

# Hadstock Magazine



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# Beginnings – Editors Page

**Dear Readers,**

**Well some major events this month.** There is the millennium service at St Botolph's about the founding of the church 1000 years ago with the printing of Paula's sermon and also the first Zoom Planning meeting of the Parish Council and participation of some people from the village to give their views on the planning application for the King's Head.

I make no apology for printing Paula's sermon from the service as I think many of you may be interested to read it and nor do I apologise for printing the whole of the Parish Council's response to the planning application which has now gone into the Uttlesford District Council. Again, because there has been much interest, anger and intolerance of other people's views expressed in the village.

Hopefully you can all see that the whole Parish Council is doing its best for the whole village and if you don't see that, perhaps you should join up as a councillor?

I've had my say. Keep safe.

Hope you enjoy the magazine

**Best wishes**

**Sue**

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# Parish Church of St Botolph's

**November 2020**

*Paula writes:*



**November:** Every year, as days shorten and get darker, our minds turn to the past, to memories good, unhappy, or poignant. We celebrated one communal memory last month– of the church's consecration on **18 October 1020**. Despite restrictions, it felt like a very special and positive moment, with the church nearly at Covid capacity. Thanks to all of you who helped in so many ways.

The Church calendar recognises the power of memory too. November celebrates **All Saints**, thinking not just of early Christian disciples and martyrs, but also of those standing for truth in our own day – or inspiring our own lives.

**All Souls Day** remembers our dearest ones who have died, melding love, sadness, hope and thanksgiving with trust that they are safe in God's care.

Then **Remembrance Sunday**, that day of national mourning and commitment. This year we will mark it with a short service in the churchyard, laying wreaths on our own Commonwealth War Grave - the one soldier from Hadstock who was brought home for burial in 1917 after dying in service.

COVID restrictions mean of course that we must socially distance. If you can't come, might you mark the day by putting a poppy in your window, or stand on your doorstep at 11 am to mark the Two Minutes' Silence and hear the tolling bell and the bugler from the Hadstock Silver Band?

Perhaps Remembrance Sunday is still so meaningful because it signals the poignancy of lost lives, of humanity's terrible power to hurt itself, and fractures too great for us alone to mend. Maybe this year, after months of restrictions on our freedom, our work and our social life, when we feel the pain of thousands in this country and millions across the world who have died or suffered from COVID. When the future is still uncertain, we feel that poignancy deeply – and need hope.

## **Hope will come.**

The end of November leads to **Advent: 'Coming':**–The coming of Jesus at Christmas, not in a beautiful tranquil tableau untouched by dirt and pain, but in the messy, uncomfortable reality of life in an occupied country and birth away from home.

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This quickly followed by a flight to avoid murder and exile: - a Saviour who meets us in the most difficult situations we can know and yet is here to bring us hope.

**He calls us to work with him to bring that hope to others.**

He challenges us, in these COVID times, to help each other through the loneliness and anxiety facing us all – and to trust that there will be light at the end.

**May you all know that light.** And who can *you* contact today to spread that hope?

With my prayers and best wishes to you all

*Paula*

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## **ST BOTOLPH'S Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (postponed from 29 March because of COVID-19) were held in St Botolph's Church on Sunday 11 October, and the PCC reported on the church's activities and finances over 2019 and early 2020.

There are still no candidates for churchwarden, so the PCC will continue to share the necessary tasks between them for the forthcoming year.

Ann Seward was re-elected to the PCC for a term of three years and Malcolm Seward as the PCC's Deanery Synod Representative for a term of three years. Congratulations to them and thanks for their continuing support. Other PCC members and officers remain unchanged.

In reporting on 2019, with its wide range of activity in and connected to the church, and in thanking the PCC and everyone in the village who helps the church in any way, Paula reflected on how much had changed for us all over the COVID months but encouraged everyone to remain positive.

The PCC remain deeply grateful to all those from the village who volunteer for so many tasks, from flower arranging to cleaning, bellringing, churchyard maintenance, linen, organising rotas, playing the organ, and much more.

