

Hadstock Magazine



View of the village from St Botolph's Door

Sonia Villiers 2020

OCTOBER 2020 - Millennium Edition

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Beginnings – Editors Page

Dear Readers,

Well considering nothing much is happening in these not long out of lockdown and rule of 6 times – there is quite a lot that has happened in Hadstock over the last month or is about to - Postponed AGM meetings that have taken place or are about to and book club (on zoom again). There is the news of a buyer for the pub and planning permission being sought to change it to a house and arrangements for a large zoom meeting of the next Parish Council planning committee on 20 th so you can all have a say. Arrangements for Harvest in the Church and a special service for the Millennium day 18 October (Book a place if you want to go) The bells starting to ring again. The church being unlocked for a short time on Wednesdays. Three very good poems from the competition for you to read and some new paintings of the Village from Sonia. Hope you enjoy it

Best wishes

Sue

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Parish Church of St Botolph's

OCTOBER 2020

Paula writes:



This month's theme has got to be the Church's Millennium.

Can you imagine 1020? England's total population in 1000 has been estimated at 1.25 million- less than half Birmingham's current population (2.6 m).

At the time of Domesday Book (1086) about 15% of the country was covered by woodland or wood pasture. Most people existed on bread and cheese, fish and eggs – with beer or mead.

A Hadstock villager born in 1006 and living till the age of 60 or more would remember not just one conquest of England but two – Cnut in 1016, and William the Conqueror in 1066.

Cnut's church on the site of his battle was always out of the ordinary.

Not only did the king build it, but the Archbishop of York consecrated it: and Stigand, the priest to whom Cnut entrusted it, later became Archbishop of Canterbury. Not many village churches have such a background.

What a start to a building – itself built on an earlier church – which has stood through the centuries, witnessing to eternal truths of God's love and, as James's eloquent winning poem last month expressed, has been a place where generations of villagers have entered through the historic door, bringing their joys, sorrows and hopes.



What joy that we in 2016 could welcome a recent Archbishop of Canterbury to commemorate the Millennium of the battle which led to the building of the church. We together, over the past 5 years, have been able to repair, and transform it into a place of light and comfort, enhanced by pew cushions and eye catching banners- not to mention a recently uncovered and conserved wall painting, which links us to the congregation perhaps 800 years ago.

All that is **YOUR** effort, in money and practical skills and commitment to this village.

My deepest thanks to you all: and to the Friends, whose support and commitment have steered this through, including their generous contribution to the latest phase of works.

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It's a sad and ironic blow that our Millennium celebrations, including the service to mark the consecration of the church itself, are being so stymied by the restrictions of COVID-19.

We'll have a service on **18 October**, with as many of you as we can safely accommodate, but on a much less elaborate scale than we had hoped. But let us be confident. Among all that this church has seen – wars and plagues and social upheaval of kinds which we can only imagine - COVID will be but the blink of an eye in time.



Our task, our joy, is now to give thanks for that 1000 years, and to take forward that inheritance with trust into God's future.

With my prayers and best wishes to you all

Paula

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting postponed from March due to the COVID-19 emergency is now due to take place after the morning service on **Sunday 11 October 2020 at 10.30 in St Botolph's.**

The report was prepared in March and will be distributed to everyone on the Electoral Roll. All parishioners are eligible to attend the meeting, but due to the restrictions still in place, there is a limit on the number of people allowed in the building. If you wish to attend please book a seat with Revd Paula Griffiths (paula.greatford@btinternet.com) no later than Friday 8 October. Please also be aware that arrangements may have to change at short notice if there are changes in the government guidelines.

Regards
Moire

SERVICES AT ST BOTOLPH'S

Please note that everything below may be subject to change if COVID restrictions are tightened! These are the services we HOPE to have in October and early November. Please remember your face covering.



