
HAWSTEAD JOURNAL

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HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF HAWSTEAD

As part of its Localism Bill the Government is encouraging villages and communities around the country to have their say in how their community might progress and develop in the future.

For a village such as Hawstead, the idea is to produce a Parish Plan. Many villages in Suffolk have already completed a Parish Plan and these can be viewed on line at www.suffolkacre.org.uk and follow the links.

It would be of great benefit to Hawstead to have their own Parish Plan, as this can be used to influence service providers such as local councils and the police on issues that concern the village. It also gives the chance for all residents, of all ages, to have a say in what they would like from their village, and how things might be improved in the future.

We hope that in the spring Suffolk ACRE will host a Village Meeting in the village hall to help villagers understand what is involved in setting up a Parish Plan.

Getting involved with putting together a Parish Plan for Hawstead would be a really worthwhile way of participating in an important village project, of meeting more people around the village, and creating a significant plan concerning the future of Hawstead.

The village meeting will be well publicised around the village, and a flyer will be distributed to each resident via the Hawstead Journal. So please look out for the date and come along to the meeting, and help make a difference to your village.

Jayne Robertson
Parish Councillor
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CHURCH SERVICES

MARCH

Sunday 18th

11.00 Mothering Sunday, Joint service with Nowton and
Hawstead at **Lawshall Church**

Monday 19th

14.00 Shortened Eucharist and Room visits at **Pinford End**

Sunday 25th *Passion Sunday*

11.00 Parish Eucharist at **Hawstead**

APRIL

Sunday 1st

10.00 **Lawshall Village Hall** Benefice *Palm Sunday*
Procession with Donkey to **Lawshall Church** for
Benefice Service at 10.30

Sunday 8th

11.00 Easter Day Service shared with Nowton at **Nowton**

Sunday 22nd

11.00 Parish Eucharist at **Hawstead**

MOTHERING SUNDAY HISTORY

The correct name for *Mothers Day* in the UK is ***Mothering Sunday***.

Mothering Sunday is always the fourth Sunday of Lent however as the dates vary as to when Easter and Lent fall the actual Sunday chosen to celebrate it may vary. This year it falls on 18th March.



It is more often referred to as "*Mother's Day*" and its origin is distinctly different to *Mothers Day in America* although the sentiments are similar.

In Victorian times, it was a day when children, mainly daughters, who had gone to work as domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother and family.

This special day has now become a time when children of all ages give thanks to their mothers.

STOP PRESS.....THIS WEEKEND
CHARITY WALK SATURDAY 17th MARCH 2012
for BREAKTHROUGH BREAST CANCER

If you are an outdoor person, you will love this day.

We will be meeting at 10am at The Queen's Head, Hawkedon for a 5 mile walk, followed by lunch and another 3 mile walk in the afternoon. If you feel you would prefer only to walk one half you are most welcome to do that.

If you wish to get sponsorship, forms are available by the front door of Hawstead village hall. If not please come along and pay a donation on the day.

The main purpose is to raise as much money as we can for Breakthrough Breast Cancer, at the same time as having some fun with friends and family.

If you let me know I can pre-order sandwiches to save time on the day. These will be at your own expense.

Please register your interest by contacting judy@mmgd.co.uk or 01284 386512.

P.S. A strong pair of trainers or walking shoes/boots is advisable, as the paths may be muddy after the recent rain!

P.P.S. MEN WELCOME!

Advanced Warning for Early Risers
MAYDAY MORNING

Tuesday 1st May 2012

This May Day morning **Green Dragon Morris** will again be welcoming the sun up. Do come and join us for this very special event at **the Hawstead end of Bells Lane, outside Fyletts Manor Cottages**

DATE: **Tuesday 1st May** TIME: **5 am** (meet at 4.45 am dance at 5 am)

AND THEN: **A scrumptious breakfast for all at Andy and Fran's house**

For more information contact Andy or Fran on 01284 386501.

1, Fyletts Manor Cottages. The Green, Hawstead evershed1@tiscali.co.uk

A bit about Mayday:

The fair maid who, the first of May
Goes to the fields at break of day
And washes in dew from the hawthorn tree
Will ever after handsome be.

