



CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

Our traditional outing to the Theatre Royal this Christmas will be to see **Aladdin**



Young Aladdin spends his days up to his elbows in pants and petticoats in widow Twankey's laundry shop in Old Peking, getting into scrapes and dreaming of the beautiful Princess Jasmine. But his luck might be about to change, when he meets the mysterious Abanazar and learns of a lamp that grants three magical wishes.....

Written by Daniel O'Brien, directed by Tim Welton, designed by Nigel Hook
Starring *James Nickerson* as Widow Twankey

Date: Friday 3rd January at 6.45pm.

Children: NO CHARGE. They will be paid for by the Community Council.

Adults: £16.50.

Regulars will know that whether you are 8 or 80, with or without children, you will enjoy great, light-hearted early evening entertainment.

To book places - call me on 388732, email me at geraldinewest@waitrose.com or drop a note through the door at Kellycroft, The Green.

We do hope you will come along.

Geraldine West
On behalf of Hawstead Community Council

CHURCH SERVICES

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 8th	08.30	Said Eucharist in Hawstead Church
Sunday 22nd	11.00	Harvest Service in Hawstead Church

OCTOBER

Sunday 6th	08.30	Said Eucharist in Hawstead Church
Sunday 13th	11.00	Parish Eucharist in Hawstead Church

HAWSTEAD HARVEST FESTIVAL

Come and celebrate harvest at All Saints on Sunday 22nd September at 11am.

Gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables will be very welcome to decorate the Church.

Tins or packets of food etc. that could be given to The Vineyard Church for distribution to the needy would be greatly appreciated.

We would love to see you. - *Rosemary Harrison*

CREAM TEAS AT CHURCH FARM HOUSE

A big thank you to all who helped at the Cream Tea, and all who attended, The Piper Quartet played beautifully for us all afternoon. The fantastic amount of £428 was raised, which was great.

The Harvest Supper is taking place in the Village Hall on Friday 11th October. 7.00 for 7.30pm
Good food, good company and some unexpected entertainment!!!
£10.00 a ticket to include a drink.

Please contact *Lesley Carey* on 01284 386132

Busy household could do with
some extra help!

Gardener / Handyperson

for light general maintenance work
around the garden and house.

The number of hours and times can
be flexible but 8 hrs per week (year
round) is ideal. Gardening equipment
& tools provided with tea! Would
ideally suit someone living in or close
to Hawstead.

£10.00 per hour.

If you can help or have any questions
please contact *Rod* on
[07425 848283](tel:07425848283) or
email rod.jackson@me.com or
drop me a line at,
Jofaca House, The Pound, Hawstead.
(Next to the Almshouses).

Free items

We have two **single beds** which can
fit together to make a **bunk bed**.
These beds have been dismantled.
They will need mattresses and a little
bit of renovation work, but are
otherwise sound.

An electric **fruit and vegetable juicer**
in working order.

If you would like either or both these
items or would like more information,
please let me know. We can deliver.

Geraldine West
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HAWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Update

Anglian Water acted extremely quickly to the Parish Council request to improve the look of the Pumping Station and surrounding area on the corner of Bells Lane. Within a month, Anglian Water had done the job, painting the Pumping Station, installing new fencing, and generally clearing the site. The area is greatly improved, our thanks to Anglian Water for such an efficient service.

After approaching several local companies, the Parish Council contracted St Edmundsbury Borough Council to take responsibility for grass cutting of the Village Green and other Green areas around the village over the summer months. The Council provided the most competitive quote for this work, and the green areas have all be well maintained and cut according to schedule.

The Parish Council have also agreed to an annual contribution to All Saints Church, Hawstead towards the costs of grass cutting and general maintenance within the Churchyard.

A new sign has been erected on the entrance gate to the Millenium Field, encouraging villagers and other visitors to use the area. It is a beautiful spot for a picnic with lovely views of the Church.

Hawstead will be one of the first villages to benefit from the 'Better Broadband for Suffolk' campaign, with work starting later this year. The Parish Council will endeavour to keep villagers posted on developments regarding broadband speeds at meetings and via the village email list.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 19th September at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall. We encourage and welcome anyone to attend.

An agenda for the meeting, and subsequent minutes, will be posted on the village noticeboards and distributed via the village email list. To receive regular email updates about the work of the Parish Council please contact henry.brewis@thomson.co.uk.

Jayne Robertson, Hawstead Parish Council

RURAL NEWS

Helping you to cut your heating bills and stay warm

Are you aware that solid wall properties (no cavities) located off the gas network could be eligible for nearly 100% funding towards external wall insulation and loft insulation? In some circumstances householders may also qualify for a free boiler replacement.

St Edmundsbury Borough Council is working with organisations that have access to funding who could provide you with such energy saving services.

