
HAWSTEAD JOURNAL

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A PARISH PLAN FOR HAWSTEAD

Do we want to retain our Village just as it is? Have Better Public Transport links? Enjoy Safer, Quieter Roads? Attract Affordable Housing?

These are just some of the possible areas that we can influence decisions in the future by putting together a ***Parish Plan for Hawstead***.

On the 13th June 2012 **Suffolk ACRE** will be hosting a meeting in the Village Hall to encourage interest in Hawstead creating its own Parish Plan.

Volunteers will be needed to serve on a Steering Committee – would you like to be involved?

This is your chance to have your say in the Life and Future of your village. So please spare an hour or so on the evening to come and hear what it is all about.

Cheese and Wine Refreshments.

Date 13th June 2012 at 7.30pm.

For further information contact:

Jayne Robertson on 386164 jayne@eastward.co.uk

HAWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL COFFEE MORNINGS

The next Parish Council Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday 28th April 10.30 - 12 noon.

Please 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



CHURCH SERVICES

APRIL

Sunday 22nd

11.00 Parish Eucharist with Baptism at **Hawstead**

MAY

Sunday 13th

08.30 Said Eucharist

Sunday 27th

09.00 Parish Eucharist at **Hawstead**

SCRIPTURE UNION HOLIDAYS

Is your child old enough to go alone on a safe and child-orientated holiday after schools close for the summer? Scripture Union have been organising fun-filled kids' holidays for many years. Enquiries: www.scriptureunion.org.uk/holidays.

FOR SALE

Free to a good home - one plastic compost bin. Call Jackie or Richard on 388813.

IS THERE A BUSINESS IN YOU? COME AND FIND OUT

Setting up a small business or community enterprise is a brave decision - you do not have to be special; you do not have to have a new invention; and most of all you do not have to do it alone.

You might have been made redundant; you may have had time out to have children; you could be long term unemployed; or you may have been ill. Whatever your circumstances this event will help.

The event is being sponsored by Knights Lowe (experts in the field of young and start-up businesses) and the borough council's Rural Action Plan; and organised by the borough council, Menta, the Suffolk Enterprise Agency and Suffolk ACRE.

Monday 21 May, 9.30am to 3pm, Great Barton Village Hall

For more information and to book your **free** place (including buffet lunch) , please contact Economic Development Services by phone on: 01284 757109 or by email at: event.bookings@stedsbc.gov.uk

Event sponsored by Knights Lowe - *experts in the field of young and startup businesses* - and St Edmundsbury Borough Council's **Rural Action Plan**.

BREAKTHROUGH BREAST CANCER WALK



I am happy to be able to write that a small but select group of walkers set off from *The Queen's Head* at *Hawkedon* on a slightly damp Saturday morning. Our spirits were far from dampened though and we enthusiastically stepped out across the fields. A total of sixteen people and four dogs took a little over two hours to cover the first five miles.

After a much welcomed warm-up, sandwiches, chips and drinks at the pub we merrily re-convened in the car park where eleven of us purposely strode on for another four miles.

To date we have raised **£520** with sponsorship money still being received.

Well done to everyone. -- Are we going to repeat it next year? You bet we are.

Judy Carter

Early Risers take note!

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 info: 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'.



EASTER CRAFT AND COFFEE MORNING



A selection of crafts were for sale at the Easter Monday Craft and Coffee Morning at the Village Hall. There was a good turn out of customers and Jo was kept busy supplying morning coffee.



The Hawstead Journal was kindly sponsored this month by
Sheilagh and Roger Mead, 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 May.

Judy Carter - Oakhill House, Pinford End,
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GROUP ELECTRICITY BUYING SCHEME

A visiting electricity meter reader has mentioned to residents that some villages are clubbing together in a group buying scheme to purchase electricity. Rather like the oil buying scheme. Could this be useful for Hawstead?

