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Since the front page Parish Council report was written and submitted by the Parish Clerk, Richard Milnes, who was elected as a Parish Councillor earlier this year, has decided to resign from that position with effect from the 1st November.

## Postal Scam warning as issued by the Royal Mail

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## Winners of the Village Draw August

1st	042	N Gibbs	£17.40
2nd	064	D & S Dawson	4.64
3rd	056	D & S Dawson	

## September

1st	97	K & P Caldwell	£18.90
2nd	36	M Crockford	5.00
3rd	13	S Miller	1.25

## October

1st	9	S & S Miller	£18.75
2nd	119	R Carr	5.04
3rd	27	J West	1.26

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

## Next month's Editor is Malcolm Cornwell

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# Hawstead Journal

For the Village by the Village

Sept / Oct / Nov 2007

## Parish Council

### Report on the meeting held Thursday 6th September

Following the appeal by the Chairman, Mr Malcolm Cornwell in the last edition of the Hawstead Journal, four residents put themselves forward to fill the vacancy on the Council. After the opening formalities of the meeting, the first business of the evening was to consider the candidates and take a vote. Sarah Lawson of Bull Lane, Pinford End received a clear majority and thus was duly co-opted. The Chairman would like to thank all those who showed an interest. It is, he said very encouraging that in a small village so many people are willing to serve the community.

The new and complete Parish Council together with their areas of responsibility are as follows:

Mr Malcolm Cornwell	Chairman	(Finance Committee)	Tel 388142
Mr Andy Evershed	Vice Chairman	(Tree Warden)	Tel 386501
Mrs Ros Alexander		(Finance Committee)	Tel 735561
Mrs Karen Caldwell		(Finance Committee)	Tel 388267
Mrs Christabel Carr		(Greens Warden)	Tel 386245
Mrs Sarah Lawson		(Footpath Warden)	Tel 388348
Mr Richard Milnes		(Finance Committee)	Tel 388813

Additionally, all the members of the Council serve on the Planning Committee and Mrs Karen Caldwell together with her husband are undertaking a survey of the Greens and the small "parcels" of land that lay around the Parish.

Terry Clements Suffolk County Councillor joined the meeting in time to take part in a discussion concerning the dangerous bend on the Bury Road at the bottom of Bull Hill. All the Councillors could recall either witnessing accidents or being part of a near miss. The carriageway is **16 foot wide** which gives little room for vehicles to manoeuvre as they travel downhill into the blind bend. It was agreed that the Clerk would write formally to Terry Clements with copies of the letter to SCC Highways Dept. etc. setting out the dangerous nature of the road and that the matter be given urgent attention.

Consequently this matter will be discussed at the next PC meeting to be held in November.

Two planning matters had been considered by the Council during August both have generated strong feelings within different sections of the community.

Terry Clements commented that it was not unusual for planning issues to be contentious as the applicants invested a great deal of time, thought and money in developing a scheme which met their particular needs.

The role of the Parish Council is to consider the proposal from a much wider the point of view and this would include the needs of the community and the development of the parish overall. It should be noted that at the end of their consideration of any application the Parish Council makes a recommendation, and it is only a recommendation to the planning committee of the Borough Council. Who in turn must take into account the legislation, and all the rules and regulations which govern planning decisions before they allow or refuse permission for an application to go ahead. In addition, it should be noted that decisions are made on facts in a professional context **where personal feelings have no place.**

If you have a problem connected with the Parish or perhaps notice that there is a fallen tree or a blocked footpath or the roads are in need of repair please bring it to the attention of one of the Councillors as they will know whom to contact.

Remedial action on those things which are the responsibility of the Parish will be dealt with, as matters arise.

### All Saints Church, Hawstead November 2007

Benefice Prayers each Wednesday, 5 – 5.30pm

Sunday 11th 8.30am Said Eucharist

Sunday 25th 11.00am Parish Eucharist



## More News from the Community Council

We wish to thank everyone who helped us do so much. It was lovely to welcome old friends back to the village and unfortunately Phyllis Pettit just can't stay for the raffle tickets!

The ladies serving cakes were superb and so were the cakes. **Guess the weight of the beautiful cake**, as baked by Emma Topham Smith, was won by Jane Powell.

