
HAWSTEAD JOURNAL

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Hawstead Jubilee Celebrations

Hawstead Village Hall - Saturday 2nd June



Hawstead celebrations continue with... The Fete and Flower Show on 5th August

You will find the revised schedule in this Journal. The rules, timings etc will be in the July Journal along with the recipe for the delicious Guinness and chocolate cake.

The schedule has been amended to take into account the change of date .

The under seven's and fifteens now have their own classes.

It would be lovely if you could encourage your children to enter.

Children's art can be magical!

We could even have an art day in the hall during the holidays,
if you are interested let us know.

Sonja Monk

CHURCH SERVICES

JUNE

Sunday 10th

08.30 Said Eucharist

Sunday 24th

11.00 Parish Eucharist at **Hawstead**

HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

We were pleased with our Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and would like to express our grateful thanks to all the people who made it such a fun day! Some of the children are still singing Mr Punch's song! Didn't they do well.

We always say Hawstead's got Talent! We will need it again for the **Fete & Flower Show**.

The next meeting will be 16th July.

Sonja Monk



VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS

Voter registration forms will soon be dropping through letterboxes across the borough and St Edmundsbury Borough Council urges you to confirm your details as soon as possible.

The Electoral Service team are updating the Electoral Register two months earlier than usual as there will be an election for a Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner on November 15th 2012.

They require a response from every household, even if your details have not changed. You may not realise that you have to register every year and that you are not automatically registered even if you pay Council Tax. You may also find that not being on the electoral register can affect your credit rating.

If there are no changes to your details, please follow the instructions on the form to confirm this by phone, text or on the internet. Using these methods will save money because you won't need to post a reply.

If you need to make any changes, please amend your form and return it as soon as you can.

You need to respond by 8th October 2012. If you do not receive a form, or have a query about registration, please contact the Electoral Services team.

Telephone: 01284 757131 Email: elections@stedsbc.gov.uk

A PARISH PLAN FOR HAWSTEAD

A **Parish Plan** allows a community to decide what it wants, and for the residents to have a say in the future of the community.

That's why over 40% of Suffolk Parishes have already decided to prepare a Parish Plan.



Should Hawstead join them?

To find out more please join us

**Parish Plan Meeting
Wednesday 13th June, 7.30pm
Hawstead Village Hall**

Presentation by Annette Gray, Parish Plan Officer for Suffolk ACRE.

Cheese & Wine Refreshments

We hope to see you there.

Henry Brewis,

Hawstead Parish Council

HAWSTEAD JOURNAL - SPONSORS

A huge thank you to generous residents who have offered to sponsor the journal. If you would like to be included in the list of sponsors please contact judy@mmgd.co.uk.

HAWSTEAD JOURNAL - CONTRIBUTORS WELCOME

Jayne Robertson has kindly offered to edit the journal in July. Please could you forward any contributions to be included by Sunday 1st July to jayne@eastward.co.uk or contact her on 01284 386164.

HAWSTEAD COMPUTER COURSE

We will be holding courses in the village hall for those of you who would like to improve your ability to use your computer and gain a deeper understanding of the internet and information technology generally. We have been fortunate in securing the services of Magda Jowers as our tutor. Magda has used computers and information technology extensively during her professional life as a project manager. Magda's husband Philip will also be available during the sessions to help with any technical/hardware issues that you might have.

Each session will be for 1 hour from 2.30pm on Tuesday afternoons starting in September. Dates and details of course content are listed below. You can 'pick and mix' your sessions, attending those that are appropriate for your own needs.

There will be a charge of £5 per session*.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis so let me know as soon as possible if you would like to come along. Please contact me if you would like more information.

Geraldine West 01284 388732 geraldinewest@waitrose.com

*Please contact me if you would like to attend but unable to afford this amount.

Session 1 **Introduction to** **Computers** 25th September

The focus for this session is "The Basics" and is aimed at those who have never used a computer before. It may also be beneficial to those who know very little about computers and who want to hear a simplistic breakdown of the components which make up a "computer". The session will attempt to lift the lid on the myths of hardware and software. It offers a breakneck ride through computer fundamentals. The session will cover Operating Systems and introduce new users to the keyboard, function keys and cursor keys. It will then move on to the desktop, desktop icons and creating shortcuts to the desktop. The concept of menus will be reviewed and discussed. Finally a look at files and folders together with a short trip around file locations and disk drives.

The ultimate aim of this session is to enable the new or inexperienced user to understand what makes up a computer and how to navigate around the desktop.

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Session 2 **The Internet**

2nd October

This session will build upon the basics introduced in the first session and will be concerned primarily with “The Internet”. Delegates will be introduced to the concept of the World Wide Web and the definition of a browser. As well as discussing different browsers this session will look at how to find information, virus protection (specialist software as well as simple clearing of cache) and downloading of software from the internet (specifically Open Office and Skype).

