

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(in the hall unless otherwise stated)

Parish Council - Thursday 16th September - Public Forum at 7.30 pm.

REGULAR EVENTS

Breathe Easy - Weekly on Tuesdays 9.30am - 10.30am

Craft Group - Last Wednesday of the month 10.30am - 1 pm

Carpet Bowls - Weekly on Tuesdays 7.30pm

Produce sale - 2nd and 4th Saturdays 11am - 1pm

LATER IN THE YEAR

A Village Party - in October date tba

St George's Day Celebration - Saturday 23rd April 2011

Village Quiz Night - Friday 10th December 7.30 pm

THE TWO OF US

The Theatre Royal Rural Tour came to Hawstead Village Hall again on Thursday 9 September and was once again graced with a full house.

This year's offering was "The Two of Us", a quartet of mostly light-hearted playlets on the theme of the relationships between married couples. There was some thought provoking stuff but the piece de resistance was the final farce based around a dinner party where the two actors played numerous parts to great effect and much laughter from the audience.

The interval was filled with good chat and a few glasses of bubbly to make it a very pleasant evening for everyone.

Looking forward to next year!

Richard and Jacqui Milns

Meeting a sad end
outside the Village Hall



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For the Village by the Village

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Hawstead Community Council



It was fun. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day. It was nice to see so many people out on the green in the sun and all helping each other.

The fete organisers want to thank everyone who did so much to make it a great success. There is a lot of talent in Hawstead. The face painting was exquisite, I was very tempted to have it done! Thanks to Sue from Park house - the children looked lovely. Some of you brought in extra help with family members even a spare pony from Somerton! Cobweb and Misty did a super job walking across the green and back. Thanks to Liz from Brook Cottage and Emma from Flyletts.

The tea tent was very busy and groaning with cakes. The cake designated to have its weight guessed was accidentally cut - so we had to eat it - it was well laced with whisky. It did not last long.

Fifteen tractors in a row, that was a lovely sight. I heard someone remark that the scene reminded them of the fifties. The tractors' "boys" as they are known, did us proud.

Nicholas Lowe from Oaksmede, the star attraction was superb, along with the Green Dragon's Morris Dancing Team, with our very own Fran. We were well entertained!

We took just under £1,500 this year, which was just a little less than last year, even though numbers of people attending appeared to be up.

Thank you all of you for your tremendous support not just this year but for all the years past.

I hope that I will be allowed to help next year!

Sonja monk
Chair
Hawstead Community Council

Hawstead Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 16th September in the Village Hall

The meeting will begin at 7.30 with a public forum when villagers can address Councillors directly

The Agenda items include the following -

- Parking in Bull Lane & Pinford End
- Byelaws
- Play spaces for teenagers
- **Maintenance of Public Spaces**
 - Field & footpath work
 - Play area
 - Millennium field
 - Churchyard
 - Village Hall
 - Tree Management
 - Grit bins and supply of salt
- Welcome Pack - Community Council
- Planning Applications & Approvals
- Finance update
- Financing the Hawstead Journal
- Chairman's report
- Reports from County Councillor Terry Clements, Borough Councillor Nigel Aitkens and the Community Police Officer

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Preserving the Environment

The Guardian newspaper has launched an initiative called Piece by Piece which they hope will become a showcase for local groups and campaigns that aim to preserve the biodiversity of the countryside. Piece by Piece enables local activists to exchange information and advice. It will help people to build powerful alliances that will stop or at least limit activities which would diminish our biodiversity and erode the natural capital that provides the clean air, fresh water, fertile soil and rich web of living things that we depend on. More details on the Guardian website - <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2010>

Richard Blackwell

St Edmundsbury Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team

We have also started up a project called 'Street A Week'. The objective is to make personal contact with every household in the identified street, introducing the SNT to the residents and identifying any community issues.

