

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH

(in the hall unless otherwise stated)

Community Council - Monday 15th March at 7.30 pm

Parish Council - Thursday 18th Village forum 7.30 pm PC meeting from 7.45 pm

Lent Lunch in aid St Nicholas Hospice - Sunday 28th at 12.30am for 1pm
(see page 2 for more details)

Safer Neighbourhood Team Tasking Meeting - Wednesday 3rd at 2.30 pm at Whepstead Village Hall

REGULAR EVENTS

Breath Easy - Weekly on Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.30am

Country Dancing - Last Wednesday of the month 7.30pm - 9pm

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

Carpet Bowls - Weekly on Tuesdays 7.30pm

LATER IN THE YEAR

Village Fete - Sunday 5th September

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- ◆ Mailing Preference Service (MPS) www.mpsonline.org.uk (ditto)
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Rosie Greengrass

Editor: Geraldine West



Hawstead Journal

For the Village by the Village

February 2010

Hawstead Community Council

Please join us on Monday 15th March if you wish to be involved in planning the

HAWSTEAD VILLAGE FETE AND FLOWER SHOW

Sunday 5th September 2010

This will be our first opportunity to plan for the **Village Fete 2010**. The fete will, as usual, be held on the first Sunday of September in conjunction with the **Village Fruit and Flower Show**.

There are always lots of people who help on the day. It would be very helpful however if we could have a fete committee to go through things now. As you know, it needs new ideas now and again and new people to refresh it.

We also need people to organise the **produce show** and to set it up and be stewards on the day.

We have meetings every month usually on a Monday evening. The date will be in the journal and on the website. Come and join us or email your thoughts and ideas. You will be very welcome.

News from the Community Council,

There is internet access at the village now if you would like to use it and the Community Council has its own email address - hawsteadcc@btinternet.com.

We are hoping to be able to extend the sandstone slabs as far as the ramp leading from the emergency door at the front of the hall. This will be better for anyone using a wheel chair and will make a firmer place for people to sit outside.

The building will need a good spring clean, high dusting etc., in this case very high dusting! There has been a bit of shrinking here and there and the gaps will need to be filled with beading. A little bit of painting is also needed. All in all it has done well.

The **sound system** hopefully will go ahead in the next few weeks.

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Hawstead Community Council Contd..

Burns night was good fun; everyone enjoyed the dancing, so much so that Jane Powell has agreed to offer an evening of country dance on the last Wednesday of the month beginning on the 24th of February from 7.30pm until 9pm. Just throughout the winter months. If you are interested email to Hawstead Community Council or call Sonja Monk on 386876.

Lent Lunch in the Hall

On Sunday the 28th March we shall be holding a Lent Lunch in the hall in aid of St Nicholas Hospice - 12.30am for 1pm - good soup and fine cheeses. To give us an idea of numbers for catering, please ring Rosemary 386157 or Sonja 386876, or get in touch by email. We shall look forward to it. Everyone will be welcome.

Sonja Monk Chair Hawstead Community Council

Hawstead Parish Council - meeting 4th February 2010

From the Chairman's Notes

Village Green maintenance work

Full Council approved the proposed tree pruning and cutting work, with the selected tender to be awarded to a local contractor.

This work will be overseen by our Tree Warden Andy Evershed, and is to commence before the end of February so as to minimise any possible disturbance to early nesting birds.

Anyone interested in joining a working party at 10.30 am on Saturday 6th March after this work has been completed, to assist with scrub clearance, will earn in return a quantity of cut logs. Please contact Andy on 386501. Meeting place will be the Village Hall car park.

Emergency Planning

Councillor John West submitted his sub-committee's draft plan to council, which included the willingness by Pinford End Nursing Home to co-operate in such an occurrence, plus a list of items, considered essential, for purchase by HPC. Full Council approved the plan, with a special thanks to three senior members of staff from the nursing home who were present.

Restricted footpath access at Pinford End

Councillor Sarah Lawson advised that contractors, who were responsible for tree clearance to power lines at Pinford End, left behind a quantity of cut branches across the footpath near the bridge. Parish Clerk was asked to write a letter of complaint to EDF and to ask them to remove the necessary foliage.