Copies of the Annual Report and Financial Statements have been sent to everyone on the Church's Electoral Roll but can be obtained from Paula or Moire.

*Paula Griffiths Priest at Hadstock*

*Moire Jarritt PCC Secretary*

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## FROM THE REGISTERS

We send our warmest congratulations and best wishes to  
Edward William Linton Sumption and Kate Millicent Symes-Thompson  
married in St Botolph's Church on 24 October 2020.







**Don't miss your opportunity to buy special commemorative Hadstock St. Botolph's greetings cards.**

Artworks specially painted for our Millennium festival by 28 different local artists have been put together on A6 greetings cards.

They are available from Sonia at £6 per pack of 10 with envelopes, as Christmas cards or blank inside.

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Sonia xx

## **SERVICES AT ST BOTOLPH'S**

*Please note that everything below may be subject to change at short notice depending on COVID restrictions! These are the services we HOPE to have in November and early December. Please remember your face covering.*



*Painting by Lynn Nuttall*

Sunday 1 November 9.30 am      Family Service – All Saints Day

**Wednesday 4 November 6pm**      Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

*A particular opportunity to remember and give thanks for the lives of our own loved ones*

**Sunday 8 November 10.45 am      Remembrance Sunday –**  
an Act of Remembrance in the churchyard (*see separate notice*)

Sunday 15 November 9.30 am      Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Sunday 22 November 9.30 am      Holy Communion (Common Worship)

**Sunday 29 November 6.30 pm      Advent Sunday -**  
**a Service of Readings and Reflection**

Sunday 6 December 9.30 am      Family Service

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

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

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

## BOOK CLUB MEETING



The next book chosen by Lou is “**Spies**” by **Michael Frayn**, meeting on the 2nd November. – So no report available yet – see next month.

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## Elf Mail 2020

It's never too early to think about Elf Mail.

The Elves are getting ready to deliver your Hadstock Christmas Cards around the village once again to save you time and energy. We would be very grateful if you could drop them off to us as early as you can so that we can deliver in a Covid-safe way, and our final cut-off date will be **December 20<sup>th</sup>**.



We will still accept cash donations as usual and all money raised will go to the NICU unit at the Rosie Hospital.

Thank you for your support.

The Hadstock Elves

(Matt, Isabel, Dan and Harry - Hillingdon House, Linton Road

[890924/mattisa@waitrose.com](mailto:890924/mattisa@waitrose.com)

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## A Space to Breathe.....

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## St Botolph's Church Hadstock



### **A service to celebrate the Millennium of the consecration of the Church here. 1020 - 18 October - 2020**

This Service should have been the culmination of all the events in Hadstock which have been planned to celebrate the millennium of the consecration of a church, a minster, on the site of the current church.

That church was thought to be the one built by Cnut to commemorate all the dead on both sides of the battle of Assandun in 1016 fought between the English and the Danes, as an act of reconciliation and consecrated 4 years later.

Many of the events planned for this year focusing on the church and the life of the village, have not yet been able to take place due to the Covid virus. And for the same reason this 1000-year milestone in the history of the church in Hadstock has not been able to be celebrated perhaps in the way it deserves.

The congregation at the service was much reduced due to the limits on the numbers allowed in the building (the virus again) and seats had to be prebooked. No hymns were allowed to be sung but they were spoken by all instead.

Otherwise all was good with even a few candles allowed

There were 3 readings from the old and new testaments and of course on this occasion an extensive reading from the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle.

This followed by prayers and a Rededication of the church and people.

On the following pages are printed Paula's notes for her sermon which some of you may like to read as it was a special occasion in the life of Hadstock.



*May I speak....*

'... He shall be a man of peace, and he shall build me a house.'

'I am the door for the sheep.'

