine)  
 [Instagram.com/barredefine](https://www.instagram.com/barredefine)

# Puzzle page

If you can't wait for the answers in the next VV, you can find them at <https://1sudoku.com/> along with more free Sudoku puzzles. Answers for the previous grids are on the following page.

	4		7				5	3
7						1		6
3			4	6	1	8		
	3			7				8
	6	1				7	2	
9				1			3	
		9	3	5	7			2
2		3						5
4	8				9		7	

1sudoku.com

n° 129921 - Level Easy

			2			1		
2		3	8	9	1			
	1			7		6		9
3		6	4	1				5
1		9				3		4
7				6	3	9		8
5		1		8			9	
			9	4	5	7		1
		4			2			

1sudoku.com

n° 112160 - Level Easy

5								7
		7	6			4		
	8	6					5	
	7	5			3			
	9		2	8	5		3	
			1			9	4	
	1					5	8	
		8			6	1		
2								4

1sudoku.com

n° 35644 - Level Hard

2						8	6	7
			2	8				3
1	8				5			
3		6		4				
	9						4	
				3		5		2
			6				3	5
5				9	1			
9	6	4						1

1sudoku.com

n° 310537 - Level Hard

# Previous answers...

9	2	6	7	1	8	3	5	4
5	3	7	9	6	4	2	8	1
8	1	4	5	3	2	7	6	9
4	8	2	1	7	9	5	3	6
1	7	3	6	8	5	4	9	2
6	5	9	4	2	3	1	7	8
2	6	1	3	9	7	8	4	5
7	4	8	2	5	6	9	1	3
3	9	5	8	4	1	6	2	7

1sudoku.com

Sudoku - Easy - n° 123201

5	3	9	8	7	1	4	2	6
2	7	6	9	3	4	1	5	8
4	8	1	5	6	2	3	7	9
7	2	8	4	1	9	5	6	3
9	5	3	6	2	8	7	4	1
6	1	4	7	5	3	9	8	2
3	9	7	2	4	6	8	1	5
8	6	5	1	9	7	2	3	4
1	4	2	3	8	5	6	9	7

1sudoku.com

Sudoku - Easy - n° 122591

4	8	5	6	1	3	7	2	9
2	6	3	5	7	9	8	1	4
9	1	7	4	8	2	3	5	6
8	7	6	2	9	1	4	3	5
1	3	4	8	5	6	9	7	2
5	2	9	7	3	4	6	8	1
3	5	2	9	6	8	1	4	7
7	9	8	1	4	5	2	6	3
6	4	1	3	2	7	5	9	8

1sudoku.com

Sudoku - Medium - n° 21434

1	7	8	9	3	4	2	6	5
5	6	4	7	1	2	3	8	9
3	9	2	6	5	8	1	4	7
4	5	9	8	6	3	7	2	1
6	2	3	1	9	7	4	5	8
8	1	7	2	4	5	9	3	6
2	3	6	5	7	1	8	9	4
7	8	5	4	2	9	6	1	3
9	4	1	3	8	6	5	7	2

1sudoku.com

Sudoku - Medium - n° 220008