Richard Blackwell

HOSE PIPE BAN

With the hose pipe ban now enforced we wondered if we could still use a hose pipe to fill waters butts for our animals. We asked Anglian Water:

*Is the use of a hose to fill the drinking butts for our horses and pigs exempt from the hose pipe ban?
It is clearly a use of a hose that is for the health of livestock.*

and they replied

*Thank you for your enquiry regarding the hosepipe restrictions which come into effect on 5 April. Yes you are able to use a hosepipe to fill the drinking troughs for animals; we will look at updating our website to reflect this. Thank you for bringing this to our attention,
Yours Sincerely Jane **Anglian Water***

Dr Chris Pamplin, Park House

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

An article from St Edmundsbury Rural North Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

IMPORTANT PUBLIC SAFETY INFORMATION

A couple of weeks ago in Needham Market a crime occurred known as - Fraud By False Representation.

An offender, fraudulently withdrew an amount of cash, using a bank card that had earlier that day been obtained from a resident within the Mid Suffolk Central area.

Prior to the male using and obtaining this card, a female telephoned the resident to inform them that their bankcard needed replacing and that a courier would attend their location with a replacement.

As the caller had the account holder's personal and bank account details, they believed the caller was genuine and when a male arrived a short time later, the householder handed over their bank card.

It was not until sometime later that the account holder realised that the replacement card they had been handed was not genuine.

Please note that this is not the first time such an incident has occurred within Suffolk and account holders are asked to remember that banks will never ask you to return an account card intact, especially not to any person at the door.

If the security of a card, either debit or credit is suspected of being compromised then banks would ask the card holder to cut up and destroy such cards themselves.

**PLEASE WARN OTHERS ABOUT THIS TYPE OF FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY AND BE VIGILANT
IF ANYONE PHONES YOU WITH ANY SIMILAR REQUESTS.**

BUENOS AIRES TO RIO DE JANEIRO MARCH 2012

We have this sort of “Bucket List” of things to do before we die and having seen *The Great Wall of China*, *Taj Mahal*, *Pyramids* and *Sydney Opera House*, amongst others, *South America* was next on our list. I know 2 nights in *Buenos Aires*, twelve nights on a 40,000 ton cruise liner (*quite small by modern day standards*) and two nights in *Rio* might seem a bit “wimpish”. I know there are some in the village who might back pack their way or even motor cycle up the coast of *Brazil*, but we like our home comforts!

To cut to the chase the Highlight of our trip for Ann was a tango show in *Buenos Aires* showing tango through the decades. The best bit of this for me was the steak - yummy and the unlimited wine! Actually being a bit musical I quite liked the band - two violins, piano, double bass a *bandoneous* (small accordion) and guitar.



The highlight of the trip for me was sitting on a beach watching a snake drop from a tree thirty feet above us, grabbing a kitten off a rock and dropping a further twenty feet to crash on the rocks with kitten in jaws a mere ten yards away from us.

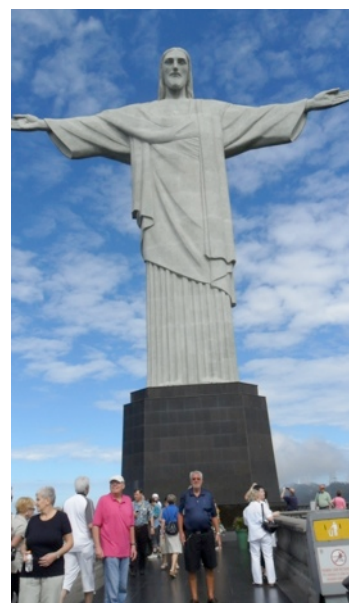
Now to the Boring Bits: *Buenos Aires* is known for three things *Tango*, *Marredona* and *The Disappeared*. I hadn't heard of *The Disappeared* but thirty years ago *Argentina* had a military dictatorship and 30,000 people mostly young student agitators “disappeared”. Every Thursday in the *Plaza de Mayo* Mothers march in a circle with pictures of their lost children around their necks.

