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Beginnings – Editors Page

Dear Readers,

Hope you all are well and keeping safe from the virus. I'm sorry that we are only putting this magazine on the Village website. - As I write this it looks like it is not going to be printed.



Blossom from Paula+ Roger

I hope you all like the lambs? – I thought they would cheer us up

The jokes have again been sent in by Andrew Smith. Thanks Andrew. They are fun Well – have you zoomed yet? We had a very jolly book club on Zoom. It was great to hear peoples' voices. I have been missing them. Have you?

I'm still enjoying the lack of aeroplane noise though and all the time to stand and stare is amazing. I didn't realise we had so many birds in the garden! But I have to admit I am looking forward to the easing of the lockdown and the chance to '**go somewhere'** What do you think Write in and let me know or zoom in? <u>A Poem</u> - I have received a lovely poem but with no name on it. <u>Post marked</u> Peterborough Mail Centre 30 03.2020

<u>Did you send me a poem about the Church Door</u> anonymously? I am sorry but I need to know who you are before I can put it in the magazine – I will leave your name off it if you prefer, but you need to tell me who you are. Also do you want it to be part of the Poetry competition? Let me know please (phone or email as below) – It **is** really good.

So in Vera's famous words, 'We'll print again don't know where don't know when but I know we 'll print again some sunny day!' See you in the next Mag

Best wishes and stay safe Sue

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Parish Church of St Botolph's



Paula writes: A Letter from Lockdown

I wonder if some of you, like me, feel that you are living in two parallel but utterly separate universes in these strange days?

One universe is full of extraordinary beauty: an April of blossom, spring flowers, fresh green leaves, unclouded blue skies and bird song. And, for some, a quieter pace of life which, even amid the restrictions, maybe has something to teach us.

The other is full of anxiety, uncertainty and suffering: when will this end? What are today's figures? How will we get out of lockdown, and what will our society be like afterwards? Will we and our loved ones come through unscathed? How do we keep safe doing essential but risky jobs – and balance them with our families' health? Will my job survive? When can we go back to school or university? Or simply: *When can I see them and hug them again*?

Some feel helpless that age- or health-related lockdown restrictions stop them doing anything positive. **But you can.** Every time you forego a journey or keep your social distance from others on your daily walk, you are contributing to thwarting the virus. Every time you pick up the phone to a friend or neighbour, you are building a bond of community and support, and sharing with them, whatever they are feeling: helping them to face this time with courage and hope.

So thank you so much for everything you are all doing in the village.

Rick's volunteers; Isabel's Hadstock Info bulletins full of tips and contacts; Geoff's deliveries of meat, fruit and veg;

Sonia's army cutting, sewing, and funding scrubs for the NHS; and much more:

All of you on the front line in hospitals, care homes, caring for others and doing the essential work of keeping society going; all of you checking that your neighbours are OK and have everything they need. Each and every one of you is helping get us through this crisis and strengthening the foundations for a new world where care for each other and working together is a norm, and a way of life. Hadstock, as ever, rises to the challenge. Thank you.

St John's Gospel has a moving account of Jesus appearing to his disciples after his resurrection. They too were in lockdown – not because of disease, but because they feared the authorities coming to arrest them.

Jesus penetrated through those locked doors, and spoke words of assurance: 'Peace be with you'.

May that power of the risen Jesus penetrate through our lockdown too, reminding us that whatever we face in this life, nothing can separate us from his love.

May you and all you love be kept safe from harm and strong in body and mind.

With my prayers and best wishes to you all *Paula*

CHURCH IN TIME OF LOCKDOWN

As you know, all church worship throughout the Church of England is now SUSPENDED because of COVID-19, and all church buildings are closed.

But worship continues at home!

The Saffron Walden and Villages Team Ministry is working together to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to take part in prayer or to join virtually in a service, either pre-recorded or live through Zoom technology.

We are producing each week a sheet with prayers (and hymns!) You can use this:

- To pray at home, by yourself or with other members of your family.
- To follow a pre-recorded YouTube service, led by the Revd Alex Jeewan (Team Vicar in the Cam Villages – the Chesterfords, Littlebury and Wendens Ambo). Go to the **Church at Home** page on the website of St Mary's Saffron Walden (<u>www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org</u>)
- To join in a live Holy Communion service at 9.30 am each Sunday, usually led from my home, through Zoom.

