

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### JULY/AUGUST

*(in the hall unless otherwise stated)*

#### THE NEXT BIG EVENT .....

The Village fete, fruit and flower show - Sunday 6th September

#### AND DON'T FORGET ....

The Mobile Police Station

Tuesday 21st July between 10 - 11am on the Village Green

#### REGULAR EVENTS

Produce on the Village Green - 2nd and 4th Saturday 11am - 1pm

Breath Easy - Weekly on Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.30am

Carpet Bowls - Weekly on Tuesdays 7.30 pm

Body Synergy - Weekly on Thursdays 7 pm

#### LATER IN THE YEAR

The Harvest Festival - October date tba

A Tudor Supper - Saturday November 7th

Village Christmas Lunch - Thursday December 17th

#### CHECK THE VILLAGE WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION AND PHOTOS

[www.hawsteadvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.hawsteadvillagehall.co.uk) <http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/HawsteadPC/>

#### CALLING THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OF HAWSTEAD

We are going to have a section in the Hawstead Journal for the younger people in the village. If you would like to get involved please contact Conor Jackson, at Jofaca or Rory Hancock at Cullum House with your ideas. They are looking at possibly organising outings, fun days on the village green, competitions and quizzes and including interesting information and stories. They would love to hear from you.

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# Hawstead Journal

For the Village by the Village

July 2009

## HAWSTEAD FETE & FLOWER SHOW

SEPTEMBER 6TH  
AT 2PM  
ON THE GREEN



The Fete will once again be on the first Sunday of September – the 6th.

We have had all types of weather - rain, wind, and blistering heat. There is nothing left to try! It must be our turn to have perfect weather. The ice cream has been ordered!

There will be all the usual stalls, games etc going on. Vintage cars and tractors will be there. Live pop music! Beer tent! Barbeque and teas.

**We do need your help** and we need to know as soon as possible so that we can plan. So if you fancy the coconut shy, children's crafts, barbequing, helping on a stall or running a stall for instance the book stall, or half an hour in the tea tent. Let us know as soon as possible.

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## The Fete - Contd

This year we specially need help with the administration of the flower show on the day. This is not difficult it just needs organising. It needs two or three people.

The schedule may be a little late this year but will be with you as soon as possible. I am sure you are familiar with it by now. As a test of your culinary skills we have added meringues in remembrance of Sylvia Miller. You have time to practise.

If you have a trophy now is the time to have it cleaned, engraved and returned. What did I do with that Mortlock Shield!

The next journal will give you details as to where to take things to. We usually store the bric a brac in the hall now, just to save Ethel's spare room from overflowing!

Contact any of the community council , ring 386876 or email [sonjamonk@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:sonjamonk@tiscali.co.uk)

News we now have a phone line in the hall, but as yet no telephone. The IT set up is in progress. More details next time.

**Sonja Monk**

**Chair Hawstead Community Council**

### Village Lottery

#### JUNE WINNERS

**1<sup>ST</sup> 55 Dave and Sandy Dawson £16.65**

**2<sup>ND</sup> 11 Sylvia and Simon Miller £4.44**

**3<sup>RD</sup> 2 Richard and Jacque Milns £1.11**

**Winners determined by a Random Number Generator**

**If you would like to take part in the lottery,  
please contact Simon Miller on 388841**

## CHURCH SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH HAWSTEAD

### AUGUST

Monday	3 <sup>RD</sup>	2pm Pinford End NH
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am Said Eucharist
Sunday	23 <sup>RD</sup>	11am Parish Eucharist

Weds 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Benefice Prayers 5pm

All are welcome

### SAD NEWS

To All My Dear friends

I have to give you all the very sad news that our beloved Sylvia passed away at 3.50am last Monday, 6th July. Sylvia was at home with her family around her and her last few hours were peaceful.

Sylvia's funeral has been arranged for Monday 20 July at 12.30pm, with a service first at All Saints Church. This will be followed by a cremation at 1.30pm at West Suffolk Crematorium, which is about 15 minutes drive away. The interment will take about 10 minutes. (If you don't want to go to the crematorium, not to worry, you can go straight to our house).

Finally, we'll all come back to our house, Hillside, Whepstead Road, for afternoon tea in Sylvia's style with lots of cakes! If the weather fails us, we'll have the tea in the village hall instead.