Sunday 4 October 9.30 am
notice***

Harvest Festival – see separate

Sunday 11 October 9.30 am

Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer

Sunday 18 October 3 pm

Millennium Service ***

Sunday 25 October

No service in church – see weekly email bulletin for details of online services

Sunday 1 November 9.30 am

Family Service – All Saints Day

Wednesday 4 November **6pm**

Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

Tuesday Morning Prayer takes place in the church each week at 8.30 am.

Sunday 8 November is **Remembrance Sunday** – more details next month

***** Prior booking required for these services – please contact Paula on 01799 599141 (Paula.Greatford@btinternet.com) to book a place.**

Sorry, but capacity in the church is limited.

If you would like to be added to the weekly email Worship Bulletin giving detail of services, please contact Paula

Hadstock - News, - Events, - Happenings, Reports

BOOK CLUB MEETING



The book club met via Zoom on Monday 21st September to discuss **‘Where the Crawdads Sing’ by Delia Owens.**

The story centres on Kya the mysterious ‘Marsh Girl’ abandoned by all her family as a child and forced to raise herself alone in the marshes of North Carolina. When a well-liked man from the nearby town is found dead, the townspeople suspect Kya.

Beautifully written the book tackles issues of prejudice, isolation, loneliness, love and animal and human nature.

We had a lengthy discussion and without giving away any of the twists and turns in the plot would highly recommend that you get your copy of the book now!

The next book chosen by Lou is **“Spies” by Michael Frayn**, meeting on the 2nd November.
Lynne Raddon

I now know what a ‘Crawdad’ is but I’m not telling you – you have to read this beautiful book to find out. - I really enjoyed it Sue - Ed

More views of Hadstock from St Botolph’s north door



from Sonia Villiers (with reference to Roy Lichtenstein)

Behind the door

I wonder if behind the door angels roam
Draped in the purest of white that they cannot be seen
Perhaps they cascade among us
We enter the world through the door
A christening becomes a wedding and a wedding becomes a
funeral

Behind the door becomes community
A family of families to support one another
To become guardian angels in times of need
And seek companionship when you feel at your lowest and
highest

Behind the door is light
The kind that illuminates from life
An indescribable enlightenment
When smiles beam from ear to ear
And happiness spreads like wildfire

Behind the door is everything

Jade Ball

An Unwelcome Weed in Garden.

This uncommon plant has appeared in our vegetable patch.



We believe it to be *Datura stramonium*. Common names are Jimsonweed, Devils Snare or Thorn Apple. It is known for its hallucinogenic properties. It grows wild in Central America. How it has shown itself in our garden is a mystery..... One theory is it was in some wild bird seed. We have now destroyed it as apparently it can be toxic. Jim and Janice Snell

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HADSTOCK 1020-2020: A THOUSAND YEARS IN THE LIFE OF A VILLAGE

This is Millennium month!

At the last meeting of our Millennium Group we began considering the scope for using our website more to create a lasting digital legacy of our events – and providing an alternative if COVID restrictions stop us holding public events next year. A group will be working on this – we will keep you in touch. Meanwhile **thanks** to everyone for all the hard work and enthusiasm which has already generated some positive, fun and thought-provoking activities for us all.



The service to mark the Millennium of the consecration of Cnut's church takes place on

Sunday 18 October at 3pm in St Botolph's.

(COVID restrictions permitting)

Please contact me by 15 October to book a place. Paula

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Parish Council Report **THE KING'S HEAD, Have Your Say!**

You will probably have seen that there is a planning application to change the King's Head to a private dwelling and build a brick garage on the car park.

The Kings head in better days



The Parish Council would like to encourage as wide a range of views as possible to be heard.

You can view the full plans and application on the Uttlesford website where you can also submit your comments, for or against. The deadline is 13 October.

The Parish Council has until 27 October to submit its comments.

The application will be discussed at a **Zoom meeting on:-20 October.**

The agenda, with instructions for joining the meeting, will be published on the Hadstock website (**www.hadstock.org**) and sent out on Hadstock info, a few days before.