Some of you may have seen in other newsletters that we are currently tackling crime with the use of 'community resolutions'. This is where our trained officers deal with minor crimes (where the victim is agreeable) by way of a community resolution resulting in the swift conclusion of an incident. This may involve a letter of apology or compensation from the offender. This reduces paperwork and frees up the officer's time so that they can spend more time in the community. An example of how this may work is as follows:

A young male was identified as the offender in an incident of criminal damage to a local village hall. The Parish Council agreed that a community resolution would be a sensible punishment. The boy wrote a letter of apology and signed an agreement not to re-offend. He then emptied the rubbish bins and did a roadside litter pick, collecting around 100 litres of rubbish.

Pc 704 Ruth Horton

The Police non emergency number is 01284 774100, or you can e-mail us at - stedsruralsouth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Missing - can you help?

If you bought one of the loaves of bread auctioned at the fete and found a lump of metal in it, it will be the paddle from my bread-making machine, please can I have it back.... (I hope it hasn't caused problems with teeth or dentures in the meantime.)

Geraldine 388732

Newcomers to Hawstead

Judy and Dave Carter moved to Pinford End in June following 26 years at their previous home in Roxwell, Essex.

Both Judy and Dave were brought up in Kent; moving to Essex after their daughter, Victoria, was born in 1978. Their son, James, was born in 1980.

Dave's career path saw him working in photo/typesetting and Advertising Agencies in London for more years than he cares to remember. Recently he has returned to photography, re-training specifically as a wedding photographer, but enjoys any creative challenge.

Judy has spent most of her working life in solicitors' offices, specialising in family law, firstly in London, then Tunbridge Wells and latterly in Chelmsford. Work may beckon for Judy, albeit on a part-time basis, possibly in an altogether different field.

They have many interests between them, sharing a love of the outdoors and particularly walking and scrambling. They try to achieve at least three visits per year to the Lake District if time allows. You may well have seen them on their regular walks with their yellow Labrador, Maizie.

Dave's hobbies include golf and target shooting and Judy enjoys cooking, Yoga and swimming.

They are currently engrossed in improvements to their house, which they see as an evolving project.



Judy (left) on tea-tent duty on Sunday

Our thanks to Mike and Judy Sibley
for generously sponsoring this month's Hawstead Journal.

Father Geoffrey's 80th birthday celebration



Over 200 people attended the celebration in the Church and afterwards at the Village Hall. Fortunately the weather was good.

Rougham Air Show

Pat is awarded First Prize in the Tractor Class
with his Allis Chalmers B.



GREEN Fingers

*Summer is changing to autumn,
And the leaves start to fall from the trees
With the fast-fading sun,
There's a season begun,
More work for us all to achieve.*

With **September** comes the first shades of autumn, where the plants and trees of your garden crinkle and curl through a kaleidoscope of colours, their leaves and fronds turning from lush, living greens to beautiful, brilliant oranges, browns and reds. Nature can be quite spectacular in its seasonal death throes, and what a wonderful show is put on for our benefit as everything slides towards winter. Still, there is much more variety of colour besides in your beds and hedgerows, evident in the warmth of chrysanthemums and the delicate, glowing carpets of autumn bulbs like crocuses.

This is the month where the swallows are packing their bags to return to sunnier, more southerly climes, leaving behind a dying countryside for the tropical heat of places like Africa; you may even be contemplating joining them. Think twice before you do, though, because September is a particularly busy gardening month, and the discerning enthusiast should be wary of taking a trip to the shop, much less an excursion to a foreign country. Although many of us will feel a wilting of interest and an inclination to "let the garden go" rather than "let the garden grow", it is clear that early autumn in particular is not a time to let our green fingers go to rest.

September is the main month for bulb planting to ensure a beautiful spring display. Believe it or not, September is the best time for planting, because the soil is still warm from the summer and the natural autumnal rains give young plants a healthy start. Flower arrangers should also have much to do in gathering materials for perpetual arrangements. In the greenhouse, there is work to be done in preparing blooms for Christmas. This is the month when the ground-work should be laid for the start of the next year; when you should sow the seeds for the spring ahead in the ashes of autumn.