- Imagine 1020. Just four years earlier, a battle changed the future course of the country.
- Quite near here - we think, though there are other theories - many Saxon nobles and people were killed at the Battle of Assandun, so imaginatively portrayed in our banners for our 2016 commemorations.
- Now in 1020 the new foreign king returns - here, we believe, though there are other theories - to build a church for the souls of those who died in the conflict.
- It's an act of reconciliation. Remembering, and seeking to heal, the deaths on both sides.
- He does the same at Bury, in this same year - honoring the Saxon saint Edmund, whom the Danes shot with arrows, by building a new Abbey.
- Is it coincidence that he comes to *this* spot, where there is already a church building, probably connected with the well-revered Saxon saint Botolph? Does the dedication to St Botolph date from this time? And is it pure coincidence that Botolph is revered in Scandinavia too?
- Cnut is Christian: we know that. He wants nothing but the best for his new church. It must be consecrated by an Archbishop. Canterbury is vacant - the Archbishop died in the summer. So it must be the next best - the Archbishop of York. Wulfstan. The wolf.
- Here is another coincidence. **Today**, at 4pm, the new Archbishop of York is being enthroned in York Minster - Stephen Cottrell, previously our Bishop of Chelmsford. The ties continue. Hold him in your prayers.
- It's never easy for Archbishops. They must be ready to speak truth to power. Only two years earlier, Wulfstan had fulminated against Cnut - and blamed the English people for bringing disaster upon themselves. Listen to this....
- *The sermon of the Wolf to the English when the Danes persecuted them most, which was in the year 1014 from the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

- *Beloved men, realise what is true: the world is in haste and the end approaches; and therefore in this world things go from bad to worse, and so it must of necessity deteriorate greatly on account of the people's sins before the coming of Antichrist.*
- Now he is one of Cnut's chief councillors.
- How complicated politics is - then and now!
- An C11 church consecration - especially a king's church - was pretty elaborate. Picture this in your minds.
- It probably started outside, with an procession three times around the church, clergy sprinkling holy water over the roof. When they entered, a choir would have sung from Psalm 24:
- *Lift up your heads, O ye gates! And be lifted up, ye everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in!*
- Lighted candles would be carried in. 12 candle-bearers would have spread themselves around the corners of the building.
- The clergy would have processed in and probably prostrated themselves on the floor before proceeding to the altar: where a saint's sacred relics would have been placed to hallow the building.
- The king in his robes; bishops in their mitres; priests and servers in their vestments. Singing; chanting; sound; light; colour. Dignitaries from far and wide. What a contrast to the usual quiet rural landscape.
- Sadly, with COVID restrictions, not least on numbers and singing, trying to replicate all that today would have been completely over the top.
- But let us capture that sense of drama and expectation at a new beginning - and relive that excitement **now** for this church which has stood as a proud focus for this small village, for 1000 years. The focus of that Thousand Years in the Life of a Village which we still aim to celebrate as best we can in future months. It is still special; it excites historians, architects and villagers alike; but especially, as the lovely poems in Maggie's competition showed, it connects people to God and to the deeper meaning of their lives over generations.
- Our readings today embody that continuity of human experience. The Chronicles reading tells how David charged his son Solomon to build a house for God, some 3000 years ago, using precious materials and skilled craftsman to make it special, holy and fitting as a place where God and humanity can meet. That was read from a translation of the Bible dating from the turn of this century.

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- Jesus, speaking 2000 years ago, describes himself as **the door**: the door for his sheep, opening the way to a place where they can be safe and find pasture: a place which is not exclusive, but which welcomes all the sheep to join the one flock cared for by the Good Shepherd, who has come that they may have **life**, and have it more abundantly. You heard that from one of the first English translations of the New Testament, William Tyndale's version of 1526: and although I modernised the spelling in your service sheet I hope you felt the vigour of his writing, aiming to bring the Gospels alive to every ploughboy in the land.
- And our reading from the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle - in a C20 translation - explains the context of the event itself 1000 years ago: the messiness of human civilisation, of wars and fighting, of betrayal and peace and new beginnings, working towards reconciliation and looking forward.
- Today - 18 October - is the anniversary of that battle 1004 years ago. On 18 October the church also remembers St Luke, 'the beloved physician' whose Gospel account of Jesus's life includes the most familiar and well-loved parables and healing miracles. The Good Samaritan. The Prodigal Son. The healing of the 10 lepers. God's care for us, and the call for us to care for each other, run through them all. That is the reconciling mission this church was founded for: the mission for us to take into the future, through the door which Christ longs to open to all.
- That mission calls us to support others, and so I commend to you our collection for developing Microfinance in the Kenyan Diocese of Marsabit. That Diocese, like Cnut 1000 years ago, is working to build bridges between warring communities, by using the Church as an instrument of peace to improve people's lives. May God bless their future too.