We were entertained by Nick Lowe, Ollie Gibbs and friends for most of the day and evening and where John Thurman from Lawshall also joined in the musical scene.

The children had a great time in the craft tent when our magic man Wayne Goodman kept them well entertained later in the day.

Hope you all enjoyed the day, which is what it is all about.

Anyone wishing to join the committee should get in touch, where you get to do wonderful things like organising village fetes!!!

Sonja Monk



**Well**, have you seen the village hall's rapid progress lately ?  
Were you present when the clod was cut by young Laurie Evershed ?  
How quick a transformation from the clod on 14th July to 2nd November it has been.

# The Metcalfe Arms News

We have now been open for four busy months and cannot believe how quickly time has passed. It has been great meeting you and it feels like we have been here for much longer. Many of you have supported our varied events through the summer months and we hope that you have enjoyed our efforts and that you will continue this support throughout the winter months

We have many more ideas for the long winter nights and listed are our proposed plans up until Christmas, when we look forward to greeting you here during this and the festive season ahead.

Come and try our pensioner lunches every Thursday 12-1.30pm

Plus, our happy hour 6-7pm on Tuesday to Friday,

All of our following events start at 7.30pm

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| 31st October | Halloween Night party and hot buffet.         |
| 4th November | Bonfire night party.                          |
| 15th         | Beaujolais Nouveau 2007 French Theme night.   |
| 23rd         | Sloe Gin night.                               |
| 1st December | Live music with Alex Body.                    |
| 4th - 20th   | Christmas party nights.                       |
| 7th          | Christmas Quiz night.                         |
| 21st         | Christmas carols ( Mulled wine & Mince pies ) |
| 25th & 26th  | Lunch time drinks & nibbles 12 - 2pm          |

1st January 2008 - Car Club meet.

If you would like any further information about any of these events please give us a call on 386321.

Look forward to welcoming you all during the festive season

Anne & Nigel



# COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

## Village Hall Updates - September and October

Work has moved on apace on the Village Green and the foundations and brickwork were almost complete when this photo was taken on the 26th August.



The next phase of construction started around the 17th September when the oak frame arrived on site which was accompanied by a large crane to raise all the timbers into place and whereby two weeks later, the frame was almost complete.



Everything is still running to schedule and no major problems have been encountered so far as the photo taken 2nd Nov shows. So we are on course to have the building finished around the end of November.

Accordingly, **We** would like to invite you to view the progress on the hall on Saturday 10th November between 10-12.30



**Such** is its importance for bio-diversity that the green has qualified for the highest level of support from the Government under the new Stewardship scheme. This represents a significant income for the parish council, which is spent to benefit the village. Under this scheme, we are required to have the grass cut for hay, and one year in four, we have to leave the cutting until late in July. Since the hay is organic, full of beneficial herbs (and clear of ragwort), we are fortunate in still being able to find a farmer willing to cut, turn and bale it, taking it in payment for his labour - and taking the risk in the weather, which can so easily spoil a hay crop.

**At** the request of dog walkers and others, however, we keep a perimeter path which is regularly mown and which in this year's rainy weather has developed into a beautiful smooth sward, wide enough for two people to walk abreast. This is part of our Stewardship agreement. But even keeping this grass path and the area round the village hall site and play area regularly mowed costs a great deal of money every year. Cutting the whole thing would lose the village money (in the form of the grant) and cost us a prohibitive amount of money. It would also be a disaster for wild life.



Do you reckon those lines are straight then ?

#### **What does the Greens Warden do?**

The warden is the person who keeps an eye on all our village open spaces, and checks that the mowing is being carried out according to plan. He or she is the first port of call for any issues or problems.

So she / he does not have to be a member of the Parish Council, but often is.

**MOBILE LIBRARY** (mobile direct line 07721 879715)

for

**Tuesday 6th and 20th November**

**Whepstead Road lay-by 1.00pm – 1.20pm**

**Bull Lane 1.25pm – 1.40pm**

If you have comments about the service please contact Elisabeth Harrison, Service Development Librarian. Tel. 01473 260456  
or e-mail [Harrison@libher.suffolccc.gov.uk](mailto:Harrison@libher.suffolccc.gov.uk)



### **HAY MAKING, when was that then ?**

6th August to be precise and another year's village green hay making nearly over.