Montevideo is the capital of *Uruguay* which is across the *River Plate* from *Buenos Aires*. The *Graff Spey* was sunk in the *River Plate*.

Santos in *Brazil* is the football club where *Pele* played; the ground only holds 20,000 which is smaller than *Portman Road*.

Rio de Janeiro is as stunning as we thought it would be. The views from *Christ The Redeemer* are fantastic 3.5 million people live in *Rio*, 0.6 million live in slums. When Ann found out from our tour guide we were staying in the only 5 star hotel in *Rio* in the middle of a slum I was in the dog house for a day - hard to talk myself out of that booking! (*It wasn't that bad*).

Norman Gibbs



THE HAWSTEAD VILLAGE SIGN

Has someone stolen the village sign ?

Have you noticed that the village sign is missing from its post? It looks rather curious without it, doesn't it?

Have no fear, it has not been stolen but has been temporarily removed for renovation works at the request of the Parish Council.

As the sign has been in location since 1994, the paintwork had become rather faded and it was felt that it was time for a little TLC.



John West asked me if I would undertake the repainting work. This was not something I have done before but I thought it might be an interesting exercise.

The sign was firstly given a basic clean *in situ* to examine its condition and to determine the type and condition of the existing paint surface. I thought that the paint might have been *stove enamelling* which would make renovation rather difficult. Luckily the paint appeared to be ordinary gloss paint, which could be easily repaired.

I next had to decide whether to do the work on site or take it back to my studio. Bearing in mind the vagaries of the weather it seemed sensible to remove the unit!

With the help of *John West* and *Bruce Monk* we lifted it down, very heavy, and carried it to the studio on a wheelbarrow.



Work is now proceeding and should be complete within the next two weeks.

Let's hope the paint job lasts another eighteen years!

Bill Crockford

Yes it's in Bill's studio!

CHANGES TO NOWTON PARK

It is hard to miss the garish double yellow lines now adorning the formerly picturesque road running alongside Nowton Park. These have been put down to stop people parking along the road and avoiding the new parking charges that St Edmundsbury BC have introduced at Nowton Park.

It now costs between £1.00-£2.00 to park at the Park, which seems a great shame for visitors. Nowton Park is a great attraction for young families in particular to spend a day enjoying the outdoors, using the play area, taking a picnic. It is sad that this facility is no longer available to them without a charge.

Hawstead Parish Council know that many of our community use Nowton Park and will be writing a formal letter to St Edmundsbury Borough Council expressing our disapproval over the parking charges, and that the pleasant drive into town has been ruined by the new yellow lines.

Jayne Robertson

SAFETY ON OUR ROADS

The Parish Council regard the safety of the roads in our community as of the utmost importance, and are working on ways to reduce the speed that cars travel through the village.

Of particular concern is the safety of the road at *Larkfield Corner* – next to Hawstead Hall. We all know of near-misses on this corner, and recently an accident proved that this is a traffic black spot.

The Parish Council have requested that Suffolk County Council put in place additional measures to highlight the road alignment, hence encouraging vehicles to approach the corner at a slower speed.

Unfortunately to date Suffolk C C does not feel that this section of road requires any additional safety measures and will not be taking any action. This is a great shame, and we hope that it does not take a serious accident for them to take notice.

The PC will not be deterred and will continue to put pressure on the County Council to improve the safety of this section of road.

If you have any comments about speeding traffic or road safety through Hawstead, please contact *Michael Harrison*, Parish Councillor or mharrison151@btinternet.com.

HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Hall bookings. The bookings continue to tick over nicely. We have six weddings booked for the summer. Also a number of anniversaries, family parties - some from within the village. Our policy of only taking two booking from outside continues, as luck would have it I have never had to say no to anyone yet!

Some of the youngsters in the village had a very productive time sewing bunting for the jubilee. Thank you to Jo Butt for organising it. It was an enjoyable day. It was great to see the hall being used in that way.

