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What started as a labour of passion for the villagers of Hawstead some 5 years ago, where when prior to, had never had its own village publication, actually became a reality thanks to Brian Kew. When he got on his "bike" and made it happen - the Hawstead Journal.

Starting as it did, with a set of values which he considered the journal should aspire to, to give it its own personality, together with one volunteer proof reader - Jan his wife, he set about writing and composing articles of interest for its local readership. Writing the various articles was one thing but it required publishing which in turn needed paper, ink and a printer. So he set about sourcing and very kindly, a villager donated the services of his employer's printing department to rise to the challenge.

Within 18 months he had local people asking if they too could write an article of interest and quickly the idea caught on with others also wanting to contribute.

However, it required delivering and this he did, pedalling his bike every "carbon free" mile around the village every month - something which now politicians of every colour are trying to persuade us to consider. Whether it was early or late deliveries (depending if winter or summer months) the Journal was delivered to each and every Hawstead household.

After some two years of generous sponsorship by Cecil Larter, Brian had to find alternative sponsors to continue the HJ publication, which he did, until the Parish Council voted to oversee and finance it for the benefit of the village.

Roll on time, to today, we now have a regular monthly journal, fully financed and supported by the Parish Council, delivered by a team of volunteer walkers, a list of monthly editors, compilers and its very own colour laser printer. Plus of course, its own readership of Hawstead villagers (plus who knows where else it may be sent to, by its recipient), without which, the Hawstead Journal would not have evolved.

So for those who read our Journal, hopefully with anticipation and have then wondered how and when it came about, they are now as knowledgeable as the rest of us, of the Hawstead Journal's history.

Next month's Editor is Joan Cook 386711

Articles for inclusion to the Editor please - BEFORE 25th of June

Our thanks to Malcolm for compiling this edition.

Editor: Geraldine West

Hawstead Journal

For the Village by the Village

June 2007

Parish Council

Annual General Meeting

May was the month when local elections were held across the country. In Hawstead every four years all the retiring councillors or villagers wishing to become councillors must be re-elected or elected to the Parish Council. However elections only take place when the number of people nominated exceeds the seven seats that make up the council. At the closing date five people had put themselves forward and thus no election was needed.

Mrs Ros Alexander, Mr Malcolm Cornwell, Mr Andy Evershed, Mr Brian Kew and Mr Richard Milns met for the first time at the AGM held in All Saints Church on Thursday 24th May.

First task was to elect a Chairman and Brian Kew as re-elected, with Malcolm Cornwell being elected as Vice Chairman.

As an outcome of Brian Kew's appeal in last months Journal for villagers to put themselves forward to fill the remaining two seats, three people approached him. One generously withdrew and thus the Chairman was pleased to welcome Mrs Christabel Carr and Mrs Karen Cauldwell who were duly co-opted as Councillors.

An amendment was made to Standing Orders to provide the framework within which the Council must operate, which clarifies the position of members of the public who wish to address the Parish Council.

Anyone who is eligible to speak, may now do so providing they have sought the permission of the Chairman prior to the commencement of the meeting. With this amendment in-place, it was possible to proceed to the adoption of the revised Code of Conduct relating to parish councils who are required to adopt the code by Central Government. In both matters the vote was carried unanimously with one abstention.

Routine matters were dealt with and a final resolution bought a piece of work which had continued over several years to a satisfactory conclusion. This was an exchange of land between the Parish Council and Mr Glynn Hammond. The resolution was passed without dissent and the documents signed and there being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Annual Village Meeting

This immediately followed the AGM and was well attended with some fifteen villagers present, Mr Terry Clements - County Councillor, Mr Nigel Aitkins - Borough Councillor, Mr Simon Miller, Churchwarden, Mrs Sonja Monk and Mr James Carr, with an apology from the Police.

Mr Brian Kew opened the proceedings by welcoming everyone to the meeting and went on to present his report which included the achievements of the Council over the year; new ten year grant negotiated with Natural England (formerly DEFRA) for the maintenance of the Green; the Councils continuing financial support of the Hawstead Journal; signing of a lease between the Parish Council and the Community Council in respect of the site of the new village hall and the ongoing dialogue with SCC Highways Dept, in an attempt to keep the roads well maintained. He went on to say that during the year there had been eleven planning applications nine of which had been approved by the St. Edmundsbury Planning Dept. The congestion in Whepstead Road caused by parked cars was also being looked into and Malcolm Cornwell together with Mr Alan Simpson were setting up meetings between the residents, Havebury Housing and SCC Highways Dept in an attempt to improve the situation.