You can also submit your comments by email to Sara Beckett, the Parish Clerk, hadstockparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk,

or in writing to me at New Barn Close, Bartlow Road.

Comments received by the Parish Council will not be passed onto the District Council.

Rick Albrow. Chair Hadstock Parish Council.

Tel: 01223 893837

Play Equipment on the Rec continues to be open to use

You will find wipes for cleaning touch points before and after use. We have also installed a hand sanitiser dispenser to help keep you safe.

The play equipment is there for your children to enjoy but please observe SOCIAL DISTANCING rules at all times and use common sense to stay safe. **Have Fun!**

Hadstock Parish Council



HADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall AGM

April 2019 April 2020

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.



This meeting was scheduled for 18th May 2020 but, as the country was in lockdown and the VH closed, did not take place. This report and all the others included today relate to the 12-month period to April 2020.

2019-2020 has been a successful year for our Village hall. Kirsty and I took on the role of Joint Chair following Helen's departure and it is fair to say that we have been busy since then.

Sound insulation panels were installed in April 2019 and we have received very favourable feedback.

During a portable Pint meeting on of the chair legs went through the wooden flooring on the stage. On inspection it became evident that this had happened before. The floor was repaired and resurfaced but we were advised that the red chairs were unsuitable for use on a suspended floor. Orange chairs with sleigh type legs were purchased and designated for stage use.

The operating system for the heating was replaced by a remotely operated system requiring an internet connection. This was a far lengthier process than anticipated and was further complicated by a failure of the heating boiler. We organised a SIM card and usage will be reinstated when Hall bookings resume.

We had to look more closely at our operating systems and as a result updated our Safeguarding Policy, Data protection policy and our Conditions of hire.

Our annual accounts are now externally audited by Greg Walker and Sarah our Treasurer presents a report of account activity at each committee meeting.

Our Hadstock Village Hall website was operated through Essex CC who closed their facility at the start of the year. Our new website was designed by Nextnorth and incorporates all the main village societies. [www.hadstock.org.uk]

Fund raising events included the Christmas Bazaar, Saffron screen cinema night and quiz night plus the post Fete Jumble sale organised by Karen Delamaine. Thank you to everyone for their support.

Village events included the post-fete Hog roast, post-fete drinks for Fete volunteers, Harvest lunch, and a 90th birthday celebration for Crocky.

We continued to be supported by our regular users: Hadstock Silver Band, Bridge Club, Yoga, Table Tennis, Portable Pint, Hadstock Parish council and the Hadstock society.

We received grants of £500 each from Round Table and Stansted Airport fund.

The village 100 club organised by Barbara Bye and her team of enthusiastic helpers continues to provide a regular annual income and of course the Village Fete once again gave a major boost to our finances. Thank you to Tim Boyden, chair, and members of the fete committee who spend 6 months planning and organising the event. Thanks also to everyone in the village who contributes to the success of the day.

Until you are involved in the business of operating and caring for the Village Hall it is very difficult to imagine the complexity of the task. Kirsty and I would like to thank all the trustees for their time and the efforts made to try to ensure the continuing success of Hadstock Village Hall.

Lynn Nuttall and Kirsty Hutchinson. – Joint Chairs

Uttlesford Food Bank.

If you go to their website at

<https://uttlesford.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/virtual-food-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 Tesco's in Saffron Walden.