We did ask for any suggestions as to what people would like to do for the celebrations. We have set the date for the 2nd June. Is this the day that would be preferred? Most of the celebrations are taking place on the Monday, should we change our date? If you would like to be involved on this do let us know. The ideas so far are to have sports for the children, a Punch & Judy show, afternoon tea then a BBQ in the evening with music spanning the sixty years of the Queen's rein. If you have any other ideas, do get in touch with either the Community or the Parish Council.

We like the new idea of Parish Council Coffee Mornings. It is a pleasant way of finding out what is going on and meeting people; you don't need to have a reason to go just turn up for a chat.

The **AGM** will be in May. Date to be decided at our next meeting on the 16th April.

YOUNG LADIES OF HAWSTEAD MAKING BUNTING FOR THE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



NSPCC ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

Buy your tickets now for -

NSPCC ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

with Edward Crichton from Lacy Scott and Knight

Wednesday 2 May 2012 at 7.30pm

at Hawstead Village Hall, Hawstead IP29 5NP

£15 to include Wine and Finger Buffet

You may bring an item, at your own risk, for discussion

Tickets available from:

Susie Dove, The Old Bakery, The Street, Norton, Bury St Edmunds IP31 3LY

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NSPCC LADIES LUNCHEON CLUB

NSPCC LADIES WHO LUNCH

For any ladies in the village who have not previously heard of this there is a local West Suffolk branch of **NSPCC Ladies Who Lunch** which has been running for over a year now.

Four lunches are arranged per year at *Ravenwood Hall Hotel*. The first lunch of 2012 was held on 20th March and the next one is on the 12th June.

There have been a variety of speakers, but on this occasion it was a lively Fashion Show, with outfits provided by *Ice of Ixworth* and *Sally's Dress Agency*. 53 people attended the lunch, which raised £1,270.00 (including annual renewals and raffle takings) for the NSPCC.

For more information please contact:

Susie Dove on 01359 230807

email: dovesusie@aol.com

HAWSTEAD WINE CLUB

Another great evening for The “HATS” (Hawstead Appreciation and Tasting Society) took place on Thursday 29th March in the Village Hall. A selection of Rosé and Reds made from unusual grape varieties were sampled. The group enjoyed tasting the wines and the atmosphere, with discussions becoming quite noisy towards the end of the evening! Next month we have a speaker from Waitrose to present to us.

Dave Carter

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

HAWSTEAD BOOK CLUB

The April meeting was held at Geraldine West's on Wednesday 4th April where the book for discussion was “*The Secret Life of Bees*” by Sue Monk Kidd.

The story takes place in South Carolina in the 1960's and explores race, love and the idea of home in those turbulent times. Sue Monk Kidd brings the characters wonderfully to life and the book was enjoyed by everyone in the group.

Our next meeting will be on the 9th May, at 7.30 at Angela Parrett's house where we shall be discussing our current book, “*Before I Go To Sleep*” by S.J. Watson.

For further information please contact *Ann Gibbs* on 01284 388642.

HAWSTEAD CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Just a short up-date to let you know what we have been up to. On Thursday 8th March we played an away friendly match against Lavenham. This took place in their village hall which is quite magnificent.

The main hall is about three times the size of our hall and is high enough for badminton to take place. There are several smaller rooms within the complex. We were given a very warm welcome and thoroughly enjoyed the evening which finished with a substantial buffet and raffle.

Whilst we didn't win overall, we had three separate teams and did have a measure of success in some of the games.

We are now looking forward to our next friendly fixture which is a home game against Stanningfield. I would stress how very welcome any new members to the Club would be. Just to remind you, we meet Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m.

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:

17th May (Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Parish
Council meeting) **7pm**

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
held in members' homes

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

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

In the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

Community Council

Parish Council Coffee Morning

Mayday Morning

Diamond Jubilee

Village Fete

16th April (7:30pm)

28th April (10:30 - 12:00)

Tuesday 1st May (4.45 am -
outside Fyletts Manor Cottages)

2nd June

5th August

SPRING FLOWERS
PINFORD END
APRIL 2012