St Mary's **Church at Home** webpage also has imaginative ideas for Bible-based activities for children and young people.

I am sending round a weekly Hadstock Worship Bulletin by email with the prayer sheet and the links for the Zoom service. This is already circulated to the regular congregation, those on the readers' rota, and others who have asked for it. Please let me know if you would like to be added to the email circulation, or would like a paper copy posted to you. And please do ring if you would like to share any worries, or just want a friendly chat!

Paula

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And a prayer for these times:

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy In this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, And lift up all who are brought low; That we may rejoice in your comfort Knowing that nothing can separate us From your love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Paula

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



The Bishop of Colchester, the Rt. Revd. Roger Morris will be preaching at a special <u>Zoom</u> service for the whole Team, led by Paula, on Sunday 10 May at 9.30am. All welcome!

You may remember he has come to St Botolph's before, and is a great fan of our historic Door.

(Before all this happened, he was due to be

preaching at St Mary's anyway that day, but is now 'coming' to our Hadstock service instead, which is good.

I'll send round the link in the usual way to anyone who asks for it.)

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I saw a man standing on one leg at the cash point machine. I asked him what he was doing.

"Just checking my balance."

ST BOTOLPH'S CHURCH, HADSTOCK



COVID-19

We greatly regret that because of the Coronavirus outbreak, and following advice from the Church of England and the Diocese of

Chelmsford, - all public worship in St Botolph's is suspended until further notice.

Sadly, it is also closed to visitors and closed even for private prayer and meditation.

Please trust that God is with us even in these exceptionally challenging circumstances. St Botolph's PCC

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

And REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The Church 's Electoral roll has been revised however the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting has been postponed indefinitely.

These meetings are held for the election of churchwardens and PCC members and for the annual reports on the work of the church.

The PCC has prepared its Annual Report: if you would like a copy please contact Paula.

St Botolph's Hadstock

Please contact Paula if you would like a phone call, or to discuss baptism, wedding and funeral arrangements. The Parish Office can also help with baptism and wedding enquiries.

A Big Thank You to all our NHS workers, Milk deliverers, Postmen, Refuse Collectors, Food and Goods delivers, Dog walkersScrub s Makers and to anyone who is helping anyone else in the Village!! Thank You

Hadstock - News, - Events, - Happenings, - Reports

Book Club - First Report



February Book Club Review. A month (or so) late! February's Book Club meeting was hosted by Kirsty Hutchinson and was the last one to take place as an actual group get together before lockdown hit. Since then we have

been online!

The book discussed was a psychological thriller, **The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides.** The plot involved a murder suspect in a psychiatric hospital, her diary and a therapist with a dark secret. There were mixed opinions about the book but as always, the discussion led on to all manner of other topics which kept us all chatting well into the evening. Kirsty



The Village Hall April The village hall garden looked beautiful this morning in the spring sunshine. Thank you very much to John Lockton who has been gardening and cutting the lawn throughout March. Although the hall is currently closed because of the Coronavirus situation, we hope it won't be too long before we can open up and start social activities again.

Kirsty Hutchinson -Co Chair

The Village Hall AGM, scheduled for 18th May, will not take place until

restrictions on movement and social distancing have been eased. The accounts have been prepared and audited and will be available at the rescheduled meeting. Hadstock Village Hall Committee.

Book Club - Second Report March Book Club review of -

The Ministry of the Utmost Happiness, by Arundhati Roy - Discussed on 23 March - it was a different situation to review this book with our members self-isolating so we had to review by texting.

Waiting patiently for the follow up of her previous book, The God of Small Things. I have to say I was a bit disappointed with this book.

The Ministry of the Utmost Happiness was built around the life of a 'hijar' Anjum was born a hermaphrodite, who is looking for love and a family and a place to belong. living with other hijra's. she eventually finds peace and a home in the grave yard next to the city mortuary, where she makes her home.

The book also shows the unrest in India and Pakistan, Hindu's and Muslims who between them wage war with each other over cast and religion, which torments its people and tears the countries apart. Anjum gets caught up in this turmoil. This story relates to 1989 Bhagalpur brutal riots, while telling the stories of two people who exist on the fringes of society.