In this CORONAVIRUS post crisis period 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

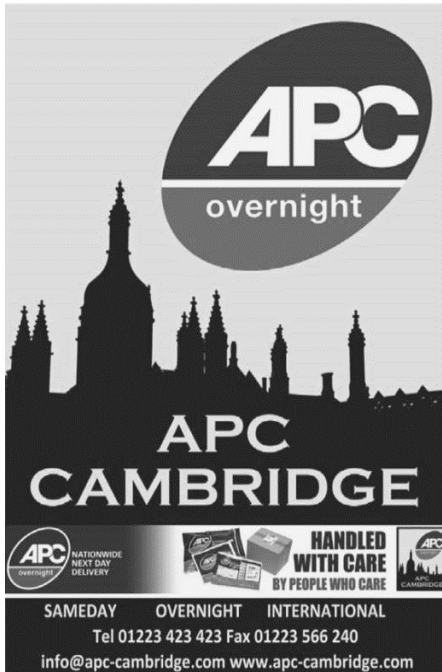
Gluten free food Microwaveable puddings

Long life juice Toiletries

Coffee

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EVENTS, ACTIVITIES and Fun

Bin Collections – Weds 7th and 21st October for Black and Brown bins
Weds 14th and 21st October for Green and Brown bins

Green Skip Service –

Now every other week. Next ones 10th and 24th October

10.30 Bilberry End for 15 mins, then V Green 10.50 for 40 mins

Please observe social distancing while waiting.

Linton and District Historical Society

For details phone

Margaret Creek on 893915 or email: idhscambs@probroadband.co.uk

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

Soon ...ish.....!

Please note Clear Tax & Accounting Ltd new address is
Unit 5, Lintech Court, The Grip Industrial Estate, Linton

Hadstock Table Tennis

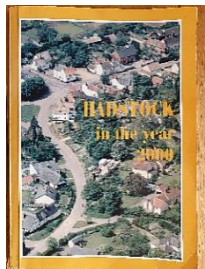
An enthusiastic group of Table Tennis players with a variety of skill levels meet fortnightly on Mondays (second and last Mondays each month) from 7:30pm-9pm at the village hall for casual games. Players: £2 per player per evening.

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!**

Don't forget we change the clocks this month.....

HADSTOCK IN THE YEAR 2020



Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to this endeavour.

The photographs and text are now with the printers (Olly Plumridge)

Around 90% of the village is included so far - **if you haven't sent in your photos yet, there might still be time!**

Each household will get a complimentary copy of the Book, hopefully in the autumn. Additional copies will be available to purchase for family members (price £7).

Please let us know if you would like to reserve spare copies, this won't be your only chance to request more but it will inform our initial print run.

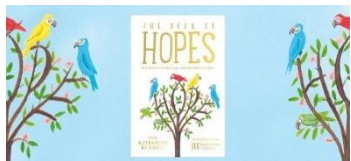
Contact any of us if you would like your house photographed by us (no charge)

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It really would be great if all the houses could be photographed
- so we get a complete record of the year 2020 **Sue**



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NEWS FROM THE BELL TOWER

The bells have been silent since lock down started in March.

Hadstock ringers have been 'zoom ringing' every Thursday night in our own homes, which has proved a real challenge as we all seem to have different broadband speeds! The marvels of modern technology!

At last bell ringers across the country have received permission to enter bell towers to commence ringing again.

Social distancing has to be observed and as we have 6 bells in St. Botolph's, which are set in a circle, we can ring alternate bells, which means only three can be used. This is not going to sound as melodic as six bells but it is a step forward.

Only the people ringing are permitted in the tower. Another rule is that they can only be rung for 15 minutes which includes ringing them down to a safe position to be left until the next session.

Practice nights are not permitted so we hope to be ringing for the family services (first Sunday of each month).

This is a small but welcome step towards normal ringing in the future. Janice.



Another Ancient Door?

The west door of St Botolph's
(the back door?)

And a Finial Cross



O Ancient Door what secrets do you hold?

You who have stood since olden days

Guardian of St Botolph.

Hands through the centuries lifting your latch

Some seeking solace alone, some lighting a candle for one gone before.

A blushing bride in innocent white,

Peals ringing out and petals thrown

Rejoicing as promises are made.

Not all kept.

A baby cries as oil is blessed and name is given

Prayers and thanks for this new life.

May it be long.