What do you need to do now?

To find out whether you qualify for this funding please register your interest with St Edmundsbury Borough Council who will then arrange an assessment with an Energy Advisor. The Advisors will help you understand the benefits of the scheme and explain what's involved next. If you qualify, you will start saving money on your energy bills and keep your home warm and cosy next winter – it is that simple.

Call St Edmundsbury Borough Council on 01284 757622 or email andrew.oswald@stedsbcc.gov.uk

FANCY A FILM CLUB?

We are proposing to set up a membership-based community cinema at Hawstead Village Hall. The intended programme will concentrate on critically acclaimed films, acknowledged classics and some that are worth seeing but perhaps less well-known. Occasional screenings of family favourites and members' choice movies will also be included.



Who can join?

Open to anyone over the age of 12 living in Hawstead and the surrounding villages; we hope you will have an interest in cinema and would like to see a greater range of films, both old and new, than the local multiplex has to offer.

How much will it cost?

Due to the cost of film licensing, membership will probably need to be on an annual basis and the cost will depend on the number of members. Which is where you can help us now!

If you like the idea of having a **Hawstead Film Club**, and think you might like to join, please send an email to: andy@peninsulafilms.com. Alternatively phone *Andy* or *Janet Taplin* on 01284 388030.

BARN OWL BOXES

Barn owl boxes with new surprise resident:

Three barn owl boxes provided by Suffolk Wildlife Trust were installed on Parish land this spring: one on the Millennium Field and two on the Village Green.

It's early days for the boxes but sometimes barn owls move in to use them quickly. It was therefore with some anticipation that we checked the boxes in July with a licensed member of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust Barn Owl monitoring team. The first box in the Millennium Field was empty as was the box on the North side of the Green but Pat Baker had reported a tapping sound from within the one nearest his house and as we put the ladder up there was an small but impressive explosion of feathers as a bird flew out. No barn owl but a Stock Dove - making use of the accommodation.

Stock Doves are an easily overlooked species – a little like a wood pigeon but slightly smaller; stockier in shape and without the showy markings of the common 'woodie'. West Suffolk has been considered a bit of a stronghold for them but the species has, along with many other farmland birds, been suffering a decline in numbers and are becoming rarer. It certainly isn't a dramatic species but always nice to see and good to know that the barn owl boxes are helping support this locally important bird. Opening the box revealed two half bald squab chicks - our first breeding success!

Barn owls are still seen over the Green and are roosting in a nearby tree at the moment but the provision of nest boxes allows for more nesting options in the years when the voles and other prey mammals are abundant. (The prey species themselves are subject to a boom and bust 4 year cycle). Male owls often move out of the family nesting area into spare boxes or nest sites.

Suffolk Wildlife Trust will continue to monitor the boxes in future years and we will update you on how things progress.

All local authorities and public bodies are required by legislation to enhance biodiversity and it's great to see this happening here with local wildlife benefitting.

Christabel and James Carr

SKYDIVING ON THE GROUND

Is life getting a little dull?

Why not go to Milton Keynes and float around in the air in complete safety?

My recent visit to 'Airkix', a vertical wind tunnel, was an amazing and exciting new experience.

This was a present from my daughter who obviously thinks I am getting too staid in my ways!

The idea is that you can learn the basics of sky diving while being safely on the ground.

They kit you out in a one piece overall plus goggles, earplugs and helmet (Eeyore on the latter is optional, the Instructor thought I looked a bit of a donkey I guess). Then it's off to the classroom for basic instruction in hand signals (as you can't hear much in the tunnel because of wind noise), posture and limb positioning to control your flight.

Finally we are off to the tunnel. A feeling of slight trepidation came over me before entering, but once in it's an incredible feeling, floating in the air, albeit under the careful control of your Instructor.

I was scheduled for two flights each of one minute duration. The first was basically for acclimatisation and the second for a bit more fun.

Before you enter the second time the instructor asks you if want to go for a whirl (which by the way does cost extra). If you say "yes" when you are stable in the air stream he grasps you by an arm and leg and commences a spin which takes you up about 10 metres (30 feet) into the vertical shaft. This is the most amazing sensation, if slightly dizzy making. You do that twice before coming into land.

I had thought that one would experience a sensation of falling as you descend but the up-rush of air seemed to eliminate that completely.

It was the most exciting experience and I would recommend it to anyone if you feel like doing something different for a change.

Bill Crockford

P.S. You have to sign a disclaimer before you start and give your birth date. My birth year was the last on the computer list !!!!!



HAWSTEAD FETE 2013

How lucky we were to be blessed with a beautiful sunny afternoon on September 1st for our annual fete and produce show.