For the future, work parties during the autumn and winter months were being planned to meet the requirements of Natural England. An opportunity provided by recent legislation to register small parcels of common land hitherto omitted was also going to be investigated.

In conclusion, the Chairman spoke of the difficulties that Councillors faced maintaining a balance in a small community between meeting the needs of individuals and the community at large and where in some instances decisions that were reached by other authorities were laid at the door of the Parish Council. He said that he had served the Parish to the best of his ability but now felt that he had no more to give and therefore was resigning. On that note Brian Kew then left the meeting.

As Vice Chairman, Councillor Malcolm Cornwell took the Chair and a proposal of thanks to Brian Kew by Mrs Christabel Carr was warmly endorsed.

The meeting continued with reports being presented by County Councillor Mr Terry Clements and Borough Councillor Mr Nigel Aitkins. Both of these reports were followed by periods of lively questioning. A report prepared by the Rev. Martin Thrower was read by Miss Jane Powell on behalf of the Parochial Parish Council. Mrs Sonja Monk attended the meeting in time to read a report on behalf of the Community Council and Mrs Karen Caldwell received applause at the end of her detailed and thoughtful presentation as History Recorder.

The Vice Chairman concluded the evening by thanking all those who had made reports. He went on to pay a tribute to Brian Kew and to express his regrets at his resignation and finally thanked the villagers for attending.

Wildflower walk through two County Wildlife Sites in Hawstead

Wednesday 13th June, starting at Cullum Cottage at 6.30pm.

Although Suffolk has lost 98% of old species rich wildflower meadows since 1945, Hawstead still has two grassland County Wildlife Sites with an abundance of wild flowers. All are very welcome for a guided walk looking at the flora and fauna in these traditionally managed species-rich areas of grassland on your doorstep. There will be a series of short talks covering



subjects such as butterflies, wet and dry grassland flora ponds, amphibians and reptiles including great crested newts and with a bit of luck we hope for a magical evening with lots of wildlife to see.

The walk will be an enjoyable yet informative meander for about an hour through the small unimproved meadows behind Cullum Cottage leading out across Hawstead Green, ending conveniently close to the newly reopened Metcalfe Arms PH Parking available at Cullum Cottage, Village Hall car park or Metcalfe Arms.

This event is one of a series of Grassland Gatherings organised by Suffolk Wildlife Trust across the County this summer.

Please contact James or Christabel Carr (386245) for more details

COFFEE MORNING Including sale of plants, cakes & bric-a-brac, plus a raffle at 6 Hardwick Lane, Bury St Edmunds, on Thursday 14th June 10 -12am. All proceeds to St Nicholas' Hospice in recognition of their loving care of **Les Pettitt**

For sale

Christabel or James Carr 386245

Traditionally reared Hawstead Lamb, simply fattened on spring grass

Interested in buying locally grown lamb at £5 per kilo.

Half (10kg) / Whole (20kg) and all butchered to your requirements..

Seen by Brian Kew with one witness - a pair of Buzzards, circling over the "top end" of Whepstead Road, on 18th May at 11.30.

The light wind at the time was in a southerly direction, so whether they were looking for a suitable nesting area or were just drifting on the air currents, remains to be seen!. If anybody else, see these during the subsequent days of May, please inform the Editor, who will be pleased to insert the notice in our next Village Journal issue.

1st Cuckoo heard in Hawstead 17th May, can anybody else report one being earlier ?

Ragtime at Flatts farm

We do not have our new village hall yet to use, so mean while you are invited to Flatts Farm to our very informal rugging group which are every 3rd Wednesday in the month at 2pm. **Ruth Mackay 388085**

Horse Manure for Sale - compost heaps, great for gardens, plentiful supply of small or large quantities **Christabel / James Carr 386245**

Find out how arches are built at Moyses Hall Museum on 22nd June and look out for other events during Architecture Week from 16th June. Shakespeare's 'Midsummer Night's Dream' Abbey Gardens 28th June Go for a walk at dawn, smell the dew, see the sun rise, hear the dawn chorus and be thankful to live in this beautiful village of Hawstead.



