
HAWSTEAD JOURNAL

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CHRISTMAS FAYRE

December 2nd



*A Christmas Invitation from the
Crafty Ladies of Hawstead*

Sunday December 2nd from 11 am to 4pm

at

HAWSTEAD VILLAGE HALL

We shall be serving morning coffee and afternoon tea,
with a Christmas flavour!

Christmas stalls

with

Christmas goodies, wreaths to buy or to order, soft furnishings,
village craft work.

Look out for a leaflet drop

Anyone interested in joining in with this venture
should get in touch with

Either Jo 388817 or Sonja 386876



CHURCH SERVICES

NOVEMBER

Sunday 11th
08.30 Said Eucharist and Remembrance Service with Nowton in Hawstead Church

Sunday 25th
11.00 Parish Eucharist

DECEMBER

Sunday 9th
08.30 Said Eucharist

Sunday 16th
18.00 Hawstead & Nowton Carol Service at Hawstead Church

Sunday 23rd
11.00 Parish Eucharist

Monday 24th
21.30 Christmas Service with Nowton at Nowton Church.

HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Village Christmas Lunch



will be held in the Hall on the
20th of December
12.30 for 1.00pm



It seems no time since last year! Could you please book by the beginning of December so that we can order the turkey!! *Sonja 386876.*



The next Community Council meeting will be the 10th of December 7.30pm.

Roll up, roll up

Come and join the fun.

Bring your children, borrow some or come on your own...



Hawstead's traditional outing to the Theatre Royal pantomime this year will be on Friday 4th January at 2pm. We will be seeing Rapunzel and the Rascal Prince.

Regulars will know that whether you are 8 or 80, with or without children, you will enjoy a great, light-hearted afternoon's entertainment.

There is no charge for children of 16 or under – they will be paid for by the Community Council. Adult tickets are £20.

We have a limited number of tickets reserved so please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to reserve seats. Call me on 388732, email me at geraldinewest@waitrose.com or drop a note through the door at Kellycroft, The Green, Hawstead.

We do hope you will come along.

Geraldine West

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

The Community Council has **6 desktop computers** complete with monitor, processor, keyboard and mouse, which it no longer needs.

If you would like one of these PC's please contact me on 388732 or email geraldinewest@waitrose.com.

They will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis.

Although there is no charge, if you would like to make a donation, this will be given to St. Nicholas Hospice.

Geraldine West

WINTER WARMER RECIPE

Now the weather has turned autumnal this would make a welcome hearty lunch or why not make to hand round to friends and family on *Bonfire Night*?

SPICY DAL AND CARROT SOUP

This delicious, warming and nutritious soup uses split red lentils and carrots as the main ingredients and includes a selection of spices to give it a "KICK" it is simple to make and extremely good to eat. Just what is needed for a cold day, just add some buttered toast!

INGREDIENTS

4 oz / 115 g split red lentils,
washed and drained
2 pints / 950 ml vegetable stock
12 oz / 340 g carrots, peeled & sliced
2 onions, chopped
1 x 8 oz / 230 g can chopped tomatoes
2 garlic cloves, chopped

2 tbsp vegetable ghee or oil
1 tsp ground cumin
1 tsp ground coriander
1 fresh green chilli, seeded & chopped
or 1 tsp from a jar
1/2 tsp ground turmeric

1 tbsp lemon juice
Salt
1/2 pint / 250 ml milk
2 tbsp chopped fresh coriander
Natural yoghurt to taste



METHOD

Place lentils, 1 1/2 pints / 700 ml stock, carrots, onions, tomatoes, and garlic in large saucepan. Bring to the boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer for 30 minutes (until veg and lentils are tender).

Meanwhile, heat oil, add cumin, coriander, chilli and turmeric and fry gently for 1 minute. Remove from heat, stir in lemon juice and salt to taste.

Puree soup (in batches if necessary) in blender/food processor. Return to the saucepan, add spices and rest of stock, and simmer for 10 minutes.

Add milk, taste, and adjust seasoning as necessary. Stir in chopped coriander and reheat gently. Serve with a swirl of yoghurt.

This is enough for six servings. It can be frozen.

Sonja Monk

A WARTIME TRAGEDY

As November 11th approaches - an item of *Reflection*

TWO YOUNG MEN LINKED BY WARTIME TRAGEDY.

On Remembrance Day each November we think of the thousands of young men from distant parts of Britain who died in the 1914-18 war and the 1939-45 war but spare a thought for two men who have strong links with our very own village of Hawstead.