The many stalls selling a variety of 'stuff' from bric a brac to books, produce and crafts; running alongside the fun activities, the delicious cakes made and served by the Hawstead ladies, the pints of beer expertly pulled by James, not to mention the mouth watering sausages home produced and superbly cooked by Steve, the auctioneering skills of Clive as he ploughed his way – ably assisted by young helpers – through the local prize winning produce, all contributed to a wonderful and financially worthwhile afternoon.

The amount taken on the day was £1,100.

A special thank-you must go to Jo and Richard and to all other community council members who worked so hard to make the event a success. Simon's organisational skills in putting together the flower and produce part of the show, accompanied by the judges who gave their time and skills on the day and not forgetting all the participants, without which there would be no show! Nik Lowe once again did a magnificent job keeping us entertained with his songs all afternoon. Children and adults alike flocked to the array of vintage tractors arranged by Pat Baker.

It was a pleasure to have the event opened this year by Sonja, who, after standing down from the community council after many years was presented by Simon, the new chairman, with a much appreciated gift for her outstanding past efforts.

We can all aim for bigger marrows and sweeter tomatoes in 2014!

Well done Hawstead.



HAWSTEAD SUMMER FETE



The Hawstead Journal was kindly sponsored this month by
Robinson's Portfolio of Whiting Street, Bury St Edmunds.

Thank you for your contributions this month. Our next Journal will be November 2013.

Please forward anything you have by 3rd November 2013.

If you would like to sponsor the Journal for one month, please contact Judy.

Judy Carter - Oakhill House, Pinford End, judy@mmgd.co.uk

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



Community action for wildlife

Are you involved in a local wildlife project or would you like to find out more about taking action for wildlife where you live?

FREE community action conference

Join Suffolk Wildlife Trust on Saturday 21 September at Thornham Walks, Red House Yards, for a day exploring community action for wildlife.

The day will include:

- expert speakers
- case study presentations
- workshops about funding, community engagement & habitat assessment
- question and answer panel session

How to book

suffolkwildlifetrust.org/communityconference or 01473 890089

Places are limited, but thanks to funding from Heritage Lottery Fund they are free and lunch will be provided.



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Are you recycling your old clothes and textiles?

If you need a council textile bag ring:

0845 603 9412

or email: textiles@suffolk.gov.uk

or collect from council offices and libraries



Seal the bag and put **INSIDE** your recycling bin!

Please continue to donate to charity shops and textile banks



www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk

THE METCALFE ARMS HAWSTEAD

If you're very observant you may have noticed that the Metcalfe Arms now has a "For Sale" notice (it's not a very prominent sign!). Whether this makes what follows redundant - should anyone be interested in taking it up as a project - I don't know: however, as far as I can see, and as of September 2nd the agent's website (<http://www.twgaze.co.uk/>) does not include our pub."

COMMUNITY PUBS

In the August copy of "What's Brewing" – the monthly newspaper of CAMRA: the Campaign for Real Ale there is a double page spread giving news about various 'community pubs' around the country.

The Red Lion in Preston, Herts. became the country's first community pub when it was bought by locals in 1983 after Whitbread put it up for sale as a restaurant. 'Businessmen' in the village grouped together to buy the pub, with 92 shareholders originally holding a stake. Today, 30 years later, this has grown to 160. A spokesman for the group said that they have worked hard "to ensure the Red Lion maintains its position as the beating heart of the village and to ensure its survival."

Another article describes moves by villagers in Bentley, near Ipswich to buy their pub, the unusually-named 'Case is Altered', following its closure in March this year: they want to raise £240,000 in order to do so. Questionnaires were sent out to every household in the village and over 200 of the 350 sent out were returned: 50 people have expressed an interest in buying shares. The next move is to get the pub listed as an "Asset of Community Value" to enable a moratorium on the site. This would mean that the owners, Punch Taverns would not be able to sell it to anyone for six months and give the community the chance to raise the money and buy it.

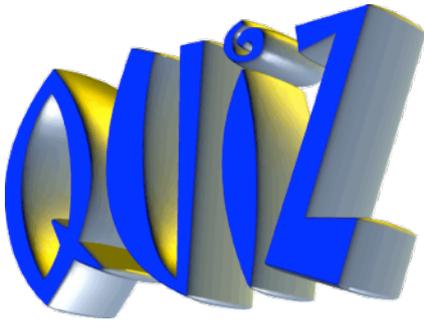
The paper reports that under the auspices of the fairly recent Localism Act, 67 pubs have so far been listed as Assets of Community Value out of a total of 360. This number is certain to rise: over these two pages a further eight articles give details of campaigns around the country involving groups girding their loins to save their local.

Andy Parrett

Comments on the above would be welcomed by the editors.