Every church building is a symbol: the place where all are welcome, where the good shepherd cares for his sheep of all faiths and none. We are rightly proud of *our* historic door, standing as a point of entry to a world where time and eternity are equally present: where the here and now mingle with the experience of generations who loved and cared for this church. Baptisms, weddings, funerals, and ordinary village life meld with decoration, wall paintings, Victorian chancel, war memorial and changes right up to our own generation: vestment chest, banners and pew cushions and much more. We too have made our mark. We too have repaired and cared for and maintained this building: and what a joy to see it today so light, so clean, in such good condition for this special day. My deepest thanks to Rick and the PCC, and the Friends of St Botolph, and to everyone in the village, for their enthusiasm and commitment to urging this forward and making it happen

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- But please God this is not the end of the story. This is another staging post on the journey of this village, and of our own journeys. A time to give thanks, to look forward in trust, confidence and commitment; and to pray that this church will continue to stand as a place where God is worshipped and praised, as we go forward into God's future. Amen.

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For the service in full please contact Paula  
01799 599141 (paula.greatford@btinternet.com)

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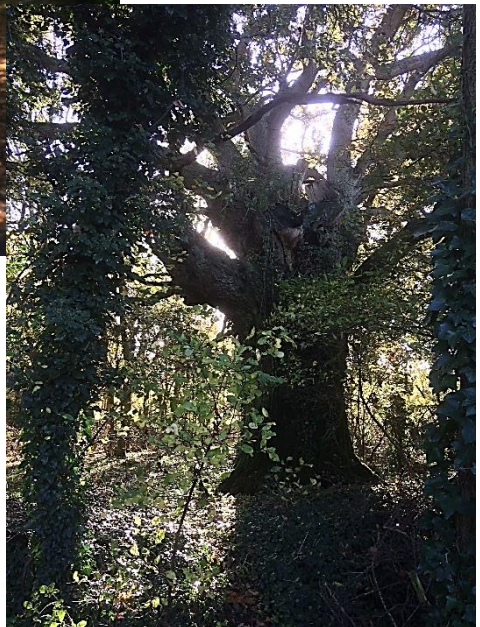


**Lane of the Month**

**Arnolds Lane in Autumn**

**Tree of the Season**

**Old Oak**





## **Parish Council Report - THE KING'S HEAD**

*(Document submitted to Uttlesford Planning Dept.)*

At the Planning Meeting held on Tuesday 20 October 2020 via Zoom, Hadstock Parish Council listened to a number of representations made by those residents present at the meeting and considered the representations that had been made directly to the Parish Council and those submitted to the Uttlesford District Council planning portal so Councillors were able to consider a broad range of opinions to make an informed decision.

Hadstock Parish Council discussed in depth the detail of the planning applications UTT/20/2300/FUL. and UTT/20/2396/LB.

It was recognised that until closing in 2016, the Kings Head had been an asset to the community and Village. In the last 20 years it had become increasingly less viable to be run as a business with any success. The Parish Council acknowledged there was a strong body of opinion within the Village to see the King's Head as a public house. However, the Parish Council considers it would be unlikely to be a viable business. Many respondents do not want to see the future of the Kings Head to be that of a boarded up dilapidated listed building, falling into even more disrepair. Hadstock Parish Council appreciated the efforts made to save the pub, which was a great credit to Hadstock but it was now appropriate to call time.

With the vote being unanimous it was resolved that Hadstock Parish Council supports change of use in principle, however objects to the applications for the reasons stated below.

### **1) Recognition of Grade II Listed building in a conservation area**

[a] It was overwhelmingly felt that the application lacked sufficient detail on how the heritage of the Listed Building will be protected.