For more information visit tourist information or www.burystedmundstourism.co.uk

Historic items in Hawstead Church



Have you ever looked up at the 'paintings' high up on the walls of the bell tower in our church and wondered what they are and what they represent ?



They are called 'hatchments' and are the crests of four members of the Metcalfe family and one of the Hammond family and were carried on a pole (without the surrounding heavy frames) in front of the funeral procession of the person in question. The earliest dates back to 1727 and were obviously of great historic interest. A professional inspection was carried out by a specialist conservator in 2004 as their condition was causing concern. It was apparent from the floor level that they were in a dirty state with flaking paint and some holes in their surfaces. A closer inspection from a scaffolding revealed their true state to be very fragile and needing much work to return them to a good condition. As much of the original material must of course be retained without 'modernising' the works.

The current estimate of the renovation work together with their removal, re-erection, scaffolding and new non-corroding supports is in the region of £12,000 of which, approximately 25% has been raised to date and applications to charitable bodies for further funding is ongoing.

Funding from the All Saints coffers is not possible owing to various demands of capital works necessary to the building fabric. The Faculty (approval) for their removal for renovation has been obtained from the church authorities so all that remains is to raise the necessary balance of the funding for the work. Anyone who wishes to assist financially no matter how small, please contact Bill Crockford 388467 and a copy of the conservator's report is available for inspection.

Our thanks to Tony Hillman for all of his work in pursuing this matter so diligently before his recent retirement.



A new resident in Hawstead

Griff has moved into Hawstead- to Kellycroft, opposite the green. He does not seem to be very good at finding his way home and was recently missing for a few days, so if you see him wandering near you, Please let us know. John and Geraldine 388732.

The questions surrounding the ownership of Cullum House were resolved satisfactorily. Following a period of tenancy, the property was sold and in April 2007, the Directors of the Diocese approved a £100,000 grant to Hawstead PCC / St. Edmundsbury Way Benefice for the village hall. This was followed by the signing of the lease of the land for the new building between the Parish Council and the Community Council in May 2007. Previously, the design of the structure had been chosen by ballot and representatives of the Community Council Committee visited the factory making the oak frame building in June 2006. The planning application was made to St. Edmundsbury BC in July 2006.

Fund raising activities throughout the year were numerous and started with the annual plant sale on 20th May 2006 and followed by a picnic on June 10th on the green. Also in June, a stall was manned in the Abbey Gardens. The Village Festival and Flower Show on 3rd September took place on a very windy day.

A strong gale in the morning meant extra work to secure the tents but fortunately it abated for the afternoon of the show and for the music later that evening. Other events were a stall in the Guildhall in Bury on 2nd Dec; the 9th Dec Christmas market in the church; Easter Day egg hunt; annual plant sale 26th May 2007.

A monthly draw started in August 2006, together with the sale of hall roof tiles. The Community Council also subsidised the Dec 21st village Christmas lunch and the Dec 29th trip to the pantomime (Aladdin in the big top in Nowton Park). The Community Council AGM is to be held on 31st May 2007.

Last year also marked the passing away of Elsa Kilpatrick, on 12th May 2006 who had lived at Cullum House for over 40 years and was a stalwart of the village. Among other things, she was the instigator and first chairman of the Hawstead Community Council Committee in 1971. A tribute was published in the June 2006 issue of the Hawstead Journal. A tribute to Norman Fearon, who we lost in December 2005, lay reader for 5 years at Hawstead Church, was published in June 2006. Lesley Pettitt, originally of Mill Post Farm in Whepstead Road, died in January with a memorial service held on the 15th February 2007.

The PCC passed new rules concerning the care and maintenance of tombs, headstones and memorials, under advisement from the diocese. Our curate, the Rev Rob James was ordained as priest on 25th June 2006 and in June 2007 moves to a pastoral position in Gloucestershire. Tony Hillman stood down after 15 years as Church Warden and Lay Elder in March 2007. Suffolk Historic Churches sponsored cycle ride on 9th September again included Hawstead.

