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Suffolk ACRE launches SuffolkCarShare.com!

Suffolk ACRE, in partnership with Suffolk County Council and the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce has launched a journey-matching website designed to encourage car sharing across Suffolk .

Registration and use of the site is free for individuals, who can log on at www.SuffolkCarShare.com There are currently over 850 members registered on the site, with a successful journey matching rate of over 30%

Car sharing can help to reduce congestion and pollution by decreasing the number of cars on the road, particularly at peak travel times.

Further benefits of car sharing for individuals include:

Savings to the individual of up to £1,000 per year, just by sharing a car a couple of times per week reducing the need to own a vehicle, providing an ideal solution to those without their own vehicle.

Additionally, SuffolkCarShare.com offers employers the facility to set up a private group for their company within the database. Not only can this reduce localised congestion, improving relationships with local communities, but also:

- 1 Lessens demand on car parking, potentially reducing the number of spaces and saving money- the average company parking space can cost up to £400 per year to administer.
- 2 Demonstrates green credentials and meet green travel plan targets.
- 3 Widens recruitment opportunities.
- 4 Provides networking opportunities between employees.

Private groups can be established within the database for a small set-up fee and an annual license charge. Please contact us for more information.

Contact details are included at the end of this message.

Please feel free to log on to the website at www.SuffokCarShare.com to see for yourself how car sharing could benefit you and the environment.

Remember it's totally free for an individual user to use the service and ultimately you can chose whether to accept or offer a lift- you are under no obligation to do so, even if you are matched to someone else.

Further information log on to www.SuffolkCarShare.com or contact: Chris Dashper, Suffolk ACRE Rural and Community Transport Manager chris.dashper@suffolkacre.org.uk 01473 242518, 07901 914568 or Suffolk ACRE, Suffolk House, 2 Wharfedale Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 4JP Suffolk ACRE Ltd.

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Hawstead Journal

For the Village by the Village

August 2007

Parish Council

Councillors

Ros Alexander, Christabel Carr, Karen Caudwell, Malcolm Cornwell (Chairman)
Andy Evershed (Vice Chairman) and Richard Milnes

The newly elected Parish Council held its first meeting on Thursday 12th July at All Saints Parish Church, where Malcolm Cornwell was elected Chairman and Andy Evershed as Vice Chairman.

Following on from that meeting, there now exists one vacancy on the Parish Council for any Parishioner who wishes to put forward their name for consideration.

To register your interest, please contact Joan M Cook, Clerk to the Council (386711) for consideration at the next meeting on 2nd September.

WORK BEGINS ON VILLAGE HALL All Systems GO!



LMV arrive to start work on the new Hall

HAWSTEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Despite the rain LMV construction arrived with a digger & a smile first thing on Monday morning 23rd July to begin work on the foundations for the new hall. The picture below was taken on Saturday 28th July and already the foundation trenches have been dug.

This a very exciting time & we can all congratulate ourselves on getting this far, but we still have to raise some more funds for furnishing & equipment. So its full steam ahead with our major money raising event of the year 'THE VILLAGE FETE'.

Hopefully the rain will stop & the wind won't blow as it did last year & we can enjoy a fun filled day followed at 6.30pm by a BBQ & a relaxing evening of live music provided by our very own talented village musicians & singers of classic pops.

You should all have your Flower & Produce Show schedule by now, so start planning your entries. Print off your favourite Village photo of the year for classes 6a & 6b or rummage through the blue bin before the bin men come & create a new pet or a sculpture for classes D2 & D4.

Bury's waste management team are coming along to present the children's entry with a prize. Don't forget you can bid for all the prize village produce at the Auction at 4.00pm.

Also attending will be our Police community support officer with the rural south Neighbourhood team & Suffolk Wildlife Trust. All the traditional stalls plus a magic show, dog display by 'Best Buddies', vintage cars & craft demonstrations.

LA fitness will be encouraging you to keep fit & donating a membership token for one of our great Raffle prizes. The star prize for this is a Trial Flying Lesson, plus Nutcracker ballet, The Metcalfe Arms Rede & others to be buy your tickets from Community Council.

Thanks to those who help, we still need bookstall & offers to refreshments, plus up on the day. So September 2nd, for delicious cakes and 2.00pm onwards.



tickets for the meals for two at and the Plough at announced. So anyone on the

have offered to someone for the take a stint on the plenty to help set join us on Sunday BBQ, beer & usual refreshments from

Editors Page

Looking through some old papers I came across a newspaper cutting from 2002 which reported on a scientific experiment which claimed to have established the world's funniest joke. 30,000 jokes were told to 2 million people and the overall winner in terms of popularity was revealed to a crowd at Covent Garden by a man dressed up as a chicken. Well, there you go.