May Day has been celebrated since ancient times all over Europe, and has many traditions and customs associated with it. This is the time of year when we hope for warmer weather and look forward to hearing the singing of birds and the seeing the bluebells and buttercups of the woods and fields. It is said that 'when you can put your foot on nine daisies at once, spring has come'.

HAWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL COFFEE MORNINGS

The second Parish Council Surgery took place on Saturday 25th February. It was attended by several villagers who all enjoyed very good coffee and cakes, with lots of general village chat about matters such as Litter picking, dog fouling on village green, the on going road works, a friendly neighbour scheme and possible plans for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

All those present agreed that it was really more like a village Coffee Morning than a 'Surgery' and so from now on the events will be known as Parish Council Coffee Mornings. It is planned that Coffee Mornings will be held on Saturday mornings, bi-monthly – in between Parish Council meetings.

Please look out for future dates (these will be advertised in the Journal and on the website) and join us for a friendly chat and refreshments. It is not necessary to have any specific ideas or problems that you wish to discuss, it is just a good opportunity to come along and meet some other villagers and chat about what we all have in common - our beautiful village of Hawstead.

We hope to see you next time.

Jayne Robertson, Parish Councillor

HAWSTEAD JOURNAL SPONSORSHIP

The Hawstead Journal was kindly sponsored this month by
Judy and Dave Carter of Oakhill House, Pinford End.

If you would like to sponsor the Hawstead Journal for a month to help cover cost of paper and printing, *currently* £25, please contact judy@mmgd.co.uk Thank you.

HAWSTEAD JOURNAL - CONTRIBUTORS WELCOME

The journal is a fantastic means of keeping villagers in touch with the goings on in our small community. If you would like to get involved with helping produce future editions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. A big thank you to contributors this month. Please forward anything you have for next month by 5th April.

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

THE BURY RAMBLERS

Rather wary of walking in the countryside on your own? The Bury Ramblers have a programme of walks varying from three mile strolls to longer walks, they have outings to the coast and to the River Thames and B-B-Qs. They are a friendly bunch who will welcome you. Email richardstammers@btinternet.com

Richard Blackwell

WATER SHORTAGE

Did you know...

Water shortage: Based on figures in 2011 in January this year Hawstead had half the rain of the previous January and this February we had a quarter of the total rain that fell in February 2011. We may well be heading for a severe drought and gardeners are well advised to install a couple of extra rain barrels.

Richard Blackwell

THE METCALFE ALMS

The **Metcalfe Arms** is now open again after the fire caused by a wiring fault.

Food, a new menu will be available from 14th March. New opening times will be:-
Tuesday 5pm - 11pm; Wednesday-Friday - 11.30am - 3pm and 5-11pm
Saturday - 12 noon - 11pm; Sunday - 12 noon - 10pm.



Easter Sunday Charity Event

Sunday 8th April

**BBQ - Bouncy Castle - Table top Sale -
Face Painting - Easter Egg Hunt - Tombola**

*All proceeds donated to the local children's hospice in memory of
Aimee Leigh Sigley*

For information, call 01284 388648
or metcalfearms@hotmail.co.uk



THE HATCHMENTS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HAWSTEAD, PART 1

In the December 2010 issue of the Journal, Bill Crockford wrote an account of the restoration of the five Hawstead hatchments and of their relocation on the Chancel wall of the church. Since then, in May of last year we had an evening in the church when Clive Paine explained the history of hatchments and ours in particular. Following this, and with a little bit of reading around the subject, I have written this short account, and plan to follow on in future issues of the Journal with a bit more detail on the individual hatchments.

The word 'hatchment' is a corruption of 'achievement' and in heraldic language this refers to 'the complete display of armorial bearings'. Physically it is a 'mourning board', carried in a funeral procession and then either displayed in the church or taken back to the person's house for display over the main entrance for a period of mourning prior to returning to the church. Because of the heraldic association, the use of hatchments naturally tends to have been confined to the nobility and other well-off persons – ie those with family coats of arms and the associated trappings.