You who have heard the bells toll for those in grief

Their sons to return no more, remembered with poppies.

The tears and weeping for a child lost, a mother taken too soon

A much-loved spouse, a kindly aunt, a beloved grandfather.

What tales could you recount?

You who have heard carols joyously sung, the music sweet,

Candlelight flickering.

Good Friday ashes, Stations of the Cross, prayers in Latin long ago

The Sunday best.

Sermons preached, lessons read, favourite hymns

A place of sanctuary.

O Ancient Door you who have stood the test of
time

Welcomed villagers and strangers down the years

From their world into yours.

A thousand years, you have been steadfast.

What memories do you hold?



MH



**ST.BOTOLPH'S will soon be opening
on Wednesdays
from 1pm to 3pm for Private Prayer**

We are pleased to announce that the church will be opening for Private Prayer and reflection on Wednesdays starting from **Wednesday 7th October.**

Because of the COVID rules and to keep the risk of infection to the minimum the door will be open on **Wednesdays between 1.00-3.00pm!**

There will be a hand sanitiser at the door. You are asked to bring a mask with you and wear it all the time you are in the church.

There will be a steward in attendance who will ask for your name and contact number.

You will be shown where to sit.

Please do not walk around the church or change the seating arrangement.

The church will then be closed to the public until the Sunday services and Tuesday morning prayer meetings, in line with the COVID safety.



**We are pleased to be able to take this
step forward for the opening of our church to all.**

Janice Snell for Hadstock PCC



Your Local and Catchment Village School Needs YOU!

The lovely old Victorian school building is a centrepiece to Ashdon village.

It has also provided a wonderful, community and family focused educational environment to thousands of local children over the years.

Such an old building needs constant repairs and improvements so it can meet the needs of pupils in the 21st century.

As government now makes a very small contribution to the physical upkeep of schools like this, the parents and broader school community have a vital role to play in ensuring the future of the village school.

Local people have always been very generous in their support of school events and fund-raising activities. Now we need you to become Friends and make regular donations (however small or large) as this is the way we can fund projects such as the extra external classroom for the older children, the outdoor learning area for reception children, new windows to keep the environment comfortable and reduce the heating bills. These are past projects, there are new, exciting improvements to the learning environment and the school building planned for next year. Plus, we help support a specific, specialist resource – the provision of music lessons and extracurricular activities that enable our children to develop their creative skills and confidence.

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Councillor James De Vries

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email: cllrdevries@uttlesford.gov.uk or write to c/o Uttlesford District Council

London Road, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 4ER

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www.hundredparishes.org.uk



In these strange times we have seen people unable to attend their place of work. Many have been supported by a furlough scheme.

Over the years, governments have taken various steps to care for the poor and those unable to work. The Act for the Relief of the Poor of 1601 made parishes legally responsible for parishioners who could not work.

Most assistance was given as 'outdoor relief', meaning financial help but with people able to remain in their own homes. The Workhouse Test Act of 1723 obliged anyone seeking relief to enter a workhouse operated by the parish.

Several of these buildings have survived including those at Ashdon, Clavering, Finchingfield, Newport and Stanstead Abbots. Under the Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834 individual parishes were grouped together in a Poor Law Union which was responsible for constructing and operating a central 'Union' workhouse for the larger area.

Many survive and have been re-purposed. Great Dunmow's Union workhouse has changed very little in appearance since it was built in 1838 at a cost of £8,000 to house 350 inmates. One of the architects, George Gilbert Scott was a prolific workhouse designer who later designed the Albert Memorial and St Pancras Station.

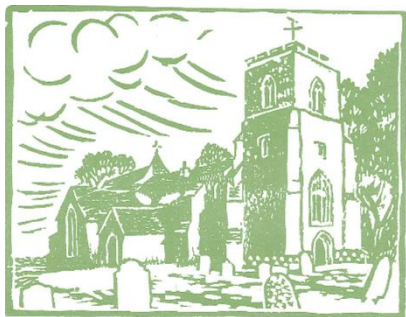
The Union workhouse at Buntingford was built in 1836 to house 160 people from 16 surrounding parishes. It closed in 1933 and was subsequently converted to private houses and apartments.