Raymond Mason was a Hawstead boy who joined the Suffolk Regiment in 1940 at Gibraltar Barracks. After 12 weeks training he was transferred to the Cambridgeshire Regiment to help bring that regiment up to strength. After more training on the Norfolk coast Raymond's army travels took him to Scotland, then Wales. Raymond, whose army nickname was "Slim" now was given embarkation leave. It meant he would soon be going overseas.



As Raymond, or "Slim" as his friends called him, sailed away he was not told where he was being sent. His regiment changed to a bigger ship at Halifax (Canada) then sailed to South Africa. Brief stays in Capetown and Mombasa followed before Slim's regiment sailed out into the Indian Ocean. All this no doubt seemed a great adventure to Slim but then the awful news was told to the troops. After the ship had been at sea for two days the troops were told they were going to Singapore to fight a determined enemy in the jungles of Malaya.

Slim saw many brave Suffolk friends die in terrible battles at Batu Pahat before eventually being ordered to retreat. Slim's comrades watched the slow collapse of resistance at Singapore as they fiercely defended the city, and then had the humiliation of surrendering and becoming prisoners of war. After enduring some months of virtual starvation and cruelty poor Slim contracted Cholera, there were no adequate medical facilities and Slim along with scores of other Suffolk men died from the disease.

Secondly, the 29 year old German Luftwaffe pilot Kurt Geisler flew from his airbase in Northern France on the evening of 23rd September 1943 in a Focke-Wulf 190, which was a top-of-the-range aircraft of the very latest design. The small plane carried one bomb and it is likely that Geisler was coming to drop the bomb on the main runway of an R.A.F. airfield to prevent our own planes from taking off that night. This had been done several times that year.

When flying near Newmarket Geisler's plane was spotted by a British plane, a Mosquito aircraft from Manston airfield in Kent. This plane was fitted with radar and could locate the enemy plane in the dark moonlight. The R.A.F. plane started firing at Geisler's plane and eventually both planes were flying over Hawstead. Until recently we had villagers who still remembered the German plane circling over Hawstead as it tried to hide in the clouds.

At last either because of gunfire or technical malfunction the enemy plane dived into the ground near Bell's Lane. Geisler had been unable to release the bomb and it exploded when the plane hit the ground, Geisler was killed instantly. The site has been examined many times by historical societies and nothing now remains.

Both Hawstead's young man "Slim" Raymond Mason and the foreign young man Kurt Geisler died far from home whilst doing their duty. Neither of them questioned the orders of the politicians that sent them to their deaths. They simply did their duty. Let us spare a thought for these two unfortunate men on Remembrance Day, and say a prayer for them.

Mr. R. Blackwell.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING in HAWSTEAD VILLAGE HALL
29th Sept. 2012 10.30am- 12.30pm

I would like to say thank you on behalf of MacMillan to everyone who helped in any way on the day or gave donations, baked delicious cakes and made preserves. Also a huge thank you to the people who attended the event and gave generously to the charity.

We raised the fantastic sum of **£855.00p**

Well done, we couldn't have done it without you!

Joyce Dainty and the hardworking team.

Many thanks to everyone who bought a raffle ticket for the cake, which was won by Jane Powell with ticket number 301.

Karen Caldwell



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



A NEW ARRIVAL IN PINFORD END

Cordelia Georgina East was born on the 1st September weighing 6lbs 8oz another quick and drug free birth for mum!

Mum and dad are over the moon but big sister Tabitha is still rather undecided - we await her verdict!

Anne and Toby



The Hawstead Journal was kindly sponsored this month by
Anne & Toby of The Grange, Church Road, Pinford End

A NEW IDEA

I thought it would be a good idea to have a '**Questions and Answers**' page in the Journal. It occurred to me that some of the residents who have been in our village for many years – some for several generations – will have a wide knowledge of village history, which could be shared with newer residents in our community.

One item of interest raised this month is the fact that we have no **War Memorial** in Hawstead. How unusual is this and does anyone know the reason why? However, we do have the names of those who lost their lives in both wars written on a board in the church.

If you have any questions please let me have them for next month's Journal. If you don't have a computer you are welcome to phone me or drop something through my door.

Judy Carter (Editor)

Thank you for your contributions this month. Our next Journal will be December. Please forward anything you have by 30th November.

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Frances Metcalfe



Frances Jane Metcalfe was the daughter of one **Martin Whish** and was the first wife of **Henry Metcalfe** of Hawstead House. She lived between 1794 – 1830 and was 36 years old when she died on 29th April 1830. There is also a wall-mounted memorial to Frances in the nave of the church with this inscription: “This tablet is erected by her affectionate, afflicted husband”.

We can tell from the hatchment that she is a married woman and that she has been survived by her husband because the background is split between black on the right-hand side (her side) and white on the left (black for death and white to indicate that the spouse is still alive).

The Metcalfe arms, depicted on the left side of the central shield, are very simple: three black calves walking (‘passant’ in heraldic terminology) across a silver background. The Whish one is much more complicated: the main part is in blue with a golden chevron and three gold coloured lion heads looking to the left. Above this, in a separate section (called the ‘chief’) there’s a red rose with a griffon’s head on each side.

As this is a hatchment for a woman there’s no helmet or crest at the top as there would be for a man (see Francis Hammond, HJ Sept/Oct). Instead, there’s considerable golden swirling decoration surmounted by a cherub. “Resurgam” at the bottom is Latin for “I shall arise again”.

Andy Parrett

Emma Colville nee Metcalfe



Emma Colville was a sister of Henry Metcalfe and the youngest daughter of **Christopher Barton Metcalfe** esq. and his wife **Sophia**. She lived 1795-1840 and died at the age of 45.

In 1825 Emma married the **Rev. Nathaniel Colville**, Rector of Great Livermere. They had two short-lived daughters Augusta Letitia (1827 – 37) and Clara Harriet Emma (1829 – 49)

Emma is buried in the churchyard at Hawstead, to the West of the porch and together with Augusta. This fact is recorded on a monument in the church, to the West of the main door. An adjacent memorial commemorates her second daughter, Clara.

The hatchment is similar in its representation to that of Frances Metcalfe (which has previously been described in this Journal): there's a background which is half black, half white on which sits a shield which is divided vertically into two, representing two family arms. As with Frances, the white background on the left indicates that she is survived by her husband.

As Emma was born a Metcalfe we see the simple design of the calves 'passant' on a silver background on the right side of the shield: the Colville arms on the left show in quarters a) an unidentified tower and b) a lion 'rampant' (= "rearing up to fight"). The lions have a curious 'label of three points' across and partially obscuring them.

Outside the shield we can see a cherub at the top (no helm or crest as this is for a woman) and the motto "Resurgam" (I shall arise again) at the bottom. All this is again similar to the hatchment for Frances Metcalfe: the remaining decorations, leaf-shaped and in red and silver, are quite different.

Andy Parrett

BREATHE EASY

Breathe Easy



A class combining Tia Chi, Yoga, and Pilates
With music to inspire your body and mind
Tuesdays 9.15am till 10.15am
Hawstead Village Hall
£5.00 a session
call Sam Reid 07850 207365
Please book in advance

HAWSTEAD WINE CLUB

HATS 27th September 2012

Two of our newer members, Maggie and David Fletcher, gave a really informative presentation, which was extremely well attended by 18 of us. The theme of the evening was entitled ***Connoisseurs or Cheapskates***. Are wines from the same grape variety worth twice as much as others?

In all we tasted twelve wines and as usual opinions were diverse, but the general consensus was it probably isn't worth paying "mega bucks" for a bottle of wine!

HATS 26th October 2012

For our October Wine Club we decided to attend the ***Cheese and Wine Quiz*** on Friday 26th in the village hall. This was a fun evening (apart from the smelly cheese!) which raised a fantastic £500 for ***St. Nicholas Hospice Care***. Many Thanks to *Bridget Alexander, Norman* and *Ann Gibbs* and their helpers.

New members welcome, please contact *Judy* on 01284 386512 or judy@mmgd.co.uk.

HAWSTEAD READING GROUP

October's meeting was held at Sonja's where we enjoyed a convivial evening of wine, nibbles and chat. The book for discussion was *"Two Caravans"* by *Marina Lewycka*. The story centres around a disparate group of Ukrainian, Polish and Chinese people living in two caravans in a Kent field and working as strawberry pickers for the farmer who owns the field.

They have come to England hoping to make better lives for themselves and the outcome is gritty, moving and quite comically slapstick in places. A good sequel to her first successful novel *"History of Tractors in Ukrainian"* and generally enjoyed by the group although there are some particularly distressing scenes when some of the strawberry pickers move on to work at a chicken rearing establishment.

The next meeting will be at *Jacque Milns* on Wednesday 7th November at 7.30 p.m. where we shall be discussing *"Perfect People"* by *Peter James*.

For further information about the Reading Group contact *Ann Gibbs* on 01284 388642.

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:

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.

Polling Station	15th November
Parish Council Meeting	15th November (meeting room) 7.30pm
Christmas Fayre	2nd December 11am - 4pm
Community Council	10th December 7.30pm
Benefice Singles Christmas Lunch	11th December
Hawstead Christmas Lunch	20th December 12.30pm for 1.00pm

*A Lakeland
Landscape in
Summer*