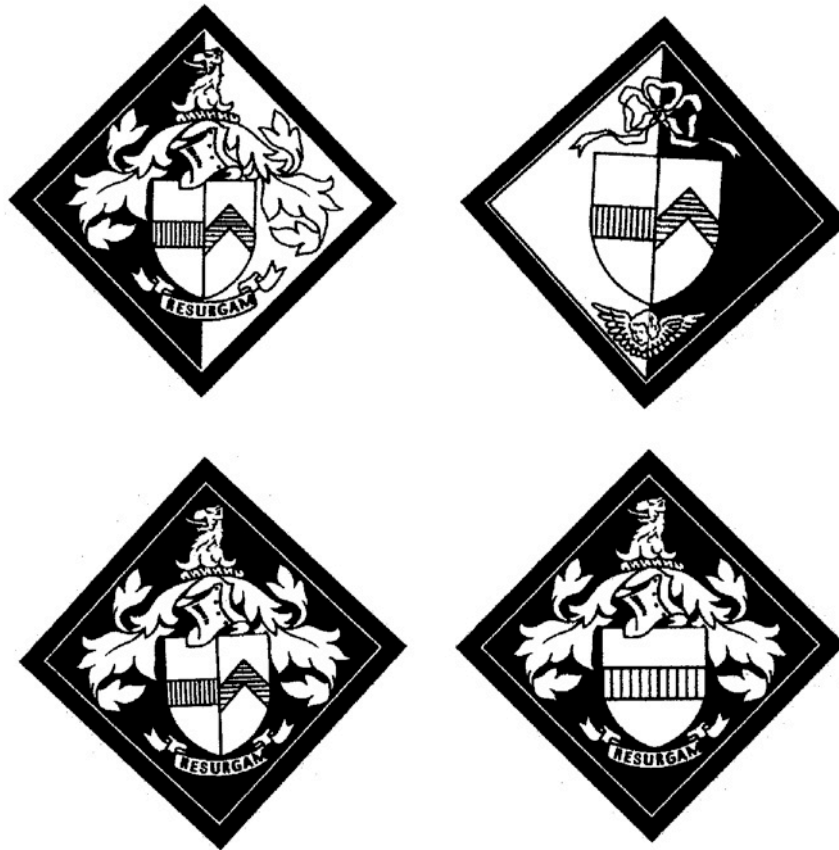
There are approximately 4500 hatchments in English churches. The earliest are from the early 17th century, but the use of hatchments was most popular during the late 18th and the first half of the 19th centuries – exactly the time of the five Hawstead hatchments. Whilst there are some exceptions – two churches in Shrewsbury have 20 and 21 respectively and at Stamford in Northamptonshire there's a church with 17 – it is normal for a church to have just one or two, if any. So our collection of five at All Saints Church, Hawstead is quite respectable!

From the background of the hatchment and the composition of the arms, it is possible to work out the sex and marital status of the deceased. For a single person (bachelor, spinster or widow(er)) the background is all black. Where no marriage has existed a shield (for a man) or a lozenge (for a woman) bearing the patrimonial arms is shown. In the case of a bachelor the helm and crest also appear. As the diamond-shaped lozenge is thought a somewhat plain shape, it is sometimes accompanied by a decorative bow.

Things become more complicated when a marriage has been made. When one of the couple survives, the background of the hatchment is divided vertically black and white, with black – the colour of mourning – behind the deceased's side of the arms and white behind the survivor's half. When a wife dies before her husband, her hatchment bears a shield with no helm or crest and the right-hand half of the background is black. If the husband dies first, the whole achievement is shown, with black behind the left half. If the hatchment is for a widower an all-black background is shown with shield and crest and marital coat of arms. If it is for a widow, the marital coat appears on a lozenge. These are the simplest cases and there are many hatchments whose composition taxes the onlooker and can prove hard to interpret: in the case of a man who has married several times, for instance, the arms of all his wives may appear, with separate backing for each marriage.

THE HATCHMENTS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HAWSTEAD, PART 1 (CONT)

Here are four stylised examples representing people of differing marital status who have died:



Top left: a married man. That it is a man is shown by the helmet and crest. On the shield, his coat of arms is on the left and the left side background is black (=death) whilst the right half, being white, indicates that he is survived by his wife. ('Resurgam' = 'I shall rise again')

Top right: a married woman. There is a decorative ribbon rather than a helmet: the shield is split, as is the background, and as the right side is black we know that it is the wife who has died (and her husband is still alive).

Bottom left: a widowed man. The shield is split with the two coat of arms indicating that he had been married but as the background is fully black we know that his wife has not survived him.

Bottom right: an unmarried man. The background is completely black and the shield displays a single coat of arms.