Anyway, this is how it goes – ready?

A couple of New Jersey hunters are out in the woods when one of them falls to the ground. He doesn't seem to be breathing and his eyes are rolled back in his head. The other guy whips out his mobile phone and calls the emergency services. He gasps to the operator: "My friend is dead! What can I do?" The operator, in a calm soothing voice says: "Just take it easy. I can help. First let's make sure he's dead." There is silence, then a shot is heard. The hunter's voice comes back on the line. He says: "OK, now what?"

It looks like they had jokes which originated in different countries as a sort of sub-category: apparently the funniest English joke goes like this: Two weasels are sitting on a bar stool. One starts to insult the other one. He screams: "I slept with your mother!" The bar goes quiet as everyone listens to see what the other one will do. The first again yells: "I SLEPT WITH YOUR MOTHER!"

The other one says: "Go home Dad, you're drunk."

By the way, 10,000 jokes were rejected as being too smutty, libellous or in poor taste.

Andy's Village Green Discs (not prioritised)

I've decided to take only songs by female singers:

Dusty Springfield	Goin' Back
Carole King	You've got a Friend
Melanie	Ruby Tuesday
Joan Armatrading	Love and Affection
Roberta Flack	The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face
Kiri Te Kanawa	Bailero (Songs from the Auvergne)
June Tabor	No Man's Land/Flowers of the Forest
Liz Simcock	Call Me
Joni Mitchell	River
Joan Baez	Farewell Angelina OR
	There but for Fortune (I can't decide!)

You probably know most of these singers, but perhaps not Liz Simcock. She's a superb singer-songwriter based in N. London. She has two CDs out to date, 'Seven Sisters Road. (2001) and 'Vanishing Girl' (2004). 'Call Me' is from the second one. www.lizsimcock.com Next gig 1/09, Red Lion, Manningtree, after which recoring third album!

HAPPY PIGS; HAPPY EATING

Four years ago a group of high minded friends who were concerned about the environment and food miles decided to put their principles into practice and raise pigs. Thus the Hawstead Pig Group came into being. Concerns about keeping rare breeds alive and preserving the planet while genuine were also linked to the most basic of all human needs and that was and remains that the members of the group like to eat very well indeed.

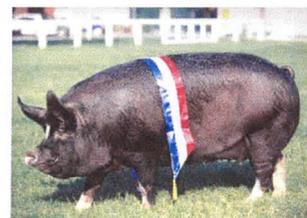


Arthur Wright's old allotment plot was the first site the group fenced and made pig proof with an electric fence. A pig arc, stuffed with straw, was placed in the centre. Two of the group with some experience of managing livestock, but not pigs set off with a borrowed trailer and some trepidation to a local breeder of Large Blacks. On their return four piglets were released into their new home. Each was as black as the night, large they were not except for their ears. These flopped forward obscuring their faces leaving visible only the upturned tips of their snouts. On a diet of specially formulated organic food together with the roots they foraged they grew rapidly and within a few months early one Sunday morning they made a short, last journey to Hartest.

Since then the Group has raised Saddlebacks and Berkshires and currently are caring for Saddlebacks crossed with Large Whites. Each of these breeds has different characteristics. The Large Blacks were very vocal and as soon as anyone approached their pen the boys in particular would begin to shout a squealing welcome. Berkshires are story book pigs with pointy ears, an inquisitive manner and like their backs scratched. While the ones we have at the moment are diggers, turning over the earth at an amazing rate. One thing they all have in common is that the pork is lean, tender and delicious.



The site has changed too. In hot weather pigs suffer from the heat and like to wallow in cool mud. Where they are now is not far from a stream and with some ingenuity the pig keepers have rigged up a water supply which allows the pigs a fine muddy patch. What more could happy pigs want!



As some people in the village already know, occasionally, the Hawstead Pig Group will sell some of the pork they produce. If you are interested in a side, butchered and cured to your own requirements at a competitive price then please contact Jo Butt, Tel 01284 388817. Jo will register your interest and contact you shortly before the pork is available.