Malcolm Cornwell - Chairman

Church Services at All Saints Church Hawstead

MARCH

A Special Mothering Sunday Service

Sunday 14th - 10.30am

A warm welcome to all mothers - posies will be distributed

(There will be no 8.30am Eucharist on that day)

Sunday 28th -

No Service at Hawstead as there will be a

Benefice Palm Sunday Service at Stanningfield at 10.30am

Holy Week

Monday 29th - 11am Said Communion with Meditation

POTHoles

Road users, be aware - there are two very big and deep potholes on the stretch of Horsecroft Road where it is flooding and, for that reason, can't be seen. One is by the entrance to Horsecroft Hall and the other is about 100 yards in the direction of Gypsy Lane. KM

RURAL NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM

Spring is on its way and, hopefully, you have survived the worst of the weather. The nights are at last drawing out and today I even hung my washing out in the sunshine and it dried!

Anyone interested in signing up for Farm Watch or receiving general crime prevention advice please contact me or come to the next Safer Neighbourhood Team tasking meeting on Wednesday 3rd of March at 2.30pm in Whepstead Village Hall.

Previously we have tackled burglary of homes and outbuildings and speeding in certain villages. We have visited small businesses to offer crime prevention advice and worked with Neighbourhood Watch to improve communication between the Police and villages. We continue to conduct speed checks in the villages and to work towards establishing speed watch schemes. The assistance of the Parish Councils and greatly helps in these matters.

Hawstead news - a juvenile has recently been interviewed regarding the spate of damage to vehicles in Hawstead in October and 5 of the 7 charges have been admitted.

PC Ruth Horton 704
01284 774100,

News from the Metcalfe



Sam and Darren would like to thank the community for the warm welcome that they have received since arriving from Tenerife to take up the challenge of managing the Metcalfe. There of course will be changes, some of which were made immediately, such as lowering the price of a glass of wine by £2.00, dropping beer prices

and the introduction of new 7 days, all day opening hours.

New chef Ben has finally begun to get the kitchen back up and running and has set his sights, firstly, on producing the best Sunday roast in Suffolk, followed by a good wholesome bar menu, a restaurant menu (including locally sourced game and venison)and regular themed nights. Ben is young, enthusiastic and has worked in two other restaurants as second chef winning 1 and 2 rosettes status respectively. He is looking forward to having his own kitchen to run and develop.

Sam and Darren are committed to making the pub work but with their feet firmly on the ground are aware that hard work is ahead. They are open to suggestions and so far are planning on regular (monthly) quiz and games nights, live music and beer festivals.

The isolated location of the Metcalfe is recognised as a fundamental issue and to rectify this they are eagerly expecting delivery of the 7 seated 'bottle bus' which will mean that no one need worry about the journey home after a night out. (Within a reasonable distance! Beer miles will be awarded at the bar.)

Sam and Darren will be living at the Metcalfe with their son Reiss, who is already booked into a local school so you can be re-assured that the new regime are in it for the long haul. They are very much hoping to become fully embedded members of the community for some years to come and look forward to meeting you all.

Contact Sam and Darren on 01284 386321

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Don't Be Too Curious

An elderly man decided it was time to do something for his community. Where could he be most useful?

One of the places he tried was the local psychiatric hospital.

After the nurse had shown him round he was curious to find out how they decided whether or not to admit a person.

The nurse told him, "We take the person to a bath full of water and hand them a teaspoon in one hand and a bucket in the other and ask them to empty the bath."

"Ah, I get it" said the man, "the normal person would use the bucket."

Getting no response, he turned to the nurse to find she was studying him closely. "No, no!" she said, "The normal person would pull out the bath plug."

"Wait here a few minutes while I get your room ready!"

Rosie Greengrass

Are You Ready To Be Counted



In just over a year every household in the country will have to fill in a census form, answering various questions about themselves and their home deemed necessary for the authorities to know.

The basic information that must be given for each person who is staying in each dwelling on the designated night will be; their full name, age, sex, marital status, relationship to the head of the household, place of birth and occupation.