Andy Parrett

NEW ZEALAND ADVENTURE

A month in **New Zealand**, I mistakenly thought was going to be too long. In fact we only scratched the surface of this vast, scenic country.

How different the North and South islands are. At the bottom of South Island you are only 1,500 miles from **Antarctica** and at the tip of North Island you are nearing the tropics, so to say it is a country of contrasting weather is no understatement. We did experience six inches of snow on **The Remarkable Mountains** in **Queenstown** (in mid-summer) and nearly 30 degrees at **The Bay of Islands** (top of the north island).

THE GEOLOGICAL WONDERS Our first was encountered on our journey from *Christchurch* to *Dunedin*. The **Moeraki Boulders** on *Hampden Beach* were an extraordinary sight. According to scientists they are 60 million years old; originally lime crystals which attracted other minerals to make the boulder shapes. The *Maori* people believe they were bread baskets washed ashore from a canoe. Believe what you like, but they look like a geological wonder to me!

Another incredible sight was '**Pancake Rocks**' on the way from *Franz Josef* to *Nelson*. Their beginnings were apparently only 30 million years ago, being limestone formations containing fragments of marine creatures deposited on the seabed, overlaid by layers of mud and clay. These were subsequently raised above sea level by earthquakes to create the formations seen today. When the sea conditions are rough water is forced through blow holes with tremendous pressure to create quite a spectacle.

We were probably more prepared for the volcanic landscape of **Rotorua** with its active geysers and mud pools. Nothing however can prepare you for the *Maori* legends; you become so engrossed that you hardly notice the smell of sulphur!

As far as the wildlife went we saw albatross, whales, yellow eyed penguins, fur seals and hectors dolphins - *Fantastic!*

I must mention a couple of cities. We were not prepared for the devastation we found in **Christchurch** after the earthquakes. How sobering to see cavernous cracks in buildings and to realise how many people had lost their homes (and lives). Since returning home we have heard that the famous cathedral in the city centre is to be demolished because it is too unstable to repair. It will thankfully be replaced.

Napier also has its own story to tell. Another city completely destroyed by an earthquake in 1934. Within four years they had re-built it in **Art Deco** style. Amazing.

Personal highlights have to be cruising the **Milford Sound**, paddling a **Waka** (a *Maori* canoe), jet boating and our helicopter ride over **Mounts' Cook** and **Tasman** and landing on a snow field.

To sum up, a great country with something for everyone (perhaps I should be writing this for the New Zealand Tourist Board!).

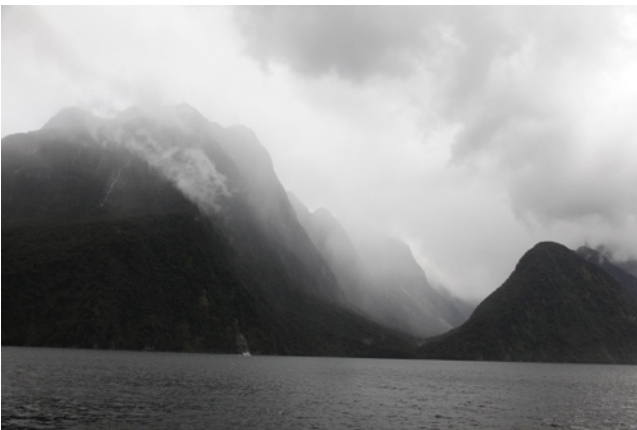
Judy Carter



MOERAKI BOULDERS AT HAMPDEN BEACH



EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE = CHRISTCHURCH



MILFORD SOUND



ART DECO BUILDING - NAPIER



THE REMARKABLES QUEENSTOWN



MOUNT COOK BY HELICOPTER



PANCAKE ROCKS



JET BOAT ON SHOTOVER RIVER

BETTER BROADBAND FOR SUFFOLK

Suffolk Better Broadband Conference 9th March Apex, Bury St Edmunds

I attended this conference hoping to glean some information about a Government initiative to bring better broadband to rural areas like Suffolk. What follows is a resumé of the conference and what it means to us Hawsteadians.

Both Suffolk MP's and the County Council are committed to getting better broadband for all Suffolk households and businesses. Together they have worked hard to be one of the first counties to provide a programme to secure state funding for the countywide upgrade. This means funding of £11.68m from the state plus £10m from the County Council will be matched by the contractor making a total of at least £42m investment into Suffolk's Better Broadband.