**Now** 3 months on, the cold dark nights are upon us and this photograph I reckon for a lot of us, is now, all but an all to distant and far memory.

## **Autumn Fruit Relish**

(Time to cook: approximately 25 minutes)

15 ml (1 tablespoon ) Oil

100g (4 oz) Blackberries

1 Eating apple

1 teaspoon Ground allspice

(5 tablespoons) Red wine vinegar

1 large Red Onion (Garlic optional)

100g (4 oz) Soft brown sugar

1 large Cooking apple

1 large Red Chilli 75 ml or

( 1 teaspoon of chilli powder )

#### **Method**

Heat 15ml (1 tablespoon) of oil in a heavy based pan, add 1 red onion, peeled and finely sliced, and cook slowly for 8-10 minutes until softened and brown.

Add 1 clove of garlic, finely chopped, 1 large chilli, deseeded and finely sliced (or 1 teaspoon of chilli powder), 100g (4oz) soft brown sugar and 75ml (5 tablespoons) red wine vinegar and cook for a further 5 minutes stirring until the sugar dissolves. Add 1 eating apple, peeled, cored and chopped, 1 large cooking apple , peeled, cored and chopped, 100g (4oz) blackberries and 5ml (1 teaspoon) ground allspice, stir well.

Cover the pan and cook on a reduced heat until the apples are fluffy, approx 10 minutes. Remove from heat and pour into a jar and seal.

**Keeps in a refrigerator for a week or so.**

**Delicious with hot and cold meats**

**Unfortunately** for various reasons, your HJ has not been published since August, which some very keen readers, have commented on.

For this particular occasion, we have to blame computers - "Oh really that's original", we suspect some of you may say, But yes, it is true. For some reason or another ( for which there will be many armchair avid readers nodding, ready to give various technical reason's for why ) information and photographs especially, were not being accepted from one computer to another and then onto a 3rd. By the time the 3rd one had received it into the printer, well, it all just became a mass of dots, dashes and blanks. So as not to delete all the gathered hard written work, it has taken all this time and perseverance to resolve the problems.

So, perhaps the moral of this excuse is - **must try harder** !

Talking of which, HJ is now very short of articles from **new contributors**. So, if you are reading this could you consider supplying us with news or an event for others to know about. Just one article, yes even just the one helps us to "print he word" which in turn will give others the pleasure and enjoyment to read, especially of local news and nearby events that our villagers can attend.

Provisional takings from the Fete towards the new hall were **£1,723**.

## **Winners of the prizes were:-**

for the exhibitor gaining the most points

**Anne Shorter**

**Sheriff Cup**

for the best all round exhibitor in section A (vegetables)

**Anne Shorter**

**Mortlock Shield**

for the greatest number of points in section E (home produce)

**Sonia Monk**

**Founders Cup**

for the exhibitor from Hawstead exhibiting the best onions

**Jo Butt**

**Glass trophy**

for the best flower arrangement

**Sylvia Miller**

**Holdway Bowl**

for the greatest number of points in section E (fruit)

**Sylvia Miller**

**Millennium Trophy**

for the best exhibitor in the show

**Simon Miller**

## **SAVE OUR GRASS VERGES !**

I find it extremely irritating that all of us country dwellers "*love the country*", "*love the wild flowers*", "*love the tranquillity*" and so on, and so on. How many of these same people are driving up the grass verges, which eventually become the road, which in turn makes the road seem wider so the traffic goes faster? No-one seems to have the time to be safe on the roads these days. Tranquillity? Roaring exhausts at speeds in excess of a safe limit. Never mind the 30 mph limit, what happened to driving defensively rather than on the attack as seems to be so much the case now. 30mph is far too fast round bends where there may be horses, or a tractor which takes up the whole road width, or even a huge lorry which may not even belong to the local farming community. We are in so much of a rush to save those one or two minutes we can't (no, won't) wait in a passing place we will make yet another one and eradicate the grass verge.

So, no grass verge, no wild flowers. Continuing attempts to protect the verges outside our property have failed. In the last 18 months drivers have claimed another 2+ feet in places but they still want more! We should all support *our* community and maybe put up notices to protect our verges; after all the council do!