Harvest supper was held in the Barn at Church Farm House on 23rd September 2006. Christmas carols and readings were given in the church on 17th Dec. The Aquarius Singers performed Faure Requiem on 1st April (Palm Sunday). At the PCC's AGM on Wed 28th March, Lesley Carey and Simon Miller were appointed as church wardens.

December 2006, a traffic management experiment in Gypsy Lane/Hardwick Lane had a knock-on effect in the village. One of the consequences of the making the two roads one-way was to make the access to and from the hospital, A14 and the eastern side of Bury more difficult. Traffic increased through the village, along Whepstead Road and Bull Lane in Pinford End as commuters found alternative routes. Reflecting strong local opposition, the borough council agreed to suspend the experiment but retained Hardwick Lane one way.

A large pot hole on the bridge at Pinford End was repaired in August 2006 together with verges on the lanes. Bull Lane was resurfaced in March 2007. Broadband speeds to Hawstead from the Sicklesmere exchange to increased to 8GB. Digital radio Broadcasting in St. Edmundsbury area became accessible in Hawstead.

18th January began with a gale force SW wind, in the afternoon the temperature was a mild 13.5C but the wind increased, resulting in 3 mature trees being blown over and minor damage to buildings.

The tenants of the village's local hostelry, the Metcalfe Arms, left at the end of October 2006. It was hoped that it would be re-opened by Christmas, however, problems with legal issues with the demise of the owners London and Edinburgh Inns caused delays. The new owners Oxford Hotels and Inns Ltd, meant the new tenants, Nigel and Ann Pink, could not start refurbishment and repairs until March. The latest information is that the pub may open shortly - during the first week of June.

Local elections were not required for the Parish Council on 3rd May, since there were only 5 nominations for the 7 available places.

For the second successive year, a traditional May Day celebration was held at 4.30a.m, with the Green Dragon Morris group dancing on the corner of the village green at the top of Bells Lane, followed by breakfast at Fyletts Manor Cottages.

The Council Tax for Hawstead houses was increased by 4.5% for 2007/08 compared to last year, an increase of 4.5% SCC, 2.9% St Edmundsbury BC, 8.6% Hawstead PC and 5.0% Suffolk Police Authority.

Finally, as recorded by the Land Registry in the year to 1st May 2007, there was one house sold in Bull Hill, 2 houses sold in The Pound and 1 house sold in the post code area of Whepstead Road.

Karen Caldwell

All Saints Church – Hawstead SERVICES

June	Sunday 10th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	Sunday 22nd	11am	Parish Eucharist

Evening Prayer.

An opportunity for silent/ contemplative prayer and to pray for the parish and benefice is held every **Wednesday** in the church **5-5.30pm**
All are welcome.

The church is open every day from 9am to 5pm

For all other Services in the Benefice please see Church Notice board

Things to do this month

Walk in the Park with afternoon tea at Ickworth House.

Visit 'Joking Aside' at the Art Gallery in Bury - until 16th June

This exhibition explores the ways in which humour is used by artists to provide a variety of views on modern life.

Have a picnic on the village green, or just take a book and a blanket and enjoy its peace and beauty.

Take the children to Dunwich Heath Coastal Centre & Beach. A remote and beautiful stretch of Suffolk coastline, with heathland and shore-side walks and have afternoon tea at the old Coastguard Cottages.

Buy (or sell) your home grown/home made produce from our very own 'farmer's market' on the village green.

Turn out your cupboards and send your unwanted, un-used and or un-loved belongings back out into the universe for someone else to enjoy.

Listen to Lyra from St Petersburg Russia - Chants of the Russian Orthodox church and folk songs from Russia. St Mary's Church, Bury 9th June 7.30 £8

Be enchanted by the Bury Bach Choir, 9th June - see HJ article.

Moth Night - Get a close up look at the amazing and colourful small creatures that come out in West Stow Country Park at night, with help from experts and specialist equipment, 9th June 9.30 - 11pm.

Meet the residents, drink /eat as often as possible at our Metcalfe Arms.

Take part in the Bury Bike Ride, for charity. Cycle, walk, run or amble around the Abbey Gardens on 10th June - from 9 am.

Celebrate rural living past & present - Euston Hall 10th June from 10am

Enjoy a noodles takeaway.

Help with tree maintenance at Natterer's Wood, Kingswood Road, Bury 10th June 10 - 12 am and on the evening of the 28th.