If you can make it, it would be wonderful to see you. Please note, we do not want anyone to buy flowers, but if you would like to make a donation in Sylvia's memory we will have a collection at the church for St Nicholas Hospice. Though Sylvia didn't have to go into hospital or the hospice, the St Nick's members of staff were extremely supportive and they are underfunded and have recently had to cut both beds and staff.

**Simon, Philip, Caroline and Peter Miller**

**Margaret Andrews**

**October 4<sup>th</sup> 1931 - 28<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

It is some months now since we lost Margaret Andrews. Peter her husband has been moved and heartened by the support of the villagers and their condolences.

Margaret loved Hawstead. The family moved here in 1967 into the bungalow where the Blackwells now live. She was sorry to have to move into Bury for transport reasons but when Mrs Popay, who older residents will remember, moved to the south coast, Margaret jumped at the chance to move back. She had 25 further years living in the village and she loved every bit of it - the community, the history and the tranquility. She was nowhere happier than in Hawstead.

At the end her bodily health failed her but her spirit and mind remained strong to the end and she was gardening and making plans just days before she died.

We all miss her terribly but are grateful for the very fulfilled life she led. With the co-operation of the parish council we would like to donate a bench for the green - the place she loved best of all.

**The Andrews Family**

WHEN I am dead, my dearest,  
Sing no sad songs for me:  
Plant thou no roses at my head,  
Nor shady cypress tree:  
Be the green grass above me  
With showers and dewdrops wet;  
And if thou wilt, remember,  
And if thou wilt, forget.

I shall not see the shadows,  
I shall not feel the rain;  
I shall not hear the nightingale  
Sing on, as if in pain;  
And dreaming through the twilight  
That doth not rise nor set,  
Haply I may remember,  
And haply may forget.

**Christina Rossetti**

*Did I read that sign right??*

In a Laundrette:

**AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT.**

In a London department store:

**BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS.**

In an office:

**WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN.**

In an office:

**AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD.**

Outside a secondhand shop:

**WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?**

Seen during a conference:

**FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE FACILITY ON THE 1ST FLOOR.**

Notice in a farmer's field:

**THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES. (Doesn't apply in Hawstead!)**

Message on a leaflet:

**IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL YOU HOW TO GET LESSONS.**

On a repair shop door:

**WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE BELL DOESN'T WORK).**

Notice in a health food shop window:

**CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS.**

Spotted in a safari park (I sure hope so!):

**ELEPHANTS, PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR.**

Notice in a department store:

**TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW.**

***Rosie Greengrass***

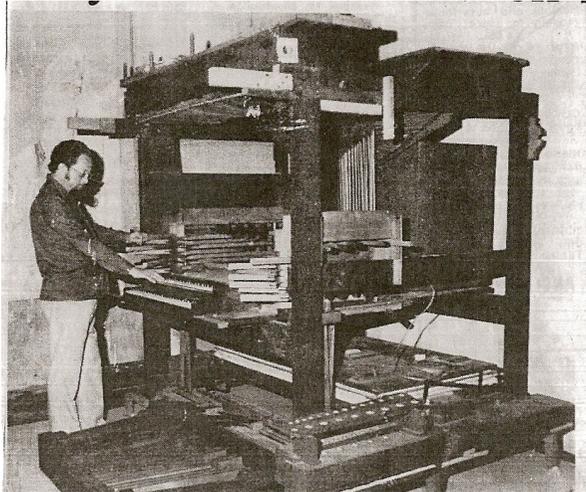
**FOR SALE**

**A PIANO, £25**

**Call Suzanne 01284 388732 to view**

## FROM THE ARCHIVE

On 28<sup>th</sup> August 1981, the East Anglian Daily Times reported that “dry-rot silences church services.” The picture shows the Reverend Bernard Chalklen taking a close look at the dismantled organ in All Saints church in Hawstead.



The newspaper article continued “severe dry-rot in the church organ has put a temporary stop to Sunday services at Hawstead Church. For the last two Sundays, services have been transferred to Nowton church, while the organ has been lying dormant and dismantled in the aisle.”

The Rector of Hawstead, the Rev. Bernard Chalklen, said that dry-rot was first detected last autumn and he believed it was caused by rainwater seeping in under the north door of the church, beside the late 19<sup>th</sup> century organ.

The wall against which the organ stands carries one of the few 13<sup>th</sup> century wall paintings in Suffolk. Services will hopefully resume in the church on September 6<sup>th</sup> after restoration work on parts of the organ. Workmen are treating the wall and floor around the organ so the instrument can stand in its corner of the church once again.”

As a footnote to last month’s picture of the pupils of Hawstead School in 1927, their teacher, Miss Clark, moved to Frinton-on-sea when she retired. She was mentioned in the East Anglian Daily Times in 1981, still alive and well at the grand age of 91.

Anna Glypta

I had hoped to find some local common names new to me but Simpson gives most of those used by Sir John. *Campanula trachelium* L. was an exception, called “Great Throatwort” by Sir John and “Nettle-leaved Bellflower” or “Bats-in-the-Belfry” by Simpson. This is a good demonstration of the importance of scientific names for I found that Figwort (*Scrophularia nodosa* L.) was also once known as “Throatwort” (see Culpeper).

Sir John’s non-flowering plants included Rough Horsetail (*Equisetum hyemale*), to which he also gave the name “Shave-grass”, four species of fern and two fungi, the Morel (*Phallus esculentus*), now *Morchella esculenta*, and the Crimson Cup Peziza (*Peziza coccinea*) which Roger Phillips calls the Scarlet Elf Cup (*Sarcoscypha coccinea* Fr., Lamb), although he gives Peziza as a synonym.

Sir John gives an excellent description of the soils at Hawstead, and writes: “In both these strata are found small snake stones (Helmintholithus Ammonites), crow-stones (Helmintholithus Gryphites), and small irregular fragments of chalk almost as hard as limestone”. I would be most grateful for an explanation of this statement.

Unfortunately local birds are not listed, and only one received a mention, “The Land Rail, that scarce and delicate bird, is found here (Pinford End) in autumn.”

Finally, and surprisingly, he ends the chapter on natural history with a comment on the high level of infant mortality in the parish, one in six infants dying under two years of age. The book also describes a seven foot stone statue of a urinating giant (fed from a nearby pond), placed in front of Hardwick House to amuse Queen Elizabeth 1st and a lot more fascinating local history.

I can only echo the comment by the printer that “Sir John Cullum was a profound Antiquary, a good Natural Historian and an elegant Scholar; the ‘History of Hawsted’ sufficiently evinces.” Few could hold down a ‘day job’ and write such a book today.

**Rosie**

### CORE SERVICES DIRECT

Core Services Direct is a new facility available to villagers who may have any number of problems or queries which previously were taken up with either St Edmundsbury Borough Council or Suffolk County Council.

District, Borough and County Councils have joined forces to provide a central contact centre that people can contact with their queries. The Centre then ensures the problem is referred to the correct authority as speedily as possible with a reference number being provided - and all calls are at the local rate.

The number to use is 0845 6066067

## NATURAL HISTORY AT HAWSTEAD, SUFFOLK, IN THE EARLY 19TH CENTURY

By *Geoff Heathcote*

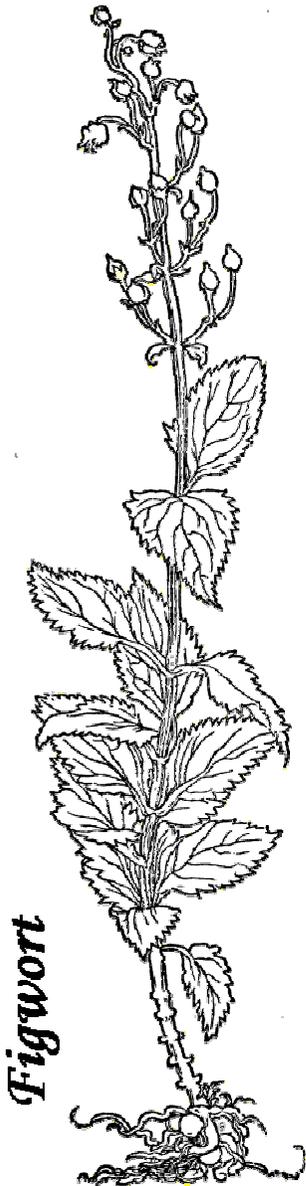
I was asked to write a heraldically correct description of the coat of arms of Sir George Gery Milner-Gibson Cullum of Hardwick House, 8th and last Baronet. The West Suffolk Hospital is now on the site of the old Hardwick House. With such a name one could guess that it would not be an easy task. However, it was finally done from a book plate in an original copy (one of 230) of *The History and Antiquities of Hawsted and Hardwick in the County of Suffolk* by The Rev. Sir John Cullum, Bart, F.R.S. & F.S.A. (2nd Edition, 1813).

