
HAWSTEAD JOURNAL

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Hawstead Fete

Hawstead Village Hall - *Sunday 5th August - 2pm*



Some of our residents enjoying themselves at last years fete at the expense of our Parish Council Chairman

Don't forget our annual Village Fete and Fruit, Produce and Flower Show
THIS SUNDAY 5th August at 2pm.

All details and entry form for your contributions for the show was in your July edition of the Hawstead Journal. Remember we have a new category specifically for our younger residents.

There will be a variety of stalls, games on our newly mown green, delicious teas, a bar and barbeque.

It's not too late to **volunteer your help** on the day.

Please contact **Sonja** on sonjamonk@btinternet.com or
Jo on joandstevebutt@yahoo.co.uk

CHURCH SERVICES

AUGUST

Sunday 12th
08.30 Said Eucharist

Sunday 26th
11.00 Parish Eucharist at **Hawstead**

HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

As of the first of October we have a vacancy for a cleaner / caretaker for the village hall. This post could be split into two. It mainly involves weekends and Mondays. For more information please contact *Sonja Monk*, Spinney Cottage, The Pound.
sonjamonk@btinternet.com Tel 386876 by the end of August

We are delighted to have *Emma Hatton* joining the team. Emma will help with booking enquires. There is still a need to replace out treasurer next April. Anyone interested in taking that post should get in touch with *James Bulbrook*.
jbulbrook@aol.com

You are always most welcome to come to our meetings in the hall on the second Monday of the month.



SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST BIKE RIDE

The 31st Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Bike Ride 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 Bike Ride is a fun day when you cycle 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).

There have been no participants from this village for some years now and therefore it would be really great, especially in this Olympics year, if some of us took part. Sponsorship forms are available from *Michael Harrison* (386157).

Although we have not had participants recently, 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 Harrison* if you are available for this by phone or e-mail
mharrison151@btinternet.com.

Michael Harrison

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



Fizz On Friday

with music and canapés

In aid of St Nicholas Hospice Care and Aid to Hospitals Worldwide

Friday 7th September- 7 - 10pm

At the beautiful Hawstead Village Hall on The Green, Hawstead IP29 5NP, just a few minutes from Bury St Edmunds. The Village Hall is situated just before The Metcalfe Arms.

Enjoy an evening of drinks and canapés with music from The Piper Quartet, baritone Joe Dodd, guitarist James Hogg and musicians from County Upper School and the Suffolk Opera Chorus.

Tickets £15.00

Children £5.00

(includes drinks and canapés)



For tickets and further information contact Bridget Alexander:

Tel: 01284 749009

Email: bridgetalexander6@hotmail.com



Please make sure you get your tickets in advance, as it was a sell out last time and people had to be turned away!

Thank you, *Bridget Alexander*

HAWSTEAD FARM VISIT JUNE 26TH 2012

At 7pm around 20 villagers went to Hawstead Place to meet with Rupert Brown for a fascinating trip around the farm, which helped to explain many of the activities we see around the village and the reasons for the decisions made behind the scenes. We set off in a light sprinkle of rain to look at the series of lakes, originally constructed by the Drurys four hundred years ago to supply fresh fish to the big house. At the high point, a lake is fed by a spring by Long Wood, the most northerly part of the farm. Lower down, two further ponds support reed beds and fish (herons permitting) before the overflow decants into the River Lark. The system was upgraded by Oliver and Ben Powell and is now maintained by Rupert as a wildlife feature.

This area contains the majority of the grassland and permanent pasture, together with the wild bird and mature woodland. The group asked questions about wildlife management, subsidies and the financial effect on decisions about hedging and ditching. After buying the land from the Powells, the Browns farmed organically for five years before economics led to the present arrangement.

The next stop was the engine room of the business, Church Farm. A tour of the buildings introduced us to the crop storage and drying facility, tractors, spraying equipment and other heavy duty machinery. This led to a discussion about minimum cultivation versus deep ploughing, precision spraying and drilling.

A wide range of questions were asked. The involvement with the Camgrain co-operative for grain storage, futures trading of produce, purchase and safe storage of chemicals and application of fertilisers according to need using modern technology were discussed, as was the control of diseases and pests. The concerns about the use of chemicals versus organic methods and the concept of stewardship were fully appreciated. Soil and its condition are recognised to be the main resource and the aim is to pass it on to the next generation in a fit state to continue farming.



The tour concluded by going down the trackway at Pinford End to see the progress of the sugar beet crop. The possibility of using genetically modified seeds to minimise pest and disease control was talked about. Villagers' concerns about smells from sewage sludge, mud on road from beet harvesting were aired.

That farming is a business is widely appreciated and this trip gave us an insight into how complex it is. The points about balance between environmental concerns, finance and the need to feed the population were well made. It is amazing that over the last few years there has been such a rapid change in methods and approach, the use of technology and its sophistication. Not least, the vagaries of weather and Mother Nature brought home the level of knowledge and experience needed to end at harvest time with a saleable crop at a reasonable price and an adequate return on investment. By the way, the wheat this year is destined for Sainsburys.