Take part in the wildflower walk 13th - see separate HJ article.

Find out about buttons from Sigrid Josefowski, button collector. Moyses Hall Museum, 15th June from 10 am.

Have fun spending your 'pocket money' at St John's Street Fayre 16th June - stalls, exhibitions and street entertainment.

Visit the hidden gardens of Bury - an absolute must do this one! Over 30 real gardens that are usually hidden behind ancient street walls - created and maintained with love by their owners. 17th June.

Listen to your favourite piece of music.

Take a ramble around Nowton Park with a Ranger to discover more about wildlife. 30th June 2pm.

Learn to make a leather belt in the Anglo-Saxon style at West Stow 1st July

Visit the library and immerse yourself in a good book.

Take a fresh look at the 2nd World War with Taff Gillingham at Moyses Hall Museum 6th July from 10am



This **irresistible** ice cream is a luxurious combination of fresh lemons, honey and buttery lemon curd – and it's simple to make too.

Makes 8 cornets with a preparation time of 15 mins, 4-5 hours freezing.

Nutrition 325kcal

21.1g fat, 12.7g saturated fat, 0.1g salt and 20.1g sugars per cornet

Ingredients 1 unwaxed lemon, 284ml pot Double Cream, 3 tbsp Pure Clear Honey
 ½ x 500g pot Natural Bio Wholemilk Yogurt, ½ x 325g jar Luxury Lemon Curd

Instructions

Finely grate the zest and squeeze the juice from the lemon and reserve a little of the zest for decoration. Then very lightly whip the cream with an electric or hand whisk until it is just starting to thicken but has not yet formed into stiff peaks.

Using a metal spoon, fold in the lemon zest and juice, honey and yogurt. Gradually fold in the lemon curd then pour into a 1 litre freezer proof tub with lid and place in the freezer for 4-5 hours until fully frozen. Remove every hour or so to stir with a fork, making sure the more frozen edges are mixed in and if making in advance, take out of the freezer and place in the fridge for 15-20 minutes to soften slightly before serving.

Use a scoop to place the ice cream in the cones.

Drizzle with a little extra honey and decorate with the reserved lemon zest.



Hawstead's
 very own Flower show at the
 Church car park on the 26th May

HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Village Hall Update

The order for the new Village Hall building has been placed and contracts exchanged. Hopefully, we will now all see some activity on Hawstead Green, commencing the second half of July and if all goes well, the building should be up by the end of October.

Richard Milnes

Village Hall Draw Winners

May

Draw made on 31/5/07 witnessed by Sonja Monk

1st	035	M Crockford	£17.40
2nd	088	A Hillman	4.64
3rd	044	N Gibbs	1.16

The Hawstead Community Council would like to thank all those within the village, and a few without, who have supported the village draw during the last year.

By the end of June 07, the draw will have made a total of £1095.25 for the village hall fund after the payment of £273.80 in prizes, being 25% of the ticket money.

First prize is 50% of the monthly prize money, with 2nd being 20% and the 3rd prize of 5%.

Up until the end of May 07, seventeen of the thirty one participants have won, one or more times.

We are relying on people to support the Draw and for others to join us, by continuing their standing orders or renewing annual or monthly payments.

Since the closure of the Pub we have had no public space to conduct the Draw, so it has had to be held in committee member's homes, always witnessed. With the imminent re-opening of the Metcalfe Arms we can hopefully resume drawing the numbers in the Public bar until our new hall is available.

Your continued support of the Draw should go a long way to offset the running costs of the much awaited new Hall. Therefore, with additional members will come bigger prizes and additional financial benefit to the Village hall fund.

Each draw ticket will cost just £1 per month.

To renew your subscription or to join the Village Hall Draw, please contact the Promoter:

Sylvia Miller, 'Hillside' Whepstead Rd tel 01284 388841

Metcalfe Arms Pub is very nearly ready for re opening.

Anne and Nigel's original planned opening has been delayed due to various issues but now plan to open to the public on Friday 8th June 2007. However, Anne, Nigel, Haley and Matthew are looking forward to meeting all Hawstead residents and therefore have arranged a private pre-opening evening and **Your invitation is printed below.**

Anne & Nigel invite all Hawstead residents to a pre opening evening at the newly refurbished pub on Thursday 7th June. Doors open 7.30-9.30pm with free buffet served from 8.00pm.

This is a private function and unfortunately our present licensing restrictions will not allow children in the bar area but will be most welcome in the beer garden, where a marquee will be erected.

We will be operating a "non smoking" premises.

Please bring this invite for entry

Village Resident Dies at Ripe Old Age!

At the back of our house there are two ancient oak trees. One of which had died shortly before we came to live here ten years ago and the other was in decline, where several of the huge branches were dead and the entire trunk hollow. Over the years since we moved in, two massive branches have fallen, the first landed on the drive at the back of the house one still summer afternoon and the other fell from the opposite side a few years later again in still hot weather.

Sadly this spring the few remaining live branches have failed to produce any shoots and although there is still a bit of green under the bark, I think the old tree has finally succumbed to age and decay. Several people experienced in arboriculture have variously aged the trees at between 500 and 800 years, which puts them, as acorns, somewhere between Henry III and Henry VIII.

Despite the fact both trees are now dead, they are still both 'alive', being home to lesser stag beetles feeding in the decaying wood; a bee's nest, jackdaws and stock doves nesting in the dead hollow branches and tree creepers nesting under the peeling bark. The massive trunks measure more than 2 metres at ground level and huge beef steak fungus (very tasty) popped out of the cracked wood during the summer. I have no doubt there are a host of other insects in the holes and crevices and probably bats roosting in the summer months. Several of our hens have been known to lay eggs in the larger holes. Woodpeckers can often be seen tapping at the bleached wood at the ends of the branches and of course small boys can occasionally be spotted peering out of the hollow trunk. Andy and Frances Evershed

BURY BACH CHOIR

The Bury Bach Choir will be performing Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle in St. Edmundsbury Cathedral on Saturday 9 June at 7.30 pm.

Before Easter, they had sung the great set piece, Bach's St. Matthew Passion, for the concert to mark the 75th anniversary of its founding. A long sing of 3 hours before a packed audience was well received, which pleased the treasurer. The orchestra gave an outing to the rarely seen ancient instrument, the viola da gamba, which was interesting, or not, as the case may be. Rossini is a composer that most people like even if they don't actually admire him, particularly those who sympathise with the way he left things to the very last minute. It is said that he would leave himself twenty minutes or so to write an overture, lock himself in his room and hand out pages to the publisher who was waiting outside the window.

Several of his operas were written, especially early in his career, within the space of a fortnight and they have wit, speed and are perennially fresh. Normal human beings had a theory that he could do this because he had a machine or sort of musical computer which could turn out overtures to a formula. Other composers, such as the other prolific Italian composer, Bellini, could not operate the contraption properly, but Rossini had a mechanical knack and managed to get it going and turned out some sparkling stuff from it. He never actually got it to produce a full opera, as it couldn't do vocal parts, and he had to do these by hand. They hardly came off as well as the overtures and are now mostly forgotten. His "method" explains why the overtures never seem to have anything to do with the rest of the opera. There is no harm in liking Rossini overtures, they are just as acceptable as Strauss waltzes. Rossini wrote the world's most famous comic opera in "The Barber of Seville" and no tenor is satisfied until he has proved he cannot sing "Largo al factotum". After he had written "William Tell", Rossini's machine broke down and he got fed up with the whole business of churning out operas. In any case he had a steady income coming in from royalties from the "Barber". So he decided he would go and have a good time in Paris and for forty years did nothing much except hold parties, eat and have visits from young composers. This didn't do his health much good. He could still turn out tunes in plenty when he so wished, so it is hardly surprising that Rossini privately continued to turn out quite a stream of slight and delightful pieces, piano and instrumental and vocal, which he called the "Sins of my old age". They are in the same vein as the equally delightful early sonatas for string quartet which are very pleasant to listen to indeed. A few people like Respighi and Benjamin Britten have orchestrated some of these for suites and ballets. Rather surprisingly, they were not discovered by Sir Thomas Beecham. You can be very happy about Rossini, even his last work, the Petite Messe Solennelle, tends to sound like a very jolly opera and that is no mean achievement.

Do come and find out for yourself. The concert opens with Verdi's Prelude to The Force of Destiny, which will sound refreshingly familiar. See you there.