This book showed the amazing width of interest and work done by Sir John. In addition to family and church history he covered the geology and natural history around Bury St Edmunds, the farming, and much more.

He first briefly lists the trees, and comments on the large size of some Wild Cherry (*Prunus avium*). Apple orchards apparently thrived well, and: "cider is sometimes made, but not excellent". He then gives this charming introduction to the other vegetation:- "To these more majestic productions of vegetation is subjoined a list of those of more humble growth. Some of them are medicinal; some rare; and a few of them perhaps so common as to be found in all parts of the kingdom. Whatever they be they form part of that gay robe with which the earth is vested; and although we may not be able to discover all their uses, at least they are too beautiful and various to be trampled on unheeded".

He lists 48 local plants, with five more in an appendix. They were mainly flowering plants, but included seven non-flowering. I checked a sample of 25 from the list against Simpson's *Flora of Suffolk* and was surprised to find that 48% had been recorded in Suffolk for the first time by Sir John. Most were easily recognised, with little change in common name and I was pleasantly surprised how few scientific names had changed. However, Sir John's Earth Nut *Bunium flexuosum* has become Earthnut or Pignut *Conopodium majus* (Gouan, Loret) and his Water Hemlock (*Phellandrium aquaticum*) is now Hemlock (*Conium maculatum* L.), and there may be other taxonomic changes.

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## Getting Your Tax Back

An organisation call TaxHelp for Older People (TOP for short) is an independent free tax advice service for older people on low income who cannot afford to pay for professional advice. So if you are still paying income tax and think you have been wrongly assessed do give them a call - **0845 601 3321**. You may get a recorded message, so be prepared to leave your name and telephone number and someone will call you back

### How much does it cost?

Nothing, if you have a household income - you and your partner together - of up to around £17000 a year and you are close to 60 or older. Those caring for an eligible older person, whether family, friend or professional, may also request help on their behalf. Power of Attorney is not necessary.

### Who are the advisers?

They are all tax professionals who are giving their time and skills to TOP. They act totally independently of both HMRC and the firms they work for and provide a completely confidential service.

### How do I get help?

Very simply. Just telephone the TOP lo-call helpline on 0845 601 3321 or 01308 488066. If the office is not manned, leave your name and telephone number on the voicemail and TOP will call you back.

All interviews with an adviser are by appointment and in private. You may also seek telephone advice if your query is a simple one. Home visits will be arranged in cases of disability.

e.mail: [taxvol@taxvol.org.uk](mailto:taxvol@taxvol.org.uk)

[www.taxvol.org.uk](http://www.taxvol.org.uk)

Rosie

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## THE VILLAGE PARTY



## RURAL NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM

The mobile police station will be at the Hawstead Village Green car park on Tuesday 21st July 2009 between 10.00 am and 11.00 am. Come along and meet your local police team.

We have welcomed a new Inspector and a new Sergeant this month - Inspector Jane Hertzog and Sergeant Kevin Horton.

With the summer holidays nearly upon us again, we would like to remind you that rivers and school swimming pools are great fun for children but are can be hazardous if the children are unsupervised.

Can we remind you too, if you have to leave your dog in your car do not leave the windows closed, even if the car is left in the shade and remember to provide some water for your dog to drink.

There have been a few problems with youths damaging village halls/community centres recently and as usual, thefts from sheds/barns/tack rooms are more likely to occur in the summer so please all be vigilant.

Have a great summer and enjoy the weather!

**PC 704 Ruth Horton**

Your Safer Neighbourhood Team

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[www.onesuffolk.co.uk/SaferSuffolk](http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/SaferSuffolk)

## A Stroke of Insight

Neuroanatomist Jill Bolte Taylor had an opportunity few brain scientists have or would wish for - one morning, she realized she was having a massive stroke.

There is a short video of her talking about her experience on internet page [http://www.byronkatie.com/2008/04/of\\_two\\_minds.htm](http://www.byronkatie.com/2008/04/of_two_minds.htm)

As it was happening - as she felt her brain functions slip away one by one, speech, movement, understanding - she observed and remembered every moment. With this experience came the realisation of how the left and right hemispheres of the brain define our view of ourselves and the world around us. She learnt how these two sides of our brains, with very different functions in our lives, both separate us from and connect us to the world and to one another.

This video describing what happened to her during her stroke and how it completely changed her attitude to life afterwards, is fascinating.

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