Session 3 **e-mail**

9th October

The logical progression from the previous session will be to explore e-mail. This session will cover the downloading of e-mail programs, setting up e-mail accounts, sending and receiving e-mails and attaching documents/photographs to e-mails.

Session 4 **Word Processing**

16th October

Using the Open Office free software downloaded in an earlier session, delegates will learn how to open, edit, save and print simple documents.

Session 5 **Spreadsheets**

23rd October

Spreadsheets are incredibly flexible and powerful tools and have many uses. The session will look at simple spreadsheet functions and topics which many delegates may not have thought spreadsheets are suitable for – inventories (for your DVD or CD libraries), rotas for your club, etc.

Session 6 **Review**

30th October 2012

This session will review this pilot course. It may also be used to review a topic either briefly covered in the previous weeks or not covered at all.

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Great fun was had
outside and in



A visit from
The Royal Family?



The Hawstead
Shuffle?





Punch & Judy
for the kids
and adults



A superb feast was enjoyed by all



Our local quizmaster holding court



SUFFOLK SAFEKEY



Even the most careful of us can lose keys, and what an inconvenience that can be!

Hundreds of lost keys are handed in at stations all over the county every year and as most have no means of identifying their owner as such they remain lost property.

Suffolk Police is launching a scheme that can reunite members of the public with their lost or stolen keys, whilst supporting Suffolk's local charities.

Suffolk SAFEKey is an official service offered by Suffolk Constabulary, in partnership with Keycare Ltd, which is open to both residents and business owners and takes the stress out of losing valuable keys.

The scheme has previously been run as a keyholder database provision. It was re-launched on Monday 28th May to include the additional key fob recovery service.

This is an additional service to **Suffolk SAFEKey**'s existing keyholder database provision and is at no extra cost to current subscribers of the old scheme.

You can join **Suffolk SAFEKey** by visiting www.suffolk.safekey.org.uk/ or by calling 08444 121802.

Application forms will also be available at local police stations.

How key fob recovery works

The new key fob recovery service means that members are issued with key fobs, featuring the force crest and a unique identifying number.

People who find lost keys with the **Suffolk SAFEKey** fob are encouraged, through a £10 finders fee, to hand the keys to the police or send them to a secure postal address. Allowing for the keys to be returned to their rightful owner.

Whilst the service is called **Suffolk SAFEKey**, members of the scheme will be covered for lost keys anywhere in the UK and EU.

Chief Constable Simon Ash said "We have thousands of keys handed in at police stations across Suffolk that, despite our best efforts, can't be reunited with their rightful owner.

"From the equivalent of just £1 a month this additional service through **Suffolk SAFEKey** will help increase the likelihood of us getting your keys back to you.

"**Suffolk SAFEKey** has been established for four years primarily as a keyholder database. Although the Keyfob recovery is an additional service, there is no increase in cost to subscribers of the service."

Supporting local charity

Whilst there is a charge for joining this service, starting from £1 a month, any money generated above that required to operate **Suffolk SAFEKey** will support the Constabulary's charitable arm, the '*Safer Suffolk Foundation*'.

The Constabulary's charity aims to support projects and organisations that look to address policing, community safety and quality of life issues for those people living and working in Suffolk.

"Schemes like **Suffolk SAFEKey** are vital to funding the work of the *Safer Suffolk Foundation*. Since its launch in 2008, the Constabulary's charity has raised a staggering £109,063 which has supported local schemes and projects", said Mr Ash.

Stephen Singleton, Chief Executive Officer for the Suffolk Foundation said: "As the Suffolk Foundation helps administer the Constabulary's charity, assisting with identifying those projects within Suffolk that would benefit from funding, we see firsthand the impact the money from the Constabulary has on Suffolk's local communities.

The opportunity to increase this funding through the **Suffolk SAFEKey** service is something we support."

DOWN ON THE FARM

As all you gardeners will appreciate it was a slow start this spring with regards to getting the crops going. Luckily we only had our sugar beet to drill and the land was in excellent condition following preparation last autumn. We drilled our sugar beet early when the conditions were balmy (first few days in March, remember?) and thought at the time they would rocket away. Nature then played its card and produced what none of us expected throughout March and April with a catch up on the year's rainfall all in one go!

Progression since then has been the slowest we can recollect for spring drilled crops. The sugar beet were hammered by frosts upon emergence which is the last thing they need, they then had unseasonably cold weather through April and May. The pigeons grazed the sugar beet which is nearly unknown as we normally only have to worry about slugs, rabbits and hares. Fortunately the sun then came out and our efforts to keep the beet as healthy and clean as possible have been rewarded by huge growth over the past 10 days. We are hopeful this weather might continue as the Suffolk Show is only 10 days away as I write and we may just live up to the old adage *

Contrary to the sugar beet our wheat and oil seed rape have had to be kept in check to restrict excessive growth following the long warm dry winter. We think these crops continued their growth pattern due to the excellent soil structure achieved following the two drought years and the subsequent dryness of the winter reducing the normal leaching of many nutrients from the soil. Certainly we were very surprised by this continued growth but as is so often the case with agriculture we never really fully understand the ways of nature, sometimes it helps us and other times it hinders in a major way! We are envisaging vast swathes of the cereals throughout the country falling over and laying down flat this summer which will make harvest a big headache, reducing yields and ultimately quality. You will see soon enough whether or not we have done our job properly in Hawstead!