This book is a partial autobiography for Roy being a campaigner for Kashari independence, which she is still promoting today.

Luckily, we discovered Zoom for our next book club gathering in April Denise Wells - see below



15 members of the Hadstock book club go viral.

Sorry wrong word to use - I mean into the 21st century. We all discussed Gill B's choice of book 'Before the coffee gets cold' The book was fun and the meeting even funnier.

Next meeting Mon 18 May Lorraine's choice 'The Authenticity Project by Claire Pooley on Zoom (other video conferencing products are available)

Lambing Report from Janice



Have found Geoff 's weekly boxes very good and managed to get a Sainsbury slot so life continues in the Snell household

Keep safe and well Janice X We have two lambs Lynda and Lucy 2 weeks old and Larry born this afternoon! (29 April) Have attached a couple of photos you are welcome to use them.

Jim and I have lots to do with sheep, dog, horses, chickens, cats, garden etc - we are so lucky to have so much space.



I got my best friend a fridge for his birthday. I can't wait to see his face light up when he opens it.



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2020 Lambing report from Lou



For a long time, the oldest lamb, Lamu (black) was the smallest, but he is quite a character, and if there is anything going on, he is there. His Mum gets very cross and 'Baas' loudly.



Just as the good weather started in early April the lambs arrived, mostly very early in the morning, and they have really enjoyed the warm sunny weather.

My sheep are Shetlands, a hardy native breed, and as usual the lambs arrived without any help from me.



Out of 10 lambs there is only one girl, a brown lamb called Lettice. The boys are Lamu, Lovage, Larry, Loco, Lightning (he arrived in the thunder storm) Lucky, Leo, Luca and Lionel.

More of Lou's lambs



There is one more Ewe due to lamb so do keep looking if you're walking past. Lou



Thanks to Victor, aged 2^{.11}/12 ths.

Buzzard of the Month:



Buzzard seen by Paula and Roger

Hadstock Village Hall 100 Club

On April 1st the 2020/2021 village '100 Club Monthly Draw' was due to start for a new 12-month period. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions, the team has been unable to collect enough subscriptions, from around the village, to continue as normal. Therefore, with regret, we have suspended the start date, until the restrictions are lifted.

For those of you who have already paid, we will return the money through your letterboxes, as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your support Sarah Lockton and Barbara Bye



So sadly no 100 club winners for April! Thank you to everyone who has regularly bought a 100 Club ticket – The money helps us run the Village Hall for us all to use and enjoy. Hopefully you will

able to support us in this way in the future.



Uttlesford Food Bank.



oodbank If you go to their website at https://uttlesford.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/virtualfood-basket/you can donate a virtual food basket in

small, medium or family sizes. You can also make an online donation - cash is always welcome because they can use it to fill any gaps in their stock.

If you're out shopping for your own essentials, there are donation points in Waitrose and Tescos in Saffron Walden.

In this CORONAVIRUS crisis the Foodbank is focusing on keeping these basics stocked up: Tinned meat/ ready meals Tinned vegetarian meals (e.g. vegetable curry/chilli, cheese ravioli) Instant Mash Tinned vegetables Tinned fruit Pasta Sauce

Gluten free food Microwaveable puddings Long life juice



A message from Tony Kelly

We held our last pop-up pub night in Hadstock on Friday 13th March, shortly before the country went into lockdown. We were hoping to be back on 1st May but sadly it was not possible.

We would love to be gathering again in the village hall garden on a summer evening, bringing the community together to enjoy food, drink and conversation, and we look forward to a time when this can happen again. It has been wonderful to see how the villagers of Hadstock have come together to support each other and the NHS in these unprecedented times. Please stay safe, follow government guidance and we look forward to seeing you all again when it is safe to do so. Tony.

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES and Fun

<u>Bin Collections</u> – Weds 6th and 20th May for <u>Black</u> and Brown bins Weds 13th and 27th May for <u>Green</u> and Brown bins <u>Green Skip Service -</u> This is suspended until the world gets back to normal.

Most of the other events we usually advertise are cancelled, postponed or generally off. We will let you know when normal service is resumed.

Hadstock 1020 to 2020

St Botolph's Millennium

One thousand years in the Life of a Village

Due to the Corona virus, plans for many of the events are on hold and it may not be possible to hold many of them until 2021. Please contact Paula if you would like information

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The Annual Parish Meeting

could not take place on Thursday 16 April_in the Village Hall due to the lockdown. A meeting may take place later in the year to discuss local issues if it is thought safe. Legislation has been enacted to allow parish councils <u>not</u> to have an Annual Meeting this year due to the Corona virus. The Chair and Vice Chair will continue in post until May 2021 Rick.



When you are on your dog walks please remember to make use of the dog poop bag dispenser and the red bin next to it.

Please

Help keep the Recreation Ground clean Thank you

The Recreation Ground is open to exercise in

but unfortunately the play equipment cannot be used.

I'm going to get rid of my hoover. It just gathers dust.

ST BOTOLPH'S CHURCH

St Botolph's, a Church of England Church within the Diocese of Chelmsford, forms part of the Saffron Walden and Villages Team Ministry. It has stood as a place of worship for nearly 1000 years.



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	Janice Snell	

Moire Jarritt

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SUNDAY SERVICES in NORMAL TIMES

You are very welcome at any of our services and may particularly enjoy those highlighted elsewhere in the Magazine.

Sunday services normally take place at 9.30am.

The standard pattern is:

Secretary:

1 st Sunday	Family Service (see separate notice for more details)		
2 nd Sunday	Holy Communion (said) using the 1662 Book of Common Prayer		
3 rd and 4 th Sundays	Holy Communion (Common Worship) with hymns		

There are no services on 5th Sundays.

MORNING PRAYER – TUESDAYS in Normal Times

Morning Prayer is a said service held at **8.30 a.m. on Tuesdays**. The service lasts about 20 minutes and is followed by refreshments and time to chat.

HADSTOCK IN THE YEAR 2020 A REMINDER

As we settle into lockdown for a little longer, taking photos of your house and your 'household' for the updated 'Hadstock 2020' book is an activity that you could organise now (with care) with near neighbours.



At least we could start with photos of Hadstock homes. Well composed selfies might work too. Please send us your contributions!!!

The April magazine had details of how to take the photos - here's a reminder.

HOW: do you want to take your own photos or have them taken for you?

WHEN: choose a day with good light

WHO: gather your 'household', who do you want to be in the photo? Family pets?

TIPS FOR GOOD QUALITY PHOTOS:

- **image resolution** using a smartphone is fine, but we need at least 300dpi (dots/pixels per inch) for a good quality print
- **house photo** act like an estate agent, get the best overall view
- **'household' photo** act natural, take a relaxed photo of you/your group standing outside your house

<u>Send</u> your photos to one of us (emails below), with a short note on who lives in the house and the year you moved in ('here since xxxx'). Attach the largest size of photo you can, in .TIFF or .JPEG format.

Sarah Lockton – <u>sarahlockton@gmail.com</u> or 01223 892987 Gill Butterworth – <u>gillbee@hotmail.com</u> Lynn Nuttall – <u>lynnn50@hotmail.com</u> or 01223 893355 **Sue Walker 's** recent paintings - www.suewalkerart.co.uk



'Spring Woods'

Spring in the Air





Hadstock Table Tennis

An enthusiastic group of Table Tennis players with a variety of skill levels meet fortnightly on Mondays (second and last Mondays each month) from 7:30pm-9pm at the village hall for casual games. Players: £2 per player per evening.

Next dates: We don't know yet! But look out for the resumption of 'socially distanced' Table Tennis. (SDTT) How long is a Table Tennis table ?? All welcome! Just not yet!

Harry Potter can't tell the difference between his cooking pot and his best friend. - Why? They're both cauldron.

Poetry Competition



Despite the preparations for St Botolph's Millennium celebrations in 2020 being on hold The Poetry Competition is still happening This is open to all ages and the theme is linked to the church's ancient door, which is believed to be the oldest working door in the country.

Doors can often be seen as an opening into a different world, a move from one era to another, passing from the present to the future or the present to the past. They can be a symbol of a barrier that may need to be overcome-'one door closes another opens.'

photo Tom Albrow

For younger poets it might be helpful to have an opening line or two for each verse e.g. *Go on open the door. Don't be afraid*

You might see/hear/feel/smell/touch/taste....

It's your imagination that counts! Poetry does not have to rhyme and does not even need capital letters. It's up to you!

All entries welcome and many thanks to those who have agreed to be on the judging panel.

There will be three prizes awarded: - Age 5- 11, 11-18 and 18 and over Maggie

All entries to be sent to hartleym006@gmail.com



Door of the Month????

We have been seeing a lot of this door

As doors go it's quite impressive and always so shiny.

Is it magic the way it opens up when Cabinet Ministers approach and even to let in the cat?



THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

Many of us are familiar with pillboxes: those squat concrete buildings dotted around the countryside, often overgrown and merged with the landscape. Many will be

aware of their connection to the Second World War but their origins go further back.

The purpose of the pillbox was to protect a gunner while offering him a good line of vision. The concept was developed in the First World War and first used in 1917. Early constructions were of a circular shape, hence the term pillbox. In the Second World War they were first used by the British Expeditionary Force in Flanders.

The last batch of pillboxes was built almost 80 years ago to resist a possible invasion of this country. Thousands were installed in 1940-41, many in coastal locations or in defensive lines across the south and east of England. Others were built to form a box around London, but stray examples appear in other places.

Pillboxes varied from the one-man Tett Turret to big emplacements for two pounder anti-tank guns. The most common shape was hexagonal. The Royal Engineers decided on the sites and they were built to government specifications by local contractors, although in practice the work was often carried out by volunteers who were paid a "dole". It is thought that about 15,000 were constructed, of which perhaps two-thirds survive.

Within the Hundred Parishes about 45 were built, mainly as part of a line stretching between Chelmsford and Cambridge, often beside the Chelmer and Cam rivers which formed a natural anti-tank barrier.

In Great Waltham parish a "World War Two Trail" of around 4 miles passes thirteen surviving pillboxes around Hartford End with informative interpretation panels.

The pillboxes were virtually obsolete as soon as they were built, being designed for an invasion that never came.

Mike Young, Trustee

See photos over

You shouldn't trust atoms. Atoms make up everything. (Sorry no indigo joke)





Pillbox -a view from inside one near Littley Green

Pillbox at Wendens Ambo beside the Fighting Cocks pub





Pillbox between Newport and Audley End House.

Shakespeare walks into a bar. The barman says: "You can't come in here. You're Bard."

From this

via this





and this







and this

50 sets of scrubs and bags and Cambridge and Peterborough 50 for PAH in Harlow. and more to go to Bottisham Care home and St Clare Hospice in Hastingwood£1,200 donations from Ashdon Saffron Walden and Hadstock. 750 metres of fabric and more to go to Bottisham Care home And St Clare Hospice in Hastingwood

Sonia and sewing gang Lesley Williams, Lou Symes-Thompson, Lynne Smith, Lynn Nuttall, Jude Hannam, Karina Gittens, Dorothy Smith, Vicky Rapkin, Deborah McGivern, Sharon Parsonson, Janie Dellar, Liz Stott, Barbara Leckenby, Clare Kay, Poppy Woods, Jan Wilkins, Harriet Burrow, Alison Tollit, Joan in Hinxton, Sylvie in Newport, Christine in Pound Walk and more **WOW - Amazing – Well Done –** and **Thank You all from us all!**



VE DAY FRIDAY 8 MAY 2020

The Royal British Legion is calling on people across the UK to join in a moment of reflection and Remembrance at 11am on Friday 8th May, the 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day, and pause for a Two Minute Silence.

Organisers of the celebrations in London , which have been cancelled are still encouraging solo

8-10 MAY 2020 buglers/trumpeters/cornet players to play the **Last Post at 2.55pm** from the safety of their homes.

Along with the **Pipers undertaking Battle's O'er and VE 75 years** at **3pm**, as well as Town Criers, **Crying out for Peace at 6.55pm** in a similar way too on the 8th May 2020.

They are also encouraging all those taking part to undertake the '**Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2' at 3pm on the 8th May,** from the safety of their own home by standing up and raise a glass of refreshment of their choice and undertake the following '**Toast' – "To those who gave so much, we thank you,"** using this unique opportunity to pay tribute to the many millions at home and abroad that gave so much to ensure we all enjoy and share the freedom we have today.

Have you memories of VE day? Send them in to the Magazine for next month hadstockmag@live.co.uk

HADSTOCK CORONAVIRUS HELP



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