MARKS QUIZ NIGHT



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

MARK'S QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2013

FROM 7.30PM

IN HAWSTEAD VILLAGE HALL

£2 PER PERSON
MAX 8 people per team

TO RESERVE YOUR TEAM PLEASE CONTACT ME AT
joandstevebutt@yahoo.co.uk
or Tel: 01284 388817

THERE IS LIMITED SPACE SO THIS WILL BE DONE ON
A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND SNACKS AS THESE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO
BUY ON THE NIGHT

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE

Jo Butt

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

AN INVITATION

MANY OF US KNOW SOMEONE WHO
HAS OR HAS HAD CANCER.
PLEASE COME AND ENJOY A CUP OF
COFFEE OR TEA, CAKE AND A CHAT
TO HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR
MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

**PUT A
SMILE
ON YOUR
MUG!**

ON SATURDAY 5th OCTOBER 2013
10.30 A.M - 12.30 P.M. IN HAWSTEAD VILLAGE HALL.
WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE DONATIONS
OF CAKES AND ANY PRESERVES AND ANY UNWANTED
ITEMS THAT YOU MAY HAVE FOR THE TOMBOLA.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR COLLECTION OF ITEMS,
PLEASE CONTACT JOYCE DAINTY 01284 386314
WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE.

BEFRIENDING SERVICE IN WEST SUFFOLK

New Befriending Service aims to ease loneliness and isolation in West Suffolk

AgeUK and the Voluntary Network are delighted to announce the launch of a new Befriending Service in West Suffolk. Together they have created a unique partnership to support older people who may be feeling lonely and isolated.

They are looking for volunteers to visit people in their own homes on a weekly basis, offering companionship and support and providing regular ongoing visits. This provides a valuable lifeline to people who otherwise can go days without seeing or speaking to anyone. Volunteers will be fully trained and supported on an ongoing basis.

Referrals can be made to the service by anyone; this includes GPs, other health professionals, Social Services, families, or self-referrals. A simple referral form is submitted and the client is then visited by the befriending co-ordinator from the Voluntary Network to explain the service. These visits help match the client with the most appropriate volunteer and also to identify if any additional help or support can be offered. Introductions are then made and the Voluntary Network continues to provide support to both the client and volunteer.

We are keen to recruit new volunteers to help us to provide this valuable service. If you would like to find out more, make a referral or to volunteer, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please email terri@thevoluntarynetwork.org or call 01638 608048

HAWSTEAD WINE CLUB

HATS 27 August 2013

Our August meeting was well attended with 15 of us present. The theme was 'Four Continents' with some excellent wines from France, Australia, Chile and South Africa being tasted and commented upon. It seemed we were in general agreement that by paying another £1 or so for our bottle of wine, the quality was considerably improved. Bill and Margaret were our hosts and supplied us with some delicious nibbles to enjoy alongside the wines.

We next meet on September 26th.

If you would like to join us or just request further details of Hawstead Appreciation and Tasting Society please contact Judy Carter on 01284 386512 or e-mail: judy@mmgd.co.uk.

HAWSTEAD READING GROUP

We had a very good meeting on Wednesday 6th August at Ruth's; having had a break in July.

It was one of the few meetings we have all been able to attend and it was lovely to welcome a new member, *Janet Watson*, who has moved into "Fyletts Barn".

Ruth provided a lovely array of wine and nibbles to accompany our discussion of "*The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*" by *Rachel Joyce* which everyone enjoyed. The book is about Harold, who pops out one morning to post a letter and has no idea he is about to walk from one end of the country to the other in only the clothes he stands up in! All he knows is that he must keep on walking to save someone else's life! He meets an odd assortment of people on the way and the journey is a self-discovery for both Harold and his wife. This book evokes lots of different emotions and can be thoroughly recommended.

Our next meeting is at Geraldine West's at 7.30 pm on Wed 4th September where we shall be reviewing "*Dear Lupin ... Letters to a Wayward Son*" by *Charlie and Roger Mortimer*.

For more information contact *Ann Gibbs* on 01284 765332.

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
Hawstead Oil Buying Group	Orders placed end of each month (contact <i>Jacquie Milns 388813</i> email: sales@rjmcars.co.uk)

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:

19th September

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

In the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

Historic Churches Bike Ride	14th September
Parish Council Meeting	19th September 7.30pm
Harvest Service	22nd September at <i>All Saints Church</i>
Community Council Meeting	30th September 7.30 p.m.
Macmillan Coffee Morning	5th October
Harvest Supper	11th October
Quiz Night	26th October
Christmas Craft Session	7th December - <i>details to follow in November</i>
Village Seniors' Christmas Lunch	19th December - <i>details to follow in November</i>
Christmas Panto	3rd January 2014 <i>Theatre Royal</i>

*Collection of vintage tractors
at the Hawstead Village Fête
1st September*