This spring saw the arrival to our small team of Richard Rosbrooke who joins Eddie Truin. Richard has joined us following the retirement of Colin Reeve. Colin has given many years loyal service to the family farm having been employed by John Brown and Sons since my grandfather arrived here in 1968 and at Hawstead Lodge with our predecessors for 7 years prior to that. He has worked the land and lived in the village for over 50 years. We wish him and Shirley a long and healthy retirement while he continues to grow some of the finest veg in the county in his garden at Hawstead Lodge.

This Summer we have taken on a harvest student who has grown up locally in Hartest and is very keen on learning about farming before heading off to university to study agriculture, it has been difficult in agriculture to find the time and money to invest in young keen future farmers but we feel we have now got the structure in place in our business to help with the training of a new entrant. This is the only way that agriculture can stave off the trend of the ever increasing age of its farmers and work force.

Elsewhere on the farm our holiday cottage is busy and the barn (www.suffolkbarn.co.uk) at Hawstead Place has several events on over the summer. The coarse fishing lakes are busy and giving lots of fun to many, Hawstead residents are welcome to come along at a discounted rate. See www.coarsefishingsuffolk.co.uk for details. There will be another update on the farming calendar following harvest.

**Old Farmers adage "They should touch in the row by the Suffolk Show"*

HAWSTEAD FARM VISIT

We are organising a trip around part of the farm on Tuesday 26th June for anyone in the village who would like to learn a little more about what goes on in the countryside and fields around them. Please let me know if you would like to join us, we can transport up to 20 people and will meet at Hawstead Place at 7pm prompt. We should be finished by 8.30pm.

Please contact on 07919 055515 or rupert@hawsteadplace.co.uk

Rupert Brown

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MUSIC FOR A SUMMER EVENING

The Aquarius Singers
present

Music for a Summer Evening

In All Saints Church Hawstead

Conducted by Gill Garside
Accompanied by Polly Carnegie

And featuring
Elena Lyutserina
Violinist

On Saturday 23rd June at 7.30pm

Tickets: £8 including wine and refreshments

Available from Christine Gossett, Tel 01284 386764
& Lesley Carey, Tel 01284 386132
or at the door on the evening

HAWSTEAD WINE CLUB

Richard and Jacquie presented May's meeting of "HATS" (Hawstead Appreciation and Tasting Society). The theme was "Wines from the Commonwealth" to celebrate the Jubilee. The wines ranged from a sparkling wine from New Zealand to a rosé from Giffords Hall Vinyard in Hartest, Suffolk. Other wines from Kent, South Africa and Australia were tasted. The Queen was toasted on several occasions!

Next month's meeting will be on Thursday 28th June at 8pm.

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

As we go to press, the monthly meeting of the club is due to take place at Sonja's house to discuss the book "*Sister*" by *Rosamund Lupton*. Our new book for this month is "*Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society*" by *Mary Ann Shaffer and Ann Barrows*.

We are a vibrant and chatty group, if you would like to join us please contact *Ann Gibbs* on 01284 388642.

HAWSTEAD OPEN GARDENS 2012

Mid to Late September
Date to be confirmed

After the success of last years open gardens we thought why not try and do it again!

So... we are looking for willing people to open their gardens to the public later in the year. "No" we hear you say "Its too small, too unkempt, too dull or too this or that." Please don't be deterred, it really doesn't matter what your garden is like, whether it is old or new, large, very large, small or tiny, full of interesting plants or just a calming lawn and trees.

Taking part will perhaps give you the incentive to get outside this summer and spend some enjoyable time weeding, hoeing and planting.

It will also provide you with the opportunity to enjoy some of Hawstead's many beautiful gardens, some with stunning views across the Suffolk countryside.

If you would be interested in opening your garden please contact me at: joandstevebutt@yahoo.co.uk or 01284 388817 so we can see what interest there is holding this event again.

Joe Butt

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:

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 AGM	7th June (7.30pm)
Parish Plan for Hawstead Meeting	13th June (7:30pm)
Community Council	16th July (7:30pm)
Parish Council Meeting	19th July (7.30pm)
Village Fete	5th August
Hawstead Open Garden 2012	Mid to Late September TBC
Macmillan Coffee Morning	29th September (10.30am-12.30pm)

*Start working on your gardens
for September!*