By the end, at about 8.45 an enjoyable and interesting insight had been gained into what goes on.

Paul Caldwell

A NEW ARRIVAL IN HAWSTEAD



Alfie Jack Pruden, arrived very speedily on 26th May (on due date!) weighing 8lb1oz at 3.12am. We didn't make it to hospital (1hr 20 min labour!) so he was born in our lounge delivered by paramedics! We didn't plan a home birth but it feels very special that he was born here.

Katie Pruden

A beautifull picture of Alfie and his 'big' brother, Samuel.

Congratulations from all Hawstead Journal readers to the *Pruden* family.

CAN YOU HELP?

There is a magnificent white rabbit wandering sad and bewildered in the grounds of a recently vacated bungalow in Whepstead Road, Hawstead. Could someone give it a safe home? I was alarmed to see it on Monday night 23 July clearly at the mercy of cats or stoats. It has been wandering since John Smith passed away at the bungalow. Suitable for a child ?

Mr R. Blackwell

80TH BIRTHDAY

Jim and Ethel celebrating her 80th birthday at Hawstead Village Hall on the 30th June .



GARDENER / HANDYMAN REQUIRED

Wanted: Gardener / Handyman for minimum of 4 hours per week.
Please call *Rod Jackson* on 07425 848283.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

A Parish Plan for Hawstead – Follow Up

At the recent Parish Council meeting held on 19th July, it was decided that it would not be feasible to pursue a formal Parish Plan for Hawstead at the present time. This is mainly due to a lack of non Parish Council volunteers, plus the costs involved (grants are only available for a Parish Plan if it is carried out by an independent, non Parish Council committee).

However the Parish Council have been hugely encouraged by the many positive comments at the village meeting and feel that, together with the Community Council a great many of the objectives of the Parish Plan have already been identified and are being achieved.

The Parish Council drew up the following plan when it came into office in May 2011 and, although there is still much work to do, we feel confident that we are working towards fulfilling these objectives.

To;

- *Engage with villagers to understand their needs and concerns.*
- *Keep villagers informed about the work of the council and about local issues.*
- *Work together with all sectors of the community to achieve villagers' needs and aspirations.*
- *Represent villagers' views to the borough council and to other bodies as required.*
- *Deliver a high standard and cost-effective service to help meet the needs and wishes of villagers.*
- *Protect the environment within the means of the council.*
- *Pursue excellence through continuous improvement.*

Parish Council Coffee Mornings

Everyone is welcome at Parish Council meetings, and especially to the Coffee Mornings which are an informal opportunity for villagers to come along and have a chat to us with suggestions or concerns. There is very good Coffee and always Cake!

The next Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 18th August in the Village Hall, 10.30 – 12.00.

Help Us to Keep in Touch

If you would like to receive regular email updates regarding the work of Hawstead Parish Council, including agendas and minutes of meetings please contact *Henry Brewis* henry.brewis@thomson.co.uk . Alternatively all information is available on our website www.hawsteadparishcouncil.co.uk

VACANCY

Applications are invited for the post of

PARISH CLERK

Hawstead Parish Council

The successful applicant will be responsible for the administration of the parish council and will also be the Responsible Financial Officer

The Parish Clerk will be offered training to support this role and must be able to attend evening meetings of the parish council

**Salary Scale £8.34 to £11.93 per hour
depending on experience**

20 hours per month

**For further information and to obtain a Job Description
please contact:**

Clive Robinson – Hawstead Parish Council

Tel: 07796 271716 email: clive@robinsonsportfolio.co.uk

Applications by letter with CV.

Closing date for Applications: 14th September 2012

SUCCESS STORIES

ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY CHALLENGE

I did the 100 km ride from Bishops Stortford Football Club passing through many villages as far as Finchingfield. The weather was great apart from being a bit windy on the way back. My time was 4 hrs, 1 min raising a total of £376. I would like to thank all those who sponsored me.

Allen Simpson

IRONMAN AUSTRIA



Well, 1st July came and went, and I am now officially an Ironman. The weather chose a good day to post one of the highest temperatures ever recorded in Klagenfurt; 37 degrees in the shade and 47 degrees in the sun on the run course. Predicted times went out of the window as everyone concentrated on staying hydrated and avoiding heatstroke. On a cooler day I would have hoped for a time of around 12 hours, but not completing was not an option for me and so I took things slowly, finishing the 3800m swim, 112 mile bike ride and 26.2 mile run in 14 hours 49 minutes.

One of the things that kept me going was the thought of an eighteen year old girl called Laura. If you saw my first message a few months ago, you may remember that Laura lost her fight for life in February with three aggressive brain tumours. The charity that helped Laura and her family so much was Brain Tumour Research and Support across Yorkshire. I have been overwhelmed by the generosity shown by so many of you in response to my plea for sponsorship, but if anyone who perhaps missed it

first time around feels able to help, I would be so grateful

Please, please follow the link from my sponsorship page, www.justgiving.com/hayley-brewis to find out more, or pop an envelope through the door of Pinford End Farmhouse.