Linton built its workhouse in 1837 in Symonds Lane to accommodate 230 inmates. Today it is a retirement home.

Saffron Walden's workhouse, built in 1836 for 340 inmates, became a hospital and is now apartments.

Life in the workhouse was hard; families were split, husbands separated from wives and parents from their children - a stark contrast to today's benefits systems.

Ken McDonald, Secretary.



SUPPORTING ST BOTOLPH'S CHURCH

In this special month, when we are celebrating 1000 years since the consecration of St Botolph's church, we are looking to its future as well as giving thanks for its past.

Many villagers already generously give regular contributions either to the Parochial Church Council (for the running of the church as a place of Christian worship) or to the Friends of St Botolph's Church (a charity with the objectives of supporting and repairing the historic building).

With your support, the church building reaches its Millennium in good structural condition, looking light and welcoming, and looking forward to its future. Thank you all!

If you are not already a supporter, but would like to consider contributing to either the PCC or the Friends, please do contact either of us. And we would also be glad to talk to you if you would be interested in using your skills to help the church in other practical ways.

Paula 01799 599141
(Chair of the PCC)

and Lou 01223 891674
(Chair of the Friends of St Botolph's)

The Door

Open the door and what do you see?

A thousand years of history.

Just like a book, on every page

Are tales of life from every age.

In times of peace and times of war,

Of the rich and of the poor.

It's shared our sorrows and our joys,

Baptised village girls and boys,

United couples when they wed,

Performed last rites for the dead.

When cholera and plague assailed good health,

It offered solace, its form of wealth.

Go out through the door and what do you see?

A symbol of continuity,

Surveying our village from on high,

Visible to each passer-by.

Born of a peace following war,

It will survive to see much more;

Ever - present, an emblem of hope,

A reminder we will always cope.

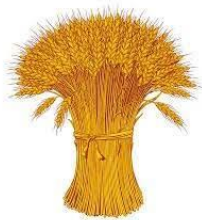
In times of pestilence and strife,

Look at the door: an affirmation of life.

Take heed of that door: it was made to last;

It leads to the future as well as the past.

Susan Mackay



HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ST BOTOLPH'S

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 9.30 AM

Harvest Festival is one of the happiest times of the Church's year.

As in every year we look forward to joining together, to give thanks for the food we receive, the work of our farmers, and to remember those in need.

- Please bring a Harvest offering of packaged or tinned goods
- These and the collection will be donated to Uttlesford Food Bank
- There will be home-made plum jam to take home if you wish – donation of £2 requested, for Uttlesford Food Bank.

However to keep everybody safe things will need to be a bit different this year so:

- We are not able to hold a Harvest Lunch
- We can't collect fresh produce for Symonds House
- We have to take bookings (sorry!), restrict the numbers in the church, stay 2m apart, and wear masks, take everyone's details for Test and Trace, and not gather together in social groups of more than 6 afterwards.

TO BOOK A PLACE for the service please email paula.greatford@btinternet.com by 1 October, saying how many people in your household group will be coming.

The church's capacity with 2m social distancing is approximately 30 people, but may be less or more depending on the size of household groupings.

HADSTOCK CORONAVIRUS HELP

Hello!

If you need any help then just call any of the people listed below.

Rick or Sue Albrow	01223 893837	Bartlow Road
Sara Porter	01223 890062	Bilberry End, Orchard Pightle
Katrina Gittins	01223 890457	Linton Road
Lynne Smith	01223 890750	Moules Lane
Bev Dole	01223 897919	Walden Road
Sarah Lockton	01223 892987	Walden Road

Just ask: -shopping, prescriptions, dog walking, a chat, posting mail