**SAVE OUR GRASS VERGES.**

**KEEP OUR VILLAGE A COUNTRY VILLAGE.**

**DRIVERS (LOCAL OR NOT) KEEP OFF THE GRASS.**

## **Grumpy Old Men and Women**

Enough of celebrity this and celebrity that. We can find enough grumpies of our own, thank-you. In the first of what might even be an occasional series, 'Rosie Greengrass' takes issue with all those people who just have to keep driving at you when the road is only big enough for one - and when *they've* just passed a passing space. If you want to respond - or have a grump of your own - the next editor will be delighted to hear from you. And you can use a pen-name if you wish - like 'Rosie'

## **Editor's grump**

And while we're at it, why are so many people so keen to make the verge outside their house look like lawn? If we prevent flowers from setting seed, it's no wonder that they decline. There are two short stretches of protected verge locally, one on the way to Lawshall and one on Hawstead Lane. They are marked by white sticks which means they don't get cut until after midsummer. They are a picture with orchids and rare grasses. It would be wonderful if these could be encouraged to spread. We live in the countryside, why turn it into suburbia?

**Village Fete and  
Produce Show**



Do you know where this plaque comes from ?

If so let the Editor know Or perhaps wait for the next HJ issue for a possible clue !

## Autumn pickles from Grandma's kitchen

Spiced Crab Apples (Wild or Siberian)

2 ½ lbs crab apples

2lbs sugar

1 pint spiced vinegar

### Method

Wash the crab apples, dry and remove the stalks.

Add the sugar to the vinegar and bring to the boil.

Put in the apples and simmer until they are tender but not broken.

Pack the apples into jars.

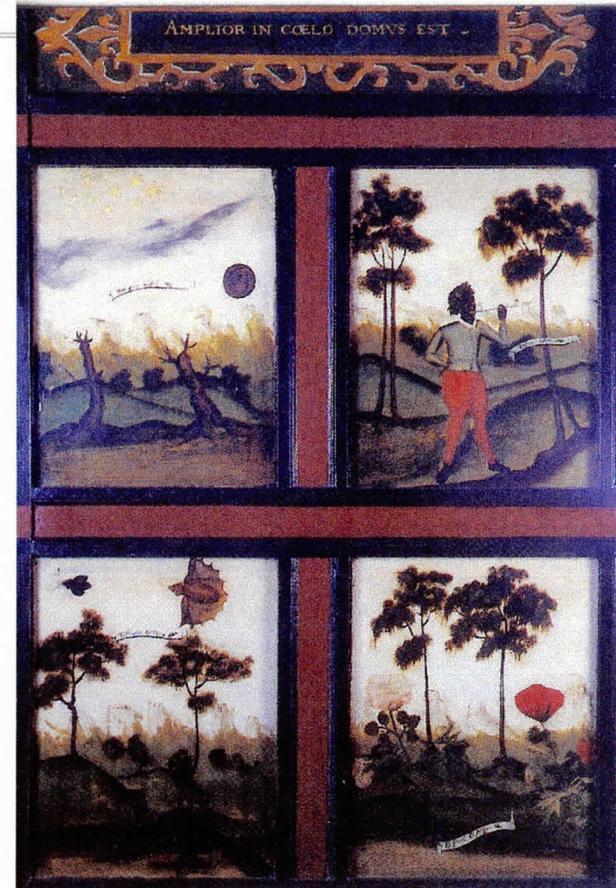
Re-boil the vinegar till a thick syrup has formed.

Pour over the apples and seal.

**Delicious with hot and cold meats**

Recipe from : The National Federation of Women's Institutes  
"Unusual Preserves", March 1958

Images of saints or of God were not used by any Protestants at the time, and the panels may therefore be a way of demonstrating Lady Drury's puritanism. She had appointed as rector of Hawstead, Joseph Hall, a life-long Calvinist, one time satirist, friend of the poet John Donne, and future Bishop of Norwich. He advocated a form of meditation, using paradoxes or contradictory statements to demonstrate religious themes or truths. The striking image of the African wearing English doublet and bright red hose, and smoking a clay pipe (in contrast to the near naked figure in the bottom right) may therefore illustrate both the Latin *iam sumus ergo pares* - 'now then we are the same', and also the proverb 'clothes do not make the man', while satirising extravagance in the dress of English men and women.

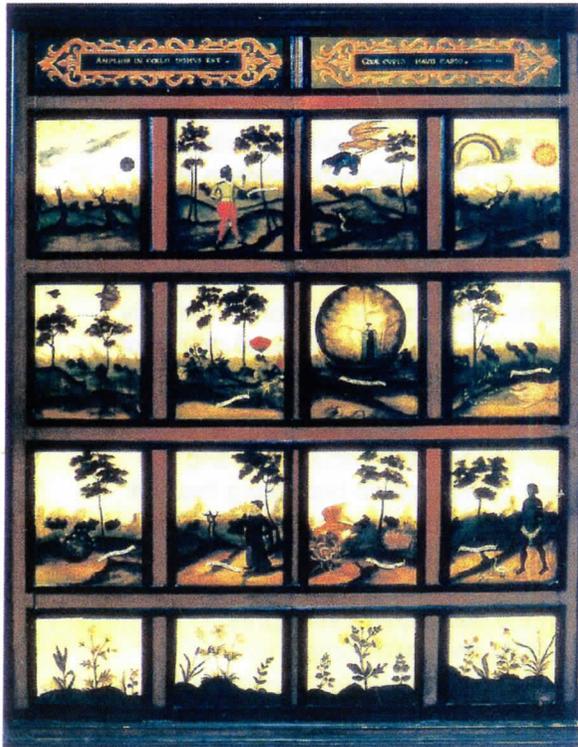


Karen Caldwell and Ross Alexandra  
Photographs courtesy of Ipswich Borough Council

# The Hawstead Panels

**Hawstead Place** is the house with the large black barn on the hill at Pinford End. The original house on that site was the home of Sir Robert Drury and his wife Anne. These panels decorated a closet - a small private room or prayer room - in the house. It is probable that Lady Drury painted the panels herself as a way of passing the time when her husband was away on various campaigns and at court, but although she was an older sister of the courtier and painter Sir Nathaniel Bacon, the artwork is unskilled.

The content of each of the panels is nevertheless fascinating, with curious, emblematic images, each with a motto in Latin, together forming a kind of argument amplifying the two proverbial sayings at the top. These read *Amplior in coelo domus est* (a version of which is given by Shakespeare's Hamlet as 'There are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamt of in your philosophy') and *Quae cupio haud capio*, 'What I desire I can by no means possess'. The panel second on the right at the top shows a griffin carrying off an elephant with the motto: 'One has no time for petty things'. Another, second on the left in the second row has a skull with branches growing through eye sockets, and the motto 'You will die in the way you live'.



## Foreign immigrant

Found in Hawstead, an unusual and rather pretty little flower. Susan Stone at Suffolk Wildlife Trust has informed us it's an Apple of Peru - *Nicandra physalodes*, an introduced plant that is a 'casual of waste ground and gardens' and often comes in with bird-seed and wool.



It's sometimes grown as a garden plant and also known as 'shoo-fly' as it is meant to be unpleasant to flies. It's an annual so needs to seed in order to persist. A member of the solanum family, it is related to both potatoes and deadly night-shade. We think it is poisonous - so don't eat it and wash your hands after handling!

### Rosie's reply

Yes, I agree! Leave the verges in a natural state so that the wild flowers can self seed. I always find it infuriating when the local council come and cut the verge just as the oxeye daisies are coming up! I've tried asking the council not to cut our verge because of the wild flowers but to no avail. I actually go seed collecting so that I can keep some seeds for setting in different places. Obviously, I don't pick all seeds, just a few. Maybe we could encourage others to do the same? Just a thought

### Editor's note

We checked with Suffolk Wildlife Trust. They're OK with people spreading seed from local sources - but check with the landowner first, and leave plenty in situ. If it's growing there, it likes it! And don't spread bought seed or foreign bulbs and plants outside your own garden, you might interfere with the local gene pool.

## Your very own Hawstead weather report



This review covers the period from April to October 2007. The prolonged dry spell which had begun during the last week in March continued through to May 6th; a mere 4mm of rain fell during this period (A similar dry period occurred during the spring of 1996). By contrast to that year, copious rainfall was a feature of the next eleven weeks when the deeply unsettled weather terminated only at the end of July.



As many people have remarked, summer came ( and went ) in April this year. It was indeed an extraordinary record breaking month. Not only was it dry but exceptionally sunny and warm and on only one day, did the maximum temperature fail to reach normal. On ten days, the thermometer reached or exceeded 20°C (68°F). 13°-14°C (56°F-57°F) is a normal maximum for April. Clear skies on April nights invariably lead to air frosts, but this year exceptionally mild air was drawn over the country. The last of the few night frosts occurred on April 8th which is an unusually early date for this frost hollow location. The average daily maximum was 18.4°C (65.2°F) which exceeded the previous record set in 1987 by nearly 3°C

May started most promisingly, with two brilliantly sunny days but by the 7th, the pattern of deeply unsettled wet and cloudy weather was established. The pre late bank holiday week brought a respite with drier, summery weather; temperatures exceeded 23°C (73°F) between 23rd and 25th. The bank holiday itself was miserably wet and cold, a maximum of 8.5°C (47.5°F) on 28th and 46mm ( not far off 2" ) of rain measured on the 28th - 29th.

It was the third wettest May on record with 2-1/2 times the normal. The average temperature was above the lay term mean on account of the mild nights.

During the first fortnight of June, high pressure made an effort to establish itself albeit rather feebly. There were several summery days most notably the 2nd and 9th when the thermometer rose to 24.5°C (76°F) under cloudless skies. A thunderstorm on 13th heralded the return of unsettled conditions with heavy showers. The total rainfall, 70mm was some 30% above normal. Similarly to May, night temperatures held up well under cloudy skies.

Surprisingly the average temperature for the month exceeded the mean, placing this June within the top 10 warm Junes. Not that one would have reckoned upon this fact since it is sunshine that makes the deepest impression and there was little enough of that.

July brought no improvements; indeed the weather was wetter, cloudier and more humid. In truth, there was not even one summery day; the highest maximum of 24°C (75°F) was measured on a cloudy, humid day. Only July 1962, 1965 and 1988 recorded lower maxima for the month. Were one inclined to count blessings, we were fortunate to escape the floodwaters which engulfed areas of the north and west. Here in Hawstead nearly 90mm of rain was recorded nearly twice the normal.

August was positively dry after the previous three months, with a total rainfall of 30mm - about 60% of normal. During the first thirteen days summer finally arrived, though there was no true heat wave. However, between 3rd and 5th temperatures exceeded 25°C (77°F). at least it was dry. By mid month there were marked signs of autumn; tree foliage began to fade, plums and apples ripened 10 to 15 days earlier than normal: the evenings were distinctly chilly. On 19th a fresh northerly wind brought six days of leaden skies, drizzle and temperatures constant at 15°C (59°F). Briefly on 25th, the sun shone hotly from a deep blue sky. The following days were rather cloudy and cool. It was the third consecutive August with temperatures below the normal by a margin of 0.5°C (1°F) There have been wetter summers, considerably wetter in fact, most recently in 2004, when 294mm was recorded between June and August. 189mm was recorded this summer.

September brought more than 3 weeks of fine, dry and mostly fairly warm weather and mostly fairly warm weather 24°C (75°F) was recorded on both the 7th and 9th. Cooler autumnal weather arrived on a northerly air stream during the last week when most of the month's total rainfall of 34mm, fell. The average temperature was a little above normal.

Today, (24th) there have been more than the usual number of dry days in October. Rainfall has been restricted to two days on the 9th and the 16th. The sun rapidly loses its power by mid month but during the first fortnight there were more than a few sunny afternoons with anticyclonic conditions prevailing. Temperatures reached 19°C (66°F) on the 4th and the 14th. Night temperatures dipped below freezing for the first time on the 19th. Air frosts were recorded on the subsequent six nights, blackening tender plants such as dahlias and geraniums.

The female holly outside this cottage is profusely laden with berries. Once I believed the old adage, which claimed a heavy crop of berries forced a hard winter.

Older and wiser, I guess such sayings have little value and know that this year's abundant crop resulted from the profusion of insect pollination in that remarkable April.

**Mind, though, a *hard winter* cannot be ruled out !**

Glyn Hammond