[b] We are concerned at the lack of detail of internal changes including insertion of a new stair case.

[c] No justification is given for the changes.

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## 2) Garage and wall

The size, in scale/mass and design of the garage is unacceptable.

[a] It would impact on the amenity of the adjoining gardens.

[b] It gives very limited ingress space from the highway or turning room.

[c] Both the garage and the red brick wall are detrimental and not appropriate to the Listed Building and Conservation Area.

[d] Both the garage and red brick wall are not in keeping with the street scene.

[e] The design, access and heritage report state the maximum height of the garage would be 5.6m yet the block plan shows it to be 4.75m showing a disparity of detail. We consider either to be too high.

## 3) The proposed rear extension.

[a] Concerns were raised as to how the rear extension will impact on the existing Grade II listed building, particularly when viewed from the car park side.

[b] Hadstock Parish Council was concerned that the rear extension was not in keeping with the rest of the building.

## Hadstock Parish Council wishes to emphasise:

Conservation of The King's Head being a Grade II listed building requires expertise as this is a specialist area. A full and carefully detailed work schedule should be confirmed by conditions so as to protect the heritage status for the future which should be carefully monitored by Uttlesford District Council for this planning application to be considered favourably. It was therefore voted unanimously to object to this planning application for the above reasons.

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## **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**



## Uttlesford Food Bank.

If you go to their website at

[https://uttlesford.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/virtual-](https://uttlesford.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/virtual-food-basket/)

[food-basket/](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 Tescos 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

In Hadstock Lynn Smith is collecting items for the Food Bank, if you can help leave items in the box on her drive at -4 Moules Lane.



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### 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**

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## THE OTHER EYESORE IN THE VILLAGE

### A sincere apology to our neighbours and fellow villagers

We are acutely aware and slightly embarrassed that the front of our house (Goldacre) which overlooks the picturesque village green still remains in a state of disrepair, some 7 months after a driver returning from a local public house hit our property at around midnight on a Saturday night and then immediately drove off. (We have since tracked him down).

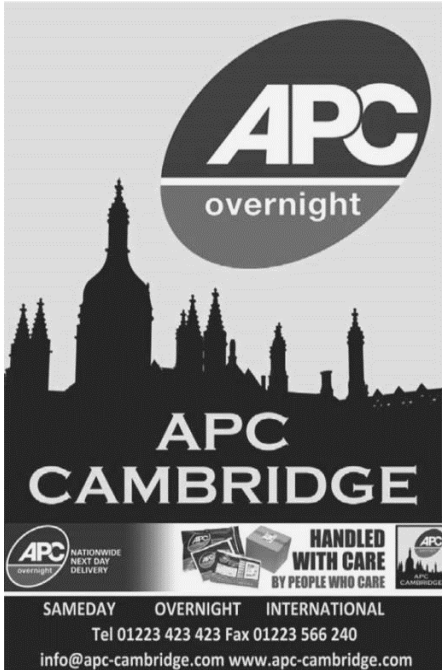
The damage to Goldacre, which is Grade II listed, is severe as the car came all the way through the house wall into the sitting room. In addition, the impact smashed several of the timbers as well as moving the majority of the timber frame around which the house is built.

The repair process was started on 3 March, immediately after the accident. However, as Goldacre is Grade II listed and in the centre of a Conservation Area, our insurers have not only needed to appoint a structural engineer but have also been required to obtain planning permission and various permissions from the Conservation Officer BEFORE the repairs can commence.

In this last week (7 October) we have received final planning approval to proceed, so are now hoping repairs can start very soon before the winter weather sets in.

We will move as quickly as we can to remove our 'blot on the Hadstock landscape'.

David and Pat Plumstead (*Note the headline was theirs!*)



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## EVENTS, ACTIVITIES and Fun

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**Bin Collections** – Weds 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November for Black and Brown bins  
Weds 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November for Green and Brown bins

**Green Skip Service** –

Now every other week. Next ones 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November

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

**Please observe social distancing while waiting.**

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### Linton and District Historical Society

For details phone

Margