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The Village Voice



Welcome to our village newsletter

Happy New Year!

Another year and a fresh start rolls around, with 2022 hopefully bringing better things for us all. And something that we can all look forward to is the extra bank holiday to celebrate the Queen's 70-year reign. I've included a list of all the UK's bank holiday dates for this year so everyone can sort their diaries out.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Village Voice. Please keep all your contributions coming as and when you're hit with inspiration (this helps me plan so that I can fit this all in between work). It would be lovely to have more regular bits such as book reviews, puzzles and games. Or, if anyone has a burning desire to write a regular opinion column, let me know! Please send what you have to: anneng100@googlemail.com.

The deadline for issue 19 submissions is 30 March 2022.

Happy New Year Hawstead!

On New Year's Day from 2 to 4pm Hawstead Community Council offered warm mulled wine and sausage rolls (with a veggie alternative) under the eaves.

It was a great opportunity to wish 'Happy New Year' to neighbours and catch up safely on Christmas news and plans for 2022. Dogs were also welcomed, along with festive duck chews and Christmas Bonios. Mind you, by the look of Hamish and Wilma, they were much more interested in the sausage rolls!



Good Elf this Yuletide

Once again, Hawstead's festive elves were busy delivering sacks of chocolate coins to our youngest (aged under 16) residents between Christmas and New Year. Well done elves!

Please let us know if anyone was missed... we do our very best to make sure everyone is included.



Village hall Christmas decorations up...

A team from the village got together on the morning of Saturday 4 December to raise and decorate the Christmas trees inside and outside the hall ready for the Advent and Christmas celebrations. Thanks to all those who helped and to Henry Brewis for sorting out the order and delivery. Thanks too to Chris Pamplin for supplying a batch of his Christmas marmalade sausage rolls which were offered warmed to our volunteers along with tea/coffee.

- Rosie, Giles, Immy & Xander Donald plus Humphrey, Nick and Zeb
- Andy Evershed
- Giles Rushen
- Phil Baker
- John West
- Penny Barham
- Chris Pamplin
- Susanne White
- John Shipley

And down...

On Thursday 6 January our inside decoration team met to take down all the internal decorations and remove the tree. Our thanks to Lesley Carey, Penny Barham and the Pamplin family.

On Saturday 8 January we focused on the large outside tree. A small team including John West, Bob Brough and Chris and Ben Pamplin met to remove the lights and chop up the tree. Villager Richard Peck popped by with his trailer to dispose of both trees.

Our thanks to all the teams of volunteers



Hawstead Annual 'Triple 20s' Christmas lunch

The festive atmosphere of Hawstead's annual Christmas lunch for the more senior members of the village enabled residents to gather for a pre-Christmas catch up. Hosted by Hawstead Community Council, Caroline Miller reports on our traditional Christmas lunch which was very much appreciated.

On Friday 10 December 2021 we held the annual Hawstead Christmas lunch for 'Triple 20s' (villagers aged over 60). This village hall event has been a long-standing tradition in Hawstead. After having to miss last year's lunch due to COVID, there was a real enthusiasm for rejuvenating the event and offering villagers the chance to get together. I want to thank everyone for the wonderful help provided by so many villagers, including new residents. Together, we created a truly special celebration.



The lunch is organised and funded by Hawstead Community Council. We put a lot of effort into decorating the hall. New fairy lights festooned the ceiling and walls, setting the party atmosphere. We made wreaths to hang around the hall, as well as table decorations. The huge Christmas tree was covered in decorations, and the tables and windows were decorated with tartan pelmets and table runners, made previously for Burns Night by Sonja Monk and Ruth McKay. Young villagers Charlie Rushen and his girlfriend Sharna made a Christmas balloon arch, and Shannon Bullen created place cards for all the guests. The hall looked beautiful.

Thank you to the volunteers, including Penny Barham, Sarah and Shannon Bullen, Lesley Carey, James Carr, Alf Dawson, Fran and Andy Evershed, Adrienne Linfield, Amanda Lomas- Farley, Sonja and Bruce Monk, Chris Pamplin, Louisa and Charlie Rushen and Sharna, Marti Frost, Sue Scott, Gemma Snell, Sally Tolhurst and Susanne White who helped decorate the hall and set up and tidy up after the event.



As we got closer to 10 December, Omicron raised its ugly head and new restrictions were announced. However, with extra precautions we decided to continue with the lunch. We also offered guests the alternative option to have their lunch delivered if they didn't wish to attend the event in person. In the end, 46 villagers benefited from the Christmas lunch, nine of whom had meals on wheels delivered to them by volunteers.

The three-course lunch was delicious, thanks to catering by Andrea Davey of Elite Cakes and Buffets. Village volunteers Amanda and Adrienne prepared cocktails for guests on arrival, including non-alcoholic 'Merry Mojitos' that proved very popular, alongside Prosecco and Aperol spritz. After the meal we served port and cheese that proved very popular – I wasn't expecting the port to be such a hit! Amanda, Louisa, Susanne and Adrienne waited on tables, and Alf Dawson, Fran Evershed and Sarah Bullen delivered the meals on wheels.

The feedback from residents who attended the lunch was overwhelmingly positive. Here is a selection of comments:

"Thank you to you all – and others too numerous to mention for making our lunch so special. You put so much effort into welcoming everyone, making sure we were fed and watered to perfection and decorating the hall so festively. It was exactly what we all needed, a bit of early Christmas cheer."

"Wow! What a great Christmas Lunch, it just flowed so smoothly and I enjoyed every minute, great company and wonderful fun atmosphere. It has truly put me in the Christmas spirit."

"You and your team made a marvellous job for our lunch on Friday. The decorations were lovely and again the 'ladies who cook' did a fantastic job."



"I would just like to say thank you for your organisation of this year's Senior Lunch. I have spoken to several individual people in the last couple of days, and they all say how lovely it all was. Some of them were there for the first time as they 'never usually go to these things' which I think will be important going forward. The food was very good and well enjoyed and may I say that Santa Caroline's little Elves worked very hard in serving. As one person said 'I couldn't find fault with it'."

Hawstead Plant Fair – 7 May 2022

After the success of Hawstead's 2021 plant sale, plans are afoot for another Plant Fair on Saturday 7 May 2022.

Our 2021 Spring Plant Fair proved very popular, attracting visitors from Hawstead and the surrounding villages. People filled their cars with plants, and relaxed in the sunshine whilst enjoying delicious tea, cakes and a glass of prosecco with friends and neighbours.

The aim of the Plant Fair is to give villagers a chance to safely meet up with their neighbours, enjoy a cup of tea, some cake and a natter. We'll also share our love of plants and gardening. If we make any profits, that will be a bonus. We sold all our plants last year at very reasonable prices, much cheaper than the garden centres or the market. At a time when the cost of living is increasing so dramatically, providing reasonably priced bedding plants, perennials and vegetable seedlings will, I'm sure, be very welcome for a lot of villagers

Many villagers contributed to making last year's Plant Fair such a success, donating plants, baking cakes and volunteering on the day. We hope you can help again this year.

There are various ways you can help:

- Can you volunteer to grow some trays of seedlings?
- Can you divide and pot-up any perennials that you have in your garden for the plant sale?
- We are planning to buy seeds (both bedding plants and vegetables) to grow for the plant sale. Can you volunteer to take some seeds to grow? This would be a huge help because we have limited space in our greenhouses!
- Do you have a greenhouse or cold-frame that you could keep some trays of seedlings in if we plant them up for you to take and nurture?
- Can you make a cake for the Plant Fair?
- Would you like to help organise the publicity for the event?

If you'd like to volunteer, please email carolinemiller033@gmail.com or call her on **07980 675137** or **01284 388841**.

Caroline Miller, Hillside, Whepstead Road



SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY 5 JUNE 2022

Plans for the Platinum Jubilee weekend

You may have read that plans have been announced for year-long Platinum Jubilee celebrations throughout the UK, the Commonwealth and around the world as communities come together to celebrate The Queen's historic reign.

To celebrate this unprecedented anniversary, which marks the Queen becoming the first British monarch to serve for 70 years, there will be national events culminating in a 4-day UK bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June. The bank holiday will provide an opportunity for communities throughout the UK to come together to celebrate this historic milestone, and we want Hawstead to be part of the celebrations.



The Big Jubilee Lunch Sunday 5 June 2022

Every year since 2009, The Big Lunch has encouraged communities to celebrate their connections and get to know each other a little bit better. In 2022, The Big Lunch will bring the Jubilee celebrations into the heart of every community.

Call out for a Volunteer Committee and Committee Chair to organise Hawstead's Jubilee Big Lunch on 5 June

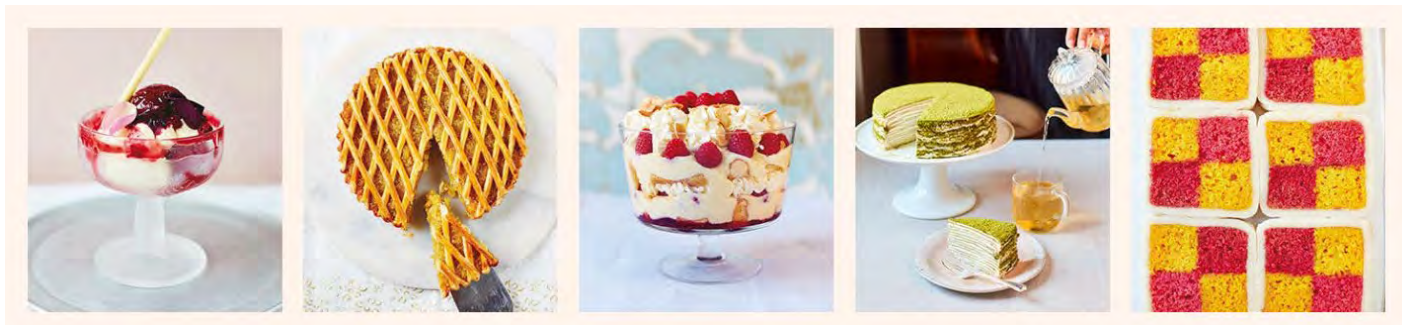
If you would like to be part of the organising committee to make Hawstead's Jubilee Big Lunch an event to remember for years to come, we need your help. As well as looking for committee volunteers, we would like a Chair of the Committee (who will be closely supported by Caroline Miller, village Social Secretary). To get involved, please call Caroline on 07980 675137 or 01284 388841 or email carolinemiller033@gmail.com



Platinum Pudding Competition

Would you like to see your pudding creation served up at street parties and other celebrations up and down the country? Fortnum & Mason is inviting you to invent the Jubilee Pudding for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. The winning pudding will be an important part of the celebrations marking Her Majesty's 70 years as monarch. And the creator of the winning pudding will be invited to be at the centre of the celebrations. Get cooking, and your creation could be a joyful and delicious part of the first ever Platinum Jubilee. Enter the competition here:

<https://www.fortnumandmason.com/platinum-pudding-entry>



Macmillan cancer support update

Since 2010, villager Joyce Dainty has spearheaded the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning in October each year. In the first year her team raised £541, with a peak amount raised in 2019 of £2185. Over the past 12 years the total raised by Joyce and friends has been a massive £17,834.20.

Joyce is now ready to step down and pass the baton on to another villager. **Is there a villager who would**

like to take up the challenge and lead the team? If it is you, please contact Joyce or Hawstead Community Council.

All monies raised go towards helping Macmillan Cancer Support to do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer. It means that Macmillan nurses can continue to stand up for the rights of people living with cancer and sit with them through the night. It means that support workers can help them regain control when they feel like they have none. It means that Macmillan can fund information centres, mindfulness classes and even a new microwave for someone who is going through treatment and is too tired to cook. Whatever it takes to help people with cancer live the best life they can, Macmillan will be there.

WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE 
MORNING

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

Coffee Morning Charity Concert

Raising money for Jessie's Fund, villager Fran Evershed is running a special Coffee Morning Concert on **Sunday 3 April at Hawstead Village Hall**. Join Fran and friends for a relaxed morning of refreshments, music and good company.



On Sunday 3 April, Hawstead Village Hall will be opening its doors for a morning of music with a sprinkling of light refreshments. Join local flautist Fran Evershed and friends for a charity concert to support Jessie's Fund (see below for charity details). Serving refreshments from 11am, the relaxed concert will start at around 11.15am. Admission is free, with a retiring collection. Come along and join us for a morning of good company, coffee and music. We look forward to welcoming you.

A bit about Jessie's Fund

Jessie's Fund (<https://jessiesfund.org.uk>) helps children with additional and complex needs or serious illness to communicate using music. Music can provide a powerful and profound way in which children can express themselves and connect with the world around them. The charity:

- helps children in children's hospices to express themselves using music as a language
- establishes posts for music therapists, providing appropriate instruments
- offers training in simple musical techniques to staff in schools for children and young people with special needs
- offers support to other organisations aiming to help children with disabilities through music
- provides support to individuals who struggle to access music therapy.



Coffee Morning Charity Concert Sunday 3 April at Hawstead Village Hall

Local musicians Fran Evershed – Flute; Jo Ward – Oboe, Piano;
Ros Alexander – Cello; Ray Alexander – Violin

Coffee at 11am, music from 11.15am



Free admission with retiring collection



Changes to The Highway Code: Give Way to Pedestrians

The **Highway Code** is set to change on **Saturday 29 January**, with eight new rules being introduced, as well as 49 updates to existing rules. Among the changes is a new 'Hierarchy of Road Users' that will prioritise vulnerable road users, such as cyclists and pedestrians.

Rule H1: The first of the new rules in the Hierarchy of Road Users puts more responsibility on the drivers of larger vehicles to look after more vulnerable road users. The proposal states that: **'Those in charge of vehicles that can cause the greatest harm in the event of a collision bear the greatest responsibility to take care and reduce the danger they pose to others. This principle applies most strongly to drivers of large goods and passenger vehicles, vans/minibuses, cars/taxis and motorcycles.'**

Rule H1 also says that cyclists and horse riders have a responsibility to look after pedestrians. It also stresses that all road users have responsibility to ensure their own safety, as well as that of others.

Rule H2: Rule H2 is for drivers, motorbike riders, horse riders and cyclists. It states: **'At a junction you should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road into which or from which you are turning.'** Essentially, this means if you are turning into a road and there's a pedestrian waiting to cross, you should give way to them. Cyclists also have to give way to pedestrians on shared use cycle tracks.

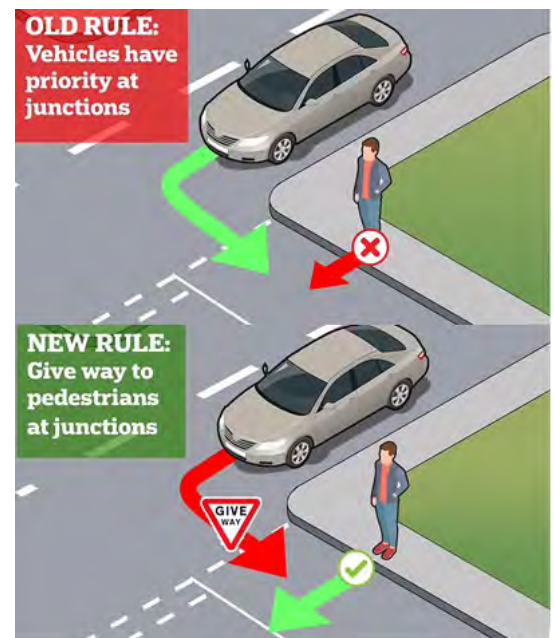
Rule H3: This next update is aimed at drivers and motorcyclists. It states that **'You should not cut across cyclists, horse riders or horse drawn vehicles going ahead when you are turning into or out of a junction or changing direction or lane.'**

You shouldn't turn at a junction if doing so would cause a cyclist or horse rider to stop or swerve. Instead, you're advised to wait for a safe gap before turning in.

What other rules have been introduced?

Several other new rules have been introduced to further clarify when pedestrians have priority on the road. Cyclists are advised to take care when overtaking pedestrians and horses by slowing down and alerting them using their bell.

Source: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1037306/table-of-change-to-the-highway-code.pdf



The Hawstead helmet

Last Summer, Angela and Andy Parrett visited the special art exhibition in Moyses's Hall Museum which featured work by Banksy and others... you may have been as well. Whilst there, Andy asked one of the attendants if they could see the 'Hawstead Helmet'. He was delighted that the attendant immediately knew what he was after and took them to where it was on display.

You may be unaware of the Hawstead Helmet. It is the so-called 'funerary helmet' of Sir William Drury, statesman and soldier, 1527-1579. The helmet originally hung over his tomb-chest in the SE corner of the nave in All Saints Church (close to the pulpit), but has been on loan to Moyses's Hall Museum since May 1983.

The metal helmet has a pointed visor with ventilation slits and is of a design known as 'sparrow beak'. It is surmounted by a heavily varnished wooden hunting dog (a greyhound) on a stand and attached to the helmet by a bolt.

In 2008, the National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies (NADFAS) worked on and eventually produced a meticulously researched 'church furnishing record' of the contents of All Saints Church, Hawstead. When it came to recording information about the helmet, they contacted Royal Armouries in Leeds, the UK's national collection of arms and armour. Their Curator of Armour and Art replied at length, both about the helmet itself and also about the practice of hanging certain military items of a dead person (his 'achievements') over his tomb.

Concerning Sir William's helmet she said that it is an 'incredibly rare survival' – so it's doubtless very wise that it is now in the care of the museum: this the more so as the curator said that her records show that there should be TWO helmets and also a pair of gauntlets, which there aren't!

The practice of hanging achievements is associated with military knights to signify the chivalrous and honourable nature of their lives. The earliest and most famous knight who represented chivalry in this way was Edward, the Black Prince, victor at the battles of Crecy and Poitiers. His many achievements – sword, dagger, shield, etc., as well as his crested helmet – can be seen in Canterbury Cathedral.



Sir William Drury did have a military career: but he needn't have had. During the 16th century the hanging of achievements became a recognised mark of respect due to the memory of any honourable life. A successful merchant, for example, who had become a landowner and local magnate could claim this tribute to his memory, even though he may never have been near a field of battle.

Whilst in Moyses's Hall Museum I picked up a copy of a small information leaflet. I was delighted to see that one of the photographs on it depicted a family studying our Hawstead Helmet!

Andy Parrett



If you're interested in history, check out Moyses's Hall Museum in the heart of Bury St Edmunds. They've had some brilliant exhibitions in the past (the sci-fi one was a highlight for me) and will no doubt continue to do so throughout the year.

They're open Monday to Saturday 10am to 5pm (4pm last entry), and Sundays 12pm to 4pm (3pm last entry).

Find out more at

<https://www.moyseshall.org>

Village website update

Andy Parrett from Lawshall Road has managed our outstanding village website for the past 9 years and has now decided the time has come to hand over the reins. During his tenure, Andy has done a truly remarkable job. The website contains a wealth of information about Hawstead in a clear and accessible way. Indeed, a few years back the website was judged runner up amongst all Suffolk villages thanks to Andy's expertise.

Thank you again for everything you've done Andy. We are delighted to announce that Alex Brewis from Pinford End has kindly volunteered to manage the website from January 2022. Many thanks Alex.

You can visit the Hawstead Village website at: <http://www.hawstead-parish-council.co.uk>

Boxing Day hunt

Hawstead Lodge Farm hosted Suffolk Hunt's Boxing Day Hunt on Monday 27 December. After a glass of port and a sausage roll, roughly 30 riders set off with the hounds to follow the artificial scent.



To learn more about Suffolk Hunt, visit their website at

<http://www.suffolkhunt.co.uk>

A History of Foxhunting

Fox hunting has been taking place in different guises worldwide for hundreds of years. Indeed, the practise of using dogs with a keen sense of smell to track prey has been traced back to Ancient Egypt and many Greek- and Roman-influenced countries. However, it is believed that the custom for a fox to be tracked, chased and often killed by trained hunting hounds (generally those with the keenest sense of smell known as 'scent hounds') and followed by the Master of the Foxhounds and his team on foot and horseback originated from a Norfolk farmer's attempt to catch a fox using farm dogs in 1534.



Whilst foxes were widely regarded as vermin, and farmers and other landowners had hunted the animals for many years as a form of pest control (both to curb their attacks on farm animals and for their highly prized fur), it wasn't until the 18th century that fox hunting developed into its most modern incarnation and was considered to be sport in its own right as a result of the decline in the UK's deer population.

The decline in the deer population and subsequently the sport of deer hunting – or stalking as it is also known – occurred as a consequence of the Inclosure Acts passed between 1750 and 1860. These acts meant that open fields and

common land where many deer chose to breed were fenced off into separate, smaller fields to cope with the increase in demand for agricultural farmland.

The start of the Industrial Revolution saw the introduction of new roads, railways and canals, and these further reduced the amount of rural land in the UK.

Conversely, this improvement in transport links also made foxhunting more popular and more easily accessible to those living in towns and cities who aspired to the life of the country gentleman.

For those hunters who had previously tracked deer, foxes and hares became the prey of choice in the 17th century, with packs of hounds being trained specifically to hunt fox. England's oldest fox hunt, which is still running today, is the Bilsdale Hunt in Yorkshire, established by George Villiers, the 2nd Duke of Buckingham, in 1668.



George Villiers, the 2nd Duke of Buckingham

The sport continued to grow in popularity throughout the 17th and 18th centuries. In 1753, the 18 year-old Hugo Meynell, often called the father of modern foxhunting, began to breed hunting dogs for their speed and stamina as well as their keen scent. The speed of his pack not only allowed for a more exciting and extended hunt, but it also meant that the hunt could begin later in the morning. This later start made it immensely popular with the young gentlemen in his social circle!

Foxhunting continued to grow in popularity throughout the 19th century, particularly because of the improved rural access provided by the railway infrastructure. Despite the banning of the sport in Germany and other European countries from 1934 onwards, foxhunting in the UK remained popular well into the 20th century. Indeed, a shortage of foxes in England led to a demand for foxes to be imported from France, Germany, Holland and Sweden.

These days, however, foxhunting in the UK is much better known for the controversial views of those who champion the sport and those who oppose it. The debate between hunters and anti-hunting campaigners led eventually to a Government inquiry into hunting with dogs in December 1999, named the Burns Inquiry after the retired civil servant Lord Burns who chaired it.



The Suffolk Hunt - Going to Cover near Herringsworth, 1833 by John Frederick Herring

Whilst the Burns Inquiry report noted that hunting with dogs ‘seriously compromises’ the welfare of foxes, it did not categorically state whether hunting should be banned permanently in the UK. As a result of the report, the Government introduced an ‘options bill’, so that each House of Parliament could decide whether the sport should be banned or subject to licensed hunting or self-regulation. The House of Commons voted to ban the sport, in contrast to the House of Lords which voted for self-regulation. Hunts now follow artificially laid trails.

While in many parts of the world such as Australia, Canada, France, India and Russia the sport is still going strong, the resulting Hunting Act 2004, passed in November 2004, saw the outlawing of any hunting with dogs in England and Wales from 18 February 2005. The Scottish Parliament had already banned foxhunting in Scotland in 2002 but in Northern Ireland the sport is still legal.



The Suffolk Hunt, Gone Away, 1833, by John Frederick Herring

The controversy surrounding the sport doesn’t end there though. Despite the ban, hunts have seen an increase in membership, and the Masters of Foxhounds Association (MFHA) currently represents 178 active foxhound packs in England and Wales and 10 in Scotland.

Whatever your views on the sport (and there are clearly many), its effect on popular culture is undeniable. For instance, the Parliamentary title of ‘Chief Whip’, which is given to the MP whose role it is to keep the Prime Minister informed of any backbench revolts and general party opinions and to ensure party members toe the party line, refers to the role of the ‘Whipper-in’, who has the responsibility of keeping the hounds in check during a hunt. The iconic ritual of smearing ceremonial blood on the cheeks of a new member of a clan or society, which is depicted in many books and films, also has its roots in the sport, whose act of ‘Blooding’ was introduced by King James I in the 16th century and involved the Huntsmaster rubbing the blood of the prey onto the cheeks of a newly initiated member of the hunt.

Source: <https://www.historic-uk.com/CultureUK/Fox-Hunting-in-Britain/>

Church updates

The church team hopes you all had a lovely Christmas and best wishes for 2022. Canon Max Osborne is now officially Priest-in-Charge of All Saints, Hawstead and St Peter's, Nowton. In due course he will become our Rector. If you managed to meet him over the Christmas period you will realise he is very nice, very approachable, and very concerned about making our churches viable, happy and caring places, and thus increasing our congregations.

Our service patterns have changed. We are trying to support both churches as well as the Horringer Benefice of which we will become a part. We will pass on more information in due course.

Lesley Carey

Advent service

Christmas may be behind us, but the season of goodwill started with a simple Advent Service at the village hall. The Christmas tree lights were switched on inside the hall and outside on the green, and Canon Max welcomed us all.

Villagers Shannon Bullen, George Campen and Charlie Rushen all read lessons. It was so nice that the younger villagers joined us. Afterwards we all enjoyed mulled wine provided by the Community Council and mince pies from the church team. It was a wonderful start to the preparations for Christmas.

Wreath-making workshops

On Saturday 4th and 11th December we held wreath-making workshops in the church. All were amazed at how easy it was, with a little instruction, to create a lovely door wreath with natural greenery. Bows and baubles were added if wanted. Everyone enjoyed the experience and went home with their personal, special wreaths.



Church service sheets

January

THE HORRINGER BENEFICE – [January 2022] Rota

SUNDAY	2 January Second of Christmas	9 January Baptism of Christ	16 January Second of Epiphany	23 January Third of Epiphany	30 January Fourth of Epiphany
Hawstead All Saints					
11.00 3.00pm		Morning Prayer - RH			
Nowton St Peter					
11.00	Morning Prayer (BCP) - JF		Eucharist (BCP) – Max (with Hawstead)		
Eucharist / Morning Prayer/ Evensong Readings & Psalm	OT Jeremiah 31. 7-14 NT Ephesians 1. 3-14 Gospel John 1. 10-18 Psalm 147 13-end	OT Isaiah 43. 1-7 NT Acts of the Apostles 8. 14-17 Gospel Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22 Psalm 29	OT Isaiah 62. 1-5 NT 1 Corinthians 12. 1-11 Gospel John 2. 1-11 Psalm 36. 5-10	OT Nehemiah 8. 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 NT 1 Corinthians 12. 12-31a Gospel Luke 4. 14-21 Psalm 19	OT Ezekiel 43.27 - 44.4 NT 1 Corinthians chapter 13 Gospel Luke 2. 22-40 Psalm 48

February

SUNDAY	6 February Fourth before Lent	13 February Third before Lent	20 February Second before Lent	27 February Next before Lent
Hawstead All Saints				
11.00 3.00pm		Morning Prayer - RH	Eucharist (CW) -Max With Nowton	
Nowton St Peter				
11.00	Morning Prayer (BCP) - JF			
Eucharist / Morning Prayer/ Evensong Readings & Psalm	OT Isaiah 6. 1-8 NT 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 Gospel Luke 5. 1-11 Psalm 138	OT Jeremiah 17. 5-10 NT 1 Corinthians 15. 12-20 Gospel Luke 6. 17-26 Psalm 1	OT Genesis 2. 4b-9, 15-end NT Revelation chapter 4 Gospel Luke 8. 22-25 Psalm 65	OT Exodus 34. 29-end NT 2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2 Gospel Luke 9. 28-36 Psalm 99

March

SUNDAY	6 March First of Lent	13 March Second of Lent	20 March Third of Lent	27 March Mothering Sunday CLOCKS
Hawstead All Saints				
11.00 3.00pm		Morning Prayer - RH		
Nowton St Peter				
11.00	Morning Prayer (BCP) - JF		Eucharist (BCP) – Max With Hawstead	
Eucharist / Morning Prayer/ Evensong Readings&Psalm	OT Deut. 26. 1-11 NT Rom. 10. 8b-13 Gospel Luke 4. 1-13 Psalm 91. 1-11	OT Gen. 15. 1-12, 17-18 NT Phil. 3.17 - 4.1 Gospel Luke 13. 31-end Psalm 27	OT Isa. 55. 1-9 NT 1 Cor. 10. 1-13 Gospel Luke 13. 1-9 Psalm 63. 1-9	OT 1 Sam 1:20-end NT Col.3:12-17 Gospel John 19:25b-27#Begin with "Meanwhile..." Psalm 34:11-20

April

SUNDAY	3 April Fifth Sunday of Lent PASSIONTIDE	10 April PALM SUNDAY	17 April EASTER DAY	24 April Second Sunday of Easter
Hawstead All Saints				
11.00 3.00pm		Morning Prayer - CY	Eucharist (CW)-Max With Nowton	
Nowton St Peter				
11.00	Morning Prayer (BCP) - JF			
Eucharist / Morning Prayer/ Evensong Readings&Psalm	OT Isaiah 43:16-21 NT Phil 3:4b-14 Gospel John 12:1-8 Psalm 126	OT Isaiah 50:4-9a NT Phil 2:5-11 Gospel Luke 22:14-23 Psalm 31:9-16	OT Isaiah 65:17-end NT Acts 10:34-43 Gospel Luke 24:1-12 Psalm 118:14-24	OT Exodus 14:10-18 NT Acts 5:27-32 Gospel John 20:19-31 Psalm 150

Looking ahead to Lent

The first day of Lent is traditionally the start of the 40-day period of Lenten fasting. It always falls on Ash Wednesday, which this year is 2nd March. Ash Wednesday is 46 days before Easter Sunday, on 17th April in 2022 (there is no obligation to fast on the six Sundays in Lent, hence 40 days of fasting).

Nowadays we may give up something like chocolate, alcohol, biscuits or cake. OR we may choose to give a gift to someone less fortunate than ourselves. Last year we gave Lent boxes to the food bank filled with ~40 items of food, toiletries, gifts, Easter eggs, etc. We would like to repeat this Lenten task in 2022, and hope you would like to join us too.

Please take filled boxes to Lesley at Church Farm House, Hawstead. You can give Lesley a call on 01284 386132 if you would like more information. They should be delivered to Lesley before Easter so they can then be taken to the food bank.



Some of last year's generous Easter boxes ready for the food bank



Lent Lunch

We would like (COVID permitting) to reinstate the Lent Lunch.

A simple meal of soup, bread and cheese in the village hall for all to share.

Date to be confirmed

BARRE DEFINE



Ballet-inspired fitness classes for adults with an emphasis on toning up and improving core strength, posture and flexibility.



We have a range of class styles with both daytime and evening options so there is something for everybody!



Locations:

Lawshall Village Hall

Hazelwood Dance Studios,
Bury St Edmunds

Book your FREE trial at www.barredefine.com

Email Sophie Ward on info@barredefine.com

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 [Instagram.com/barredefine](https://www.instagram.com/barredefine)

Two weeks in Singapore

In the previous issue of the Village Voice, Andy Parrett wrote about the Carpenter family, and in particular, Lt Colonel Gerald Carpenter, DSO and Bar. Here, Andy gives us further insight into life for his Battalion as Japanese troops stormed Singapore.

I have since transcribed the 17-page account of 1–15 February 1942 that Gerald Carpenter wrote whilst in Changi Prison, following the British Army's surrender to Japanese forces on Singapore Island. This document is now available on the village website, and I invite you to have a read: www.hawstead-parish-council.co.uk/past-and-present.

I think it's a fascinating description, and I've been able to find a number of illustrations to help with understanding and following the narrative. It tells of the actions of the 1st Battalion, the Cambridgeshire Regiment, after arrival on Singapore Island at the end of January, firstly in supplying a defensive force for Seletar Aerodrome (at the opposite end of the island to that where the invading force crossed from the mainland), then moving south to join other Battalions in forming a defensive ring around the city on 12 February.



Adam Park Estate



*Sketch of NCO of 1st
Battalion, Cambridgeshire.
Regiment with Thompson
sub-machine gun*

The Battalion was sent to the 'Adam Park Estate', a rather grand area of black-and-white houses set in large grounds which had been built some years before for senior British officials. Interest in Carpenter's account is heightened by the fact that reputedly the last shots of the Japanese invasion were fired at Adam Park, at a time when the Battalion was isolated and being pressed on three sides. He wrote after the event, the Battalion's official diary having been destroyed at the time of the surrender. Being 'unofficial', the author was able to express personal opinions. He is very critical of the RAF which, in his opinion, 'did not regard this as their war'.

The Battalion first went to defend Seletar Aerodrome in the north of the island and found it apparently abandoned by the RAF. 'They had presumably placed themselves at a safe distance and had lost all interest in proceedings'. His other complaints included the anti-aircraft defences, which didn't cause the Japanese bombers to break formation as they flew over to bomb the city; communications generally, both with other units and with Brigade HQ, and specifically with the wireless sets they had which were 'quite useless'; and the lack of visits from higher echelons of the army.



Seletar Airport, Singapore. Opened as 'RAF Seletar' in 1928. It was captured by Japanese forces in 1942.

Carpenter's account is very detailed in terms of the movements of his various 'companies' which made up the Battalion. To follow and understand the account, maps are essential. I have managed to source a number and have included them in my document online. The real disappointment is that a particularly good (and recently drawn) set of maps on the Adam Park Project website (www.adamparkproject.com) cannot be downloaded at a decent resolution. I have nonetheless included them as well.

Carpenter praises his men (the Cambridgeshire Regiment was a 'territorial' regiment and had not seen previous action). Having been well trained in England, they developed 'battle sense' quickly and maintained good morale throughout. He singles out stretcher bearers for special mention. He is also complimentary towards the Japanese – despite calling them a 'crowd of gangsters' at the end – mentioning that they had good infiltration tactics and were skilled at moving and choosing locations for siting machine guns and mortars. However, they would retreat if caught moving forward and they 'showed reluctance to face the bayonet'. (!)

This is a detailed account, but as a layman with no military experience, I find it difficult to imagine the day-to-day activities away from actual fighting: the logistics, the arrangements for eating and sleeping (not that there



A Japanese map of Singapore (from 1942) showing mine fields and the railway line from Singapore to Malaysia. Taken from: <https://www.roots.gov.sg/Collection-Landing/listing/1332097>

appears to have been much opportunity for the latter because activities seem to have been going on both night and day) and so on. At one point he mentions that a large cache of beer was found, and that this was distributed throughout the Battalion.

In a sense, the tone of this account is very matter of fact. Although the men were not told when they disembarked from their ship, the senior officers were informed that they were too late. Malaya was lost, Singapore was next, and there was no escape. There would be no Dunkirk rescue here. During those 2 weeks of February, it must have become obvious to the soldiers that they were fighting a losing battle. The Japanese had control of the skies and were better equipped, including tanks. The British (and Australians and Indians) were retreating all the time. Yet at the end, Carpenter describes the capitulation with the somewhat mild word 'disheartening', 'after all the effort expended by the Battalion during the last 2 weeks'. He wonders what would happen to them in captivity as they had been informed that 'the Japanese do not take prisoners'.

There is a second document written by Lt Colonel Carpenter. It is available on the Adam Park Project website and I have read it but not transcribed it yet. It is an address to his troops, typed (probably also in Changi) later on, in May 1942. Among a number of thoughts and advice that he imparts to the men – for example, don't try to escape as you almost certainly won't make it – is the remark that he anticipates better treatment in captivity as compared with life in a German POW camp in Europe. Clearly this was composed before they were moved out to Thailand to work in dreadful conditions on building the infamous railway.

He also notes that his estimate of Japanese soldiers killed was 500 (also six tanks knocked out), whereas his Battalion lost 176 men killed in the action, including 15 officers. More would die of disease or malnutrition in the 3 years of captivity to come.

Postscript. The ITV series broadcast last year 'Singapore Grip' was set in Singapore City at just this time, and I recall scenes involving the British forces – in a not particularly favourable light.

World War II on the Asian front

If you're interested in how WWII played out outside of Europe and the effects on countries occupied by the Japanese, take a look at these articles: [WWII: Battle for Singapore](https://www.nas.gov.sg/archivesonline/blastfromthepast/battleforsingapore) (https://www.nas.gov.sg/archivesonline/blastfromthepast/battleforsingapore) and [The Japanese occupation: Malayan economy before, during and after](https://www.ehm.my/publications/articles/the-japanese-occupation-malayan-economy-before-during-and-after) (https://www.ehm.my/publications/articles/the-japanese-occupation-malayan-economy-before-during-and-after). There's also a fantastic podcast series called [Real Dictators](https://www.noiser.com/realdictators/episodes) (https://www.noiser.com/realdictators/episodes) which dedicates several episodes to General Hideki Tojo, who led Japan into the war. It explores his rise to power and discusses the horrific war crimes committed by the Japanese (particularly in China). It gives a real insight into an arena of the war we rarely hear about in the UK. As an aside, the impact of the Japanese is something I very, very briefly touch on in my book on identity and culture, [No Man's Land](#), which is available at all bookstores (apologies for the shameless plug!).

Puzzle page

Answers available from <https://1sudoku.com/print-pdf> but I will make sure to print the solutions in the next issue. If they're too easy, let me know!

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Reminders & Notices

POSTPONED! Friday 21 January, Prosecco, Beer and Conversation with Taff Gillingham

Due to the high rates of Covid infection, we've decided to postpone the planned Khaki Devils talk at the Village Hall which was due to take place in January. We hope to reinstate this event in a month or so when infection rates have hopefully fallen.

Family Village Theatre Trip **ELF: The Musical – Now April 2022**

Our village Christmas theatre trip to see ELF: The Musical at The Apex was another casualty of COVID, with infections in cast members meaning all shows were postponed. Several village families took up the offer from the Community Council to pay for theatre tickets for children aged 13 and under. The event is now being staged in April.



Bank holidays 2022 (England and Wales)

15 April	Friday	Good Friday
18 April	Monday	Easter Monday
2 May	Monday	Early May bank holiday
2 June	Thursday	Spring bank holiday
3 June	Friday	Platinum Jubilee bank holiday
29 August	Monday	Summer bank holiday
26 December	Monday	Boxing Day
27 December	Tuesday	Christmas Day (substitute day)



Contributions to The Village Voice

If you would like to see anything featured or have something to submit, please send it to Anne at anneng100@googlemail.com by **30 March 2022**.

Rules changing December 2021

Help to stop the spread of Covid-19

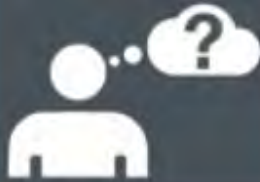


From Friday 10 December

Face coverings are mandatory for most indoor public venues including places of worship, theatres and cinemas, as well as in places like shops and hairdressers.



Face coverings are also mandatory on public transport.



Where are masks not needed?

Masks won't be needed in pubs or restaurants, nor in venues like gyms where it's not practical to wear them.



From Monday 13 December

People should work from home if they can.



From Wednesday 15 December

People will need an **NHS Covid Pass** - showing their **vaccination status or a recent negative lateral flow test** - to gain entry to nightclubs; indoor unseated venues with more than 500 people; unseated outdoor venues with more than 4,000 people; any venue with more than 10,000 people.



You are encouraged to do lateral flow tests (LFT) before entering a high-risk setting - such as a crowded place - "involving people you wouldn't normally come into contact with, or when visiting a vulnerable person".

Go online to book a test or a home test kit at www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/getting-a-test/ or call **0333 772 6144** (interpreters are available).

Covid-19 vaccination and booster information

Help to stop the spread of Covid-19



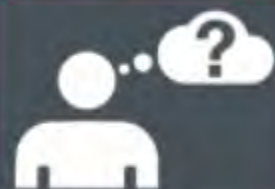
Who can have a Covid-19 vaccination?

- People aged 16 and over can get a 1st and 2nd dose of a vaccine.
- Children aged 12 to 15 are **NOW** being offered a **2nd dose too**.
- Free taxis are available for 12 to 15 years olds to be vaccinated at a Covid-19 vaccination centre. For more information, please visit suffolk.gov.uk/GetVaccinated



Some children aged 12 to 15 are being offered 2 doses of the vaccine if:

- they live with someone who is more likely to get infections (such as someone who has HIV, has had a transplant or is having certain treatments for cancer, lupus or rheumatoid arthritis)
- they have a condition that means they're at high risk of getting seriously ill from CVaccinovid-19



Who can have a Covid-19 booster?

Anyone aged 18 and over can get a booster dose of the vaccine if it's been 3 months (91 days) since their 2nd dose. You can pre-book your booster from 2 months (61 days). You can also get a booster if you are aged 16 and over with a health condition that puts you at high risk from Covid-19



When can I get my Covid-19 booster?

The UK Government aims to offer booster jabs to all adults in England by the end of December 2021.

To book your vaccination, visit www.nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine



How to get your Covid-19 vaccine or booster

- book your Covid-19 vaccination appointments online for an appointment at a vaccination centre or pharmacy – visit www.nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine
- find a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site to get vaccinated without needing an appointment
- wait to be contacted by your GP surgery and book your appointments with them



If you cannot book appointments online, you can call 119 free of charge.

You can speak to an interpreter if you need to.

If you have difficulties communicating or hearing, or are a British Sign Language (BSL) user, you can use textphone 18001 119 or the NHS 119 BSL interpreter service online – www.interpreternow.co.uk/nhs119