The contract to provide this upgrade will be awarded in September and will commence later this year. The object is to achieve a realistic upgrade to superfast broadband, 24mb and above for 80 - 85% and a minimum of 2mb for the remainder of properties and businesses in Suffolk. This is to be completed by March 2015. Emphasis will be on areas with slow or no broadband.

A full report from Suffolk Broadband can be downloaded at www.suffolk.gov.uk/broadband.

To emphasise the commitment of all who live or work in Suffolk to better broadband please **complete the online survey** by 31st March. This is your only chance to have your say so **don't miss it!** Find survey at: www.suffolk.gov.uk/broadband .

Dave Carter dave@mmgd.co.uk

THE HAWSTEAD OIL BUYING GROUP

After running for several months the group has decided to use a different supplier - FramTrade Ltd., which is a purchasing cooperative recommended by Nigel Gossett. Over recent months FramTrade has proved to be more competitively priced than both Goff or Shelford. They buy on a daily basis at the lowest price from one of eight suppliers.

The system works like this: Around the 25th of the month group members receive an email from Jacquie Milns, the coordinator, requesting any orders. The minimum quantity is 500 litres. After allowing a day or so for orders to come in, all orders are placed with FramTrade at that day's price.

The oil will be delivered within about 3 days of the order being made and will be invoiced individually, first payment is prepaid then 30 day payment terms thereafter.

If you would like to join the group, please contact either:
Jacquie Milns (388813 email: sales@rjmcars.co.uk) or
Paul Robertson (386164 email: Paul@eastward.co.uk).

HAWSTEAD WINE CLUB

The "HATS" (Hawstead Appreciation and Tasting Society) met on Thursday 23rd February in the Village Hall. Eleven members tasted eight wines. A South African Chenin Blanc from Lidl in France £2.75 was voted best wine. A Chablis costing £11.99 was voted the worst.

Norman Gibbs

Wine tastings are held last Thursday of the month, new members welcome, for details please contact *Judy Carter* 01245 386512 or judy@mmgd.co.uk.

HAWSTEAD BOOK CLUB

This group started up just over a year ago. This has become a firm fixture in the Hawstead Calendar. With a regular attendance of eight of us we have enjoyed a variety of books from authors such as Rose Tremain, Jo Nesbo, Alexander McCall and Sebastian Faulks.

Meetings are generally the first Wednesday in the month and are held either in each others' homes or at the Village Hall. The evening is concluded with a drink and a chat.

If you are interested in joining please contact *Ann Gibbs* (Tel: 388642) for further information.

HAWSTEAD CARPET BOWLS CLUB

We have enjoyed another year at the Bowls Club and held our AGM on 14th February. Unfortunately Terry Rushen has had to resign as our Chairman and I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Club of thanking him for his help over the past years. Bill Crockford was elected as Chairman, Simon Miller as Vice Chairman and me as Secretary/Treasurer. Membership stands at 16 and an average weekly attendance of ten.

Last year we played three friendly away matches. The first at home against Hoggards Green, the second against them again at their club and the third at home against Lavenham. Unfortunately we lost all these matches but had a very enjoyable time. We can only get better! This year we are playing Lavenham at their club on 8th March and Stanningfield at home on 10th April. We hope to arrange a match against Felsham in the near future.

We would really welcome any new members - whether you can play bowls or not. We have a very friendly evening - with tea/coffee and biscuits at half time. We meet at the Village Hall on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm until 9.30 pm. Please come along and see us - you would be made very welcome.

Rosemary Harrison

HAWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

*Meetings held at the Village Hall unless otherwise stated
Everyone is very welcome to come along.*

Meetings held bi-monthly on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm.
Dates arranged are:

29th March

17th May (Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Parish
Council meeting)

19th July

20th September

15th November

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
HATS (Wine Club)	Last Thursday of the month 8.00 pm

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

In the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

Breakthrough Charity Walk at Hawkedon	17th March (10am)
Parish Council Meeting	29th March (7:30pm)
Community Council	16th April (7:30pm)
Parish Council Coffee Morning	Date TBA (10:30 - 12:00)
Easter Fayre	Monday 9th April
Diamond Jubilee	2nd June
Village Fete	5th August

SUNSET OVER
PINFORD END
MARCH 2012