All Saints Church, Hawstead

August 2007

Benefice Prayers each Wednesday, 5 – 5.30pm

Sunday, 12 August: 8.30am. Said Eucharist
Sunday, 25 August: 11.00am. Parish Eucharist



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or e-mail Harrison@libher.suffolccc.gov.uk

Ragtime at Flatts farm

Very informal rugging group every 3rd Wednesday in the month at 2pm.
Ruth Mackay 388085

Do Computers have a gender?

An English teacher was explaining to his students the concept of gender association in the English language. He noted how hurricanes at one time were given only female names and how ships and aircraft are usually referred to as 'she'. One of the students raised a hand and asked 'what gender is a computer?' The teacher wasn't certain. So he divided the class into two groups, males in one and females in the other and asked them to decide if a computer should be masculine or feminine. Both groups were asked to give four reasons for their recommendations.

The group of women concluded that computers should be referred to as masculine because in order to get their attention, you have to turn them on. They have a lot of data but they are clueless. They are supposed to help you solve your problems but half the time they are the problem. As soon as you commit to one you realise that, if you had waited a little longer, you could have had a better model.

The men, on the other hand, decided that computers should definitely be referred to as female because No one but their creator understands their internal logic. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else. Even your smallest mistakes are stored in long-term memory for later retrieval. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your salary on accessories for it.

Now that it's high summer, it's time to get your bicycle out and go for a gentle spin around the Suffolk lanes. The benefit of the suggested route here is that you get to visit lots of pubs! **Start** at the *Metcalfe Arms* (unload the bike(s) from the car and park in the carpark if necessary) and head down towards the Green, turning left up Whepstead Road. Keep going, and on the flat at the top, turn right along Straight Road and through Mickley Green to the B1066. Now this cycle ride hardly touches A or B roads, turn right and here you've just a few hundred yards before you turn left and zoom down the hill. There's a right-hand turn at the bottom: turn left at the junction and you'll have *The White Horse* in sight. This pub belongs to Punch Taverns and is just 3.4 miles along our route. Continuing on the same road, the land undulates and after another 2.5 miles the next village, Rede is reached. Visiting *The Plough* (Greene King) requires a slight detour involving a right and then left turn, but it's only a few hundred yards. Then it's only 2 further miles to reach Hawkedon, but take care! The plateau land continues for a while, but then there's a hilly bit as we descend to the valley of one of the River Glem's tributaries. Luckily, at the top of the ensuing hill stands the free house *The Queen's Head*. Refreshments may well be in order! Then we turn left after the church, and there's a quiet narrow lane which follows another stream valley gently downhill before climbing for a short stretch to meet the B1066 again. Turn left and after about half a mile you'll start entering Hartest. Turn right at the Green and you'll find *The Crown* (Greene King) half-hidden on the right amidst trees. It's 3.4 miles from Hawkedon, but only about 1 mile of this has been along the B road.

The "Rag Wort Collection"

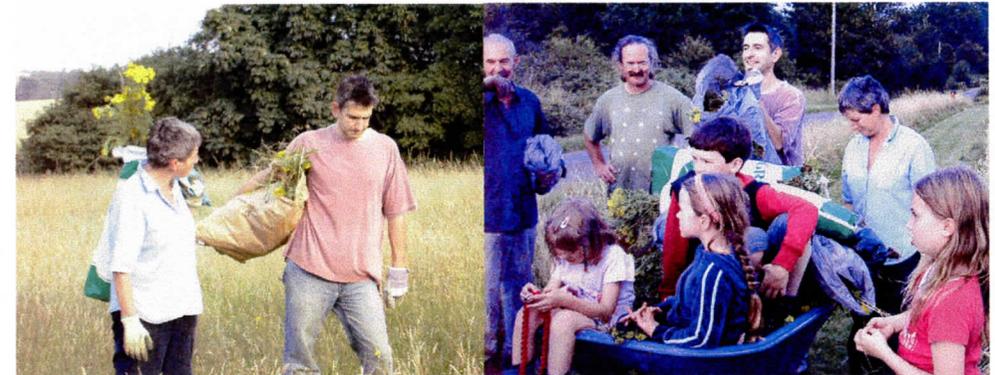
If, on Sunday evening 22nd July (just after tea time) you were passing the village green and happen to see a group of paper bag carriers and wondered what was happening, it was probably the Rag Wort Spotters and Collectors. These were volunteers "specially" selected, as having the keenness of eye and stealth of movement, to pull and tug up all of these unwanted plants, in preparation for the annual hay making.

Why were they doing it, I hear you ask ?

Quite simply, Rag Wort when eaten by cattle, is poisonous.