GENERAL JOBS for Autumn

Be on the lookout for mildew during the autumn months, as its prevalence is one of the biggest problems you will have to deal with. Mildew affects many plants, especially roses and Michaelmas daisies. You can usually control it by spraying fungicide, but plants that continue to be affected should be noted and replaced with a more resistant type.

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And the Winners were -

NEWMAN CUP - Jo Butt

SHERRIFF CUP - Jo Butt

MORTLOCK SHIELD - Joanne Abbott

UNDER 16 - Matthew Brown

PEWTER POT - Jo Butt

BOUQUET TROPHY - Joanne Abbott

HOLDWAY BOWL - Paul Caldwell

MILLENIUM TROPHY - Margaret Crockford

The Hoopla (adult) was won by Andrew Dawson 30 pts (Child) Matthew Brown 10 pts and Cydney 10pts. **Photo Competition** - 7 people had correct answers. Donna's name was drawn as the winner. **Bowling for a Pig** (adult) Alex Lowe £25 gift voucher, (Child) Charley Goodridge £5. Our thanks to Eric from 'Eric's Prime Cuts' for generously donating the £25 gift voucher.

Death of Stanley Lockwood

Stanley Lockwood served in the army with Raymond Mason, the only man from the village to die in the 1939-45 war. Raymond's name appears on the memorial in Hawstead church. In 1940 both men had been transferred from the Suffolk Regiment into the Cambridgeshire Regiment to "make up the numbers" in the regiments. By 1942 the two friends were on a troopship heading for Singapore which was facing a Japanese invasion.

Very soon both men were involved in fierce fighting in the jungle. The constant need to retreat caused them to eventually end up in Singapore itself. Despite heroic resistance Singapore surrendered to the Japanese and both Stanley and Raymond now faced a difficult life in a prisoner-of-war camp.

The hardships in these camps are well known and in due course an epidemic of Cholera caused Raymond to lose his life. After the war Stanley came home and wrote a book about his experiences. It is called "Unbelievable But True" and can be bought in Bury bookshops, although you may have to order it.

I knew Stanley very well. He described to me how Raymond showed extreme bravery in the final days of the fighting, if it could have been witnessed by senior officers it would certainly have merited the Distinguished Service Medal or even a V.C. for Raymond.

Alas, like so many heroes he has gone without the award he deserved.

Richard Blackwell



**Flowers
and
Produce**



Green Fingers Contd...

Any crops that have finished for the season, like cabbage and peas, should also be cleared away. Take cuttings from evergreen shrubs like geraniums and hydrangeas. At this time of year, you should take care of roses and their dead flowers and continue to spray against disease. Add a little dash of sulphate of potash to the beds and rake in. Potash is a fast-acting fertiliser, which provides the essential nutrient potassium.

An application of potash will strengthen your plants and make them more weather and disease-resistant. It will also encourage flower formation and colour, leading to better blooms and higher yields. Remember that mature side shoots of climbing roses can be used as cuttings. Make sure it is about 10 inches long with angled cuts just above the top leaf but slightly below the bottom leaf. Once you've removed all the leaves except the top pair, you can dip the shoots of the roses in a rooting compound and then place it into a sand in a trench at the back of your garden. And, don't forget your lawn! Start to give your lawn a final scarification and an autumn feed with fertiliser.

Make Hay While the Sun Shines

If you're one of the people who thought they could shut their curtains over the autumn and let the months slide into spring with the central heating on full power and a cosy rug draped over their legs, then I hope this feature has given you cause to change your mind. With the first frost of winter not as far away as we would hope, there is still much to do outdoors in preparation. Don't holster those green fingers just yet

Rosie Greengrass



Don't forget to come along to the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of McMillan Cancer Support in the Village Hall on Friday 24th September from 10.30 am.

Village Hall Quiz Night

With our very own quizmasters Clive of Cullum House and Mark from the Metcalfe. Friday 10th December. Details to follow.



The Fete