The national census, collecting this same data, has been carried out at the beginning of each decade since 1841 but the answers are kept secret, except to statisticians, for 100 years. The 1911 census was released for public examination a couple of years early although the column listing people's disabilities is still obscured.

The censuses provide a fascinating snapshot of individuals, households, properties and communities every ten years, is invaluable to anyone exploring their family tree and local historians.

In 2001 Hawstead produced a wonderful book about the history, geography and people of the village, our own mini census and it is a vital reference work that should be in every home in the village, if you haven't got a copy contact Sonja Monk. Like any reference book, some of the information soon became out of date so what I would like to suggest is that Hawstead again conducts its own census along side the national one in 2011. There have been lots of changes in the village over the last 10 years and I believe all the major points should be recorded for posterity and published as an addendum to the 2001 book.

I have already put my idea forward at a Parish Council meeting and everyone present seemed quite positive about it but I would like to know if other residents would also like this project to go ahead.

It would be necessary to form a small planning group quite soon, not leaving the organisation to the last minute and ensuring that a quality document is produced, worthy of standing next to HAWSTEAD 2001.

I have started my own project to transcribe all the available census records for Hawstead and when I have finished those I'll move onto any other historic records I can find at the Records Office and elsewhere. All the data I collect will be available in a spreadsheet format on a computer disc so that it can be sorted and searched to track families and properties of the village through the ages

I would like to hear from you if you approve, or not, of my suggestion; if you would like to join the planning group; if you have any ideas, suggestions or contributions for the project, Hawstead 2001 - 11.

Please contact me on 388841 or simon.j.miller@talktalk.net or at Hillside, Whepstead Road, Hawstead.

Simon Miller

Bones of the Hills Book Review Contd..

For this reason, Anna says she could have done with more about the civilian and military code that governed the culturally and ethnically diverse Mongol Empire.

Back in the pub, warming ourselves with medicinal glass of beer, we note that Genghis Khan did not leave a written record with his own tribes, only poems, ballads and folk-lore. Like other notable conquerors, he is portrayed differently by those he conquered and those who conquered with him. Negative views are very persistent within many different cultures, from various different geographical regions. They often cite the brutality, cruelties and destructions brought on by the Mongol armies. Iggulden is generally sympathetic with Genghis, crediting him with bringing the Silk Road under one cohesive political environment. This allowed increased communication and trade between the West, Middle East and Asia, thus expanding the horizons of three cultures.

Read this book as though it were an all action war movie and then go to Wikipedia to fill in the descriptive bits.

Paul Caldwell



This photo, which belongs to Mark Crossley, was published in the East Anglian Daily Times in January. It shows children of Whepstead Village School and was taken in 1975 as part of celebrations to commemorate its centenary.

What are your memories of Whepstead school? Local people did use that school in preference to Lawshall or Gt Welnetham, depending on which side of Hawstead they lived. If you have memories and would like to share them, contact Mark Crossley at mark.crossley@archant.co.uk or write to him at 1 King Street, Sudbury, CO10 2EB.

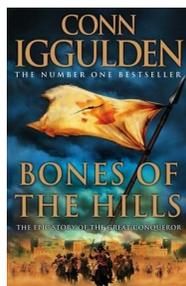
Richard Blackwell

If there is anything of interest to HJ readers, then please let me know too. Ed.

BOOK REVIEW

Bones of the Hills

The Epic Story of the Great Conqueror by Conn Iggulden
518 pages – Published by Harper Collins £19 hardback



A cloudy, windy day finds me walking on Orford Ness with Henry Persiflage and his delightful niece, Anna Glypta. We have taken the little ferry across to the National Trust Site and, with heads down against the gale, we fight our way along the three or four miles to the lighthouse. Some way from us are the transmission masts of the world service. Nearby are the remains of the test bed for bomb aiming and the decaying sheds of the war-time experimental workshops, where the tests on detonators for nuclear bombs were carried out. The National Trust has taken the decision to allow nature to take its course. Grasses and scrub soften the dereliction and red-shank and avocets wheel and chatter away.

We try to summon up the ghosts of the activity of the 1940's, and the question arises of how do you like your history? Henry reminisces that in the war time, in the school holidays, he would leave home in the morning and play all day and watch the dog fights in the skies above. Before he descends into "grumpy old man" mode and tells us how he and his pals shared one soft drink bottle, only wiping it with a fairly clean sleeve, without anyone dying, I mention that one version of history is that of ordinary folk. I'd seen the reviews of the recently published description of life in London 400 years ago, jotted down by Luis de Carvajal, who sent her thoughts and opinions to friends in Spain and France.

Anna has been following The Tudors on the television, and points out that Hollywood has a version of history with the emphasis on entertainment, and accuracy is often a casualty. Her point is that everything is transmitted through someone who has an opinion and an objective. Even academics write their versions, and Henry recalls Hobsbawm's Marxist standpoint. Then there is history as told by the winners.

Iggulden's book is the third of a trilogy on the conquests of Genghis Khan and is typical of the historical novel. The story is set among historical events and centred on historical characters. As far as I can tell, it is based on considerable research to tell a story set in the historical past. The narrative follows the facts accurately enough, though with one or two minor changes to fit in with the action.



The style is very much that of "Dangerous Book for Boys", written as though meant for the Beano. Battles and fights follow in an action packed style. Wham. Bam. Splat. Kerpow. Heads are chopped off with gay abandon. The Mongols ride furiously hither, thither and yon exacting revenge on Shahs and various princelings. This is best approached as a

spiffing, ripping action yarn. To be fair, Iggulden mentions relationships and issues of paternity but only as a paragraph to get us ready for a set-to with a city governor and another cavalry charge.

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A Funny Thing Happened



January 4th - My first day back after the Christmas break to the charity shop where I help out. Our sorting room where our cupboard for all our personal items is, to put it mildly, rather small. In one corner of the room is someone sorting all incoming items - clothes which are good enough to sell are hung prior to pricing, sizing and if needed, to be steamed. Other items, be it linens, bric-a-brac, bags, gloves, scarves, shoes, paintings, etc., etc., are put into position for a person to deal with accordingly.

I put my bags into the cupboard and went off to do the banking and buy milk for our refreshments. Returning to the shop I spent the rest of the morning culling clothes that had been in our shop for too long and bagging them up to send to one of our other shops, sometimes putting aside higher quality clothes to be put on to e-bay. Once fresh items have replaced the gaps, I take over the cash register, whilst a colleague goes for her coffee break. Hundreds of jobs left to do, but it is now time for me to leave and go down to my gym session.



I hurtle down the road - as usual I am late. I pull up short as I realise I have only my handbag and one plastic bag with me and I know that I should have two. Back to the shop, up the stairs and into the sorting room cupboard, which as usual is bursting with peoples coats, bags and other items that seem to have been there for ever, but no gym bag. I searched everywhere but to no avail. I cancel any idea of returning to my keep fit for the first time since before Christmas.



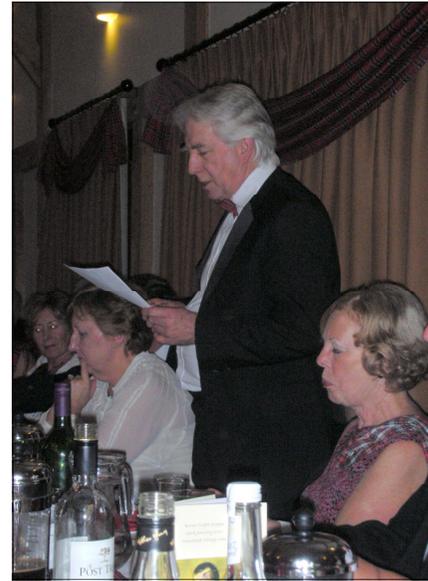
Later it transpired that my trainers which were nearly new - hence clean and non-smelly - were emptied from their bag and were sold for a good price within five minutes of being put out in the shop. I'm not sure what happened to my socks and jogging pants. I

never found the culprit.

If you want efficient salespersons and a good price go to an Oxfam shop.



Margaret Crockford



The Haggis arrives in style



Burns' night Supper