If you would like to read my blog on the event, go to www.hayleybrewis.wordpress.com

Hayley Brewis



**WEDNESDAY 19TH
SEPTEMBER 2012**

BRIDGE DRIVE

IN AID OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH HAWSTEAD

(Organ refurbishment fund)

AT

HAWSTEAD VILLAGE HALL

DIRECTOR RICHARD EVANS

2 pm for 2.30 pm

**£10 PER PERSON TO INCLUDE
AFTERNOON TEA**

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS

TEL: LESLEY CAREY on 01284 386132

EMAIL: lesleycarey32@btinternet.com



HAWSTEAD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you feel inclined to join in 'shoulder to shoulder' with village folk to simply cut back overgrown vegetation on our footpaths or help with other similar projects then please contact either myself or any other Councillor. It is good fun, we all have a laugh whilst carrying out some really worthwhile and community spirited work - normally followed by a trip to the pub afterwards!

Great if you do not know many people in the village and would like to **make new friends**.

Great if you want to **keep fit**, and enjoy that feel good feeling when do something selfless.

Great if you had friends and have fallen out or you have upset them and wish to either redeem yourself or re-acquaint yourself in a positive environment.

Some examples of projects we need volunteers for.

Footpath clearing, The Cranks in particular.

Village white entry gates, cleaning signage and strimming the base.

Village hall car park horizontal timber fence repair.

Litter pick, Charley does a tremendous amount but there is always more!

Checking grit bin levels ready for winter.

Please remember.....**Many hands make light work**

Thanks for reading this appeal and I look forward to hearing from you.

Clive Robinson

Tel: 07796 271716 e-mail: clive@robinsonsportfolio.co.uk

HAWSTEAD OPEN GARDENS 2012

I have only had four responses to my request for an Open Gardens Day. We are therefore unable to run the event this year.

We will try again in 2013, so get working on your gardens now!

Thanks to those of you who offered to open your gardens and I hope you will volunteer them again next year.

Joe Butt

The Hawstead Journal was kindly sponsored this month by
Douglas and Joyce Dainty

A big thank you to Jayne for editing last months journal. It is comforting to know that there are very capable villagers willing to step in when needed.

Thank you for your contributors this month. Next months Journal will be September and October combined. Please forward anything you have for these months by 15th September.

Judy Carter - Oakhill House, Pinford End,

Tel: 01284 386512 or judy@mmgd.co.uk

HAWSTEAD WINE CLUB

On July 26th HATS had a visit to Majestic Wine in Bury for a wine tasting evening. Jamie made us extremely welcome and it was very informative but also great fun. We sampled six wines on their own and then matched with various nibbles. We learnt how delicious smoked salmon was with Sancerre, but how unpleasant it was with Pinot Noir! Jamie has agreed to come and do a tasting for us in the village hall in the New Year.

Our group is growing, but we are always happy to see new members. The next meeting will be on Thursday 30th August at 8pm in the village hall.

Please contact Judy at judy@mmgd.co.uk for further details.

HAWSTEAD READING GROUP

Our meeting was held on 4th July which, at the time, was one of the hottest days of the year so far. We sat outside in Ruth's lovely quiet and peaceful setting to discuss the "Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

A lot of us felt it was unusual to read a book made up entirely of letters and were tempted to give up after a couple of chapters but I, for one was glad I persevered as it portrayed very well how the people of Guernsey fared under Nazi Occupation during World War 2 and how an unlikely love story developed. As the evening became a little chilly we finished with coffee and yummy biscuits and cakes in Ruth's lounge where she had a lively log burner going!

Please note there will not be an August meeting but we shall convene again at Woodlands at 7.30 p.m. on Wed. 5th September.

Happy Holidays! *Ann Gibbs*

HAWSTEAD CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Just an update on our progress. We have a home match on August 21st against Woolpit Bowls Club and then on August 28th we are going to their club for a return match. Our Chairman, Bill Crockford, has organized special club polo shirts for us – red with our own club badge. We are wearing them for our matches and will have a photo taken of us so that I can put it in the next journal. All we have to do now is win the matches!!!! Oh well, at least we will look the part!!

We would love to see any new members on a Tuesday evening at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall.

Rosemary Harrison.

HAWSTEAD COMPUTER COURSES

As mentioned in last month's Journal, 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.

Each session will be for 1 hour from 2.30pm on Tuesday afternoons starting on 25th September and will cost £5 per session (Please contact me if you would like to attend but unable to afford this amount).

Please let me know if you would like to come along or would like more information.

Thank you.

Geraldine West

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geraldinewest@waitrose.com

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:

Coffee Morning: 18th August 10.30 - 12.00

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.

Village Fete, Flower and Produce Show	5 August 2pm
Benefice Singles Lunch	7th August 12 noon
Community Council	13th August 7.30pm
Bridge Drive	19th September 2pm
Deanery Youth Day	22nd September
IT classes commencing	25th September
MacMillan Coffee Morning	29th September (details next month)
Harvest Supper Friday	12 October (details next month)



Harvesting in Pinford End