So after this year's nurtured hay crop which has taken 12 months to grow, has been baled, the very last thing anyone would want is for that to happen. In addition to which, it would also have a financial loss to the owner/s of the cattle.

So probably in about three years time and again on a Sunday evening at about the same time, you may again see the same thing.



Something that Katie Fairburn found laying in the grass during her stint of rag Wort collecting - a small blue plastic bag - a parcel that its dog owner had "accidentally left" for somebody else to find and dispose of.

In the interest of all Village Green walkers, and other dog owner, please ensure you place your dogs waste into one of the purpose sited collection bins OR take it home with YOU.



Katie Fairbairn, moved to Pinford End 23 years ago from Wickhambrook with her husband John and three young children. But eleven years ago something got under her skin. Hawstead Parish Council was preventing a local children's football team from playing on the village green for fear that it would cut up the grass. As a PE teacher, and someone who's genuinely fond of kids, Katie thought this unreasonable. She got herself onto the Council where her persistence, and unanswerable logic won the day: the team was allowed to play.



For a number of years, Katie was also the Parish Council representative on the Board of Governors of Lawshall School. She says that the successful campaign to keep the school open, in which she took a determined and leading role, is perhaps the most important thing she was able to do as a councillor.

Such commitment both to people and to the public open spaces that make Hawstead such a special place has characterised Katie's service to the Council, both as a member and latterly as Chairman. Dashing between school sports fixtures, parents evenings and family commitments meant that she might occasionally have arrived in a flurry of apologies a few moments after a meeting should have begun, but she invariably ran meetings with grace, good humour, great good sense, and compassion.

From acting as chauffeur to the parish clerk when he returned after an illness, to serving teas in a windy tent with no means of heating water at the Folk Festival, or pulling ragwort last month before the green was cut for hay, she has always been ready to lend a hand even though life was already impossibly full.

She supported the building of the play area and the purchase of what is now known as the Millennium Field—next to the churchyard—thus helping to secure the last piece of church Glebe land in the village for the enjoyment of future generations. But she is very conscious that villages can't just stand still and believes that the greatest problem Hawstead faces at the moment is the lack of starter homes and affordable housing for young families.

John, however, had always wanted to live abroad and with Katie's retirement from teaching two years ago they decided to buy a house in Crete. Katie has written about the pleasures of living there (including the ease of finding people to do odd jobs) in a previous issue of the Journal. But with a new grandchild in Ireland, plus a new-found passion for croquet, which she plays at the Victory sports ground, and which isn't a Cretan game, Katie won't be idling away in the sunshine for long. She and John have bought a cottage in Clare and will be returning there at regular intervals, where she will be able to offset her air miles by walking to the shops.

But even in leaving us, Katie and John have given us a lasting legacy. They were determined not to sell their home at Pinford End to people who would 'improve' it, make a profit and move on. Instead, they found a young couple with children who will be moving-in in August. We look forward to welcoming them.

The cycle continues.

Turning right out of the Crown carpark, we go over a small bridge and then turn left, along a very narrow road which leads us firstly uphill, and then again in a more undulating fashion amongst fields towards Lawshall. Joining a road from the left (the bottom end of Folley Lane?) we soon come to a crossroads. Now here's a choice: turn left and you could complete your journey if short of time (it's the dotted line on the map - 4.6 miles): or continue across, along Lambs Lane and keep going through this rather spread out village till you find the recently re-thatched *Swan* pub (Greene King) on your right hand side. (3.3 miles from the Crown). After The Swan turn left by the Free Church and head for Stanningfield. (I've included a detour for the really hardy, taking in the Bush at Shimpling - and to avoid retracing steps you will need to go for a short distance along the A134.) Shortly after the 'back entrance' to Coldham Hall, there's a right hand turn to take, up a short hill with Stanningfield Church, and then it's a short stretch into the village and the *Red House* (current ownership?) That was 2.4 miles. The home stretch is the same distance: the road is flat, heading towards Gt Welnetham, and then we take a left and travel down, past Flat Farm, Brook Green, and then Hawstead Village Green comes into view. Turn left at the T-junction and it's a race along to get back to the Metcalfe Arms for a well deserved drink. (Total journey, excluding dotted-line alternatives, 19.4 miles.)

Opening Times may have changed since information obtained

Metcalfe Arms Mon closed; Tues-Fri 12-2 & 5.30-11; Sat 12-11; Sun 12-10.30

White Horse Mon & Tues 5.30-11; Wed-Sat 12-2.30 & 5.30-11; Sun 12-2.30 & 6-10.30

The Plough Mon - Sat 11-3 & 6.30-11; Sun 11-3 & 7-10.30

Queen's Head Mon-Fri 5-12; Sat & Sun 12-12

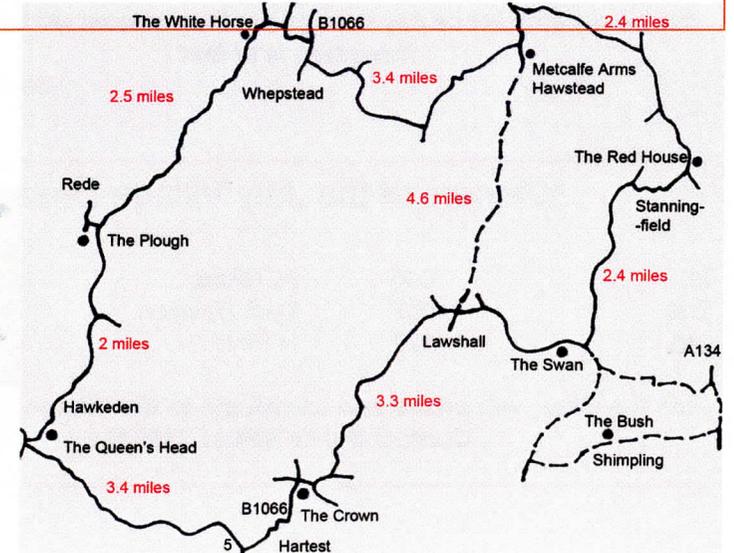
The Crown Mon-Fri 11-3 and 5.45-11; Sat 11-11; Sun 12-10.30

The Swan Mon 6.30-11; Tues-Fri 12-2.30 & 4.45-11; Sat 12-12, Sun 12-10.30

The Red House



0124 7008 The Plough, Rede. The old building and nearby well.



Hawstead – where's that?

All my life I have been answering this question.
Well, I reply, 5 miles south of Bury St Edmunds.
Oh, is the reply. Where's that then?

We live in a (sometimes) quiet village in Suffolk with its village green, newly re-opened pub and a church. A new village hall will soon be up and running where everyone can get together as a community. We can reminisce about the old times and the people we once knew. We will meet new friends. We can also build a new future for the village. There is much and varied wildlife in Hawstead: who hasn't at one time been plagued by flying ants, pigeons or beetles?! The latest is wild rabbits. The village green is a haven for rare species of plant as well as wildlife such as moles.

Who else can remember the primroses growing on the grass verges in Hawstead?

I, like others have seen many things disappear: the football, cricket, darts, pool and cribbage teams, and the village shop to name a few.

How many times has the pub closed and opened, and how many licences have there been?

Hawstead has been constantly evolving. We now have a Millennium Field and graveyard extension on land where horses used to graze. The ditch along Whepstead Road is now covered by a footpath and comes with overhead street lighting. We also have a special village sign to tell people where we are and to remember our history.

As traffic density increases throughout the village and more children live here, perhaps one day everyone in Bury at least will know where
Hawstead is at last!

Sarah Holdway

Winners of the July Village Draw

1st	046	N. Gibbs	£17.65
2nd	057	D&S Dawson	£4.68
3rd	122	N Pink	£1.17

**Join the Draw, win prizes and contribute to the Village Hall Fund !!
Contact Sylvia Miller: 388841**

QUIZ NIGHT AT THE METCALFE ARMS



Looks like a Prize!

For all of you who missed it, a great night was had by all on Wednesday 25th July when Nigel and Ann at the Metcalfe Arms held their first quiz night.

The question master was Ann's Mum and some of the questions were real brainteasers.

Half time was celebrated with a complimentary buffet and prizes abounded.

The winners were the HOGS team of:

Bruce Monk, John West and Jacquie and Richard Milns.

Most importantly, £68 was raised for the Suffolk Air Ambulance.

Watch out for the next quiz night and be sure to be there!

For Sale

Now that you've finished the SEVEN Harry Potter books, try your hand at (or cast your eye over) the TWELVE Nicholas Jenkins books! This is the sequence: 'A Dance to the Music of Time' by Anthony Powell, originally published 1951-75. This paperback edition came out in 1997 in 4 volumes (Spring-Winter) at a total cost of £43.96. Yours for £10 !!
Tel. 386531

(I've also got a 1960's edition of Chambers Encyclopaedia looking for a shelf-filling home – offers invited – includes several years of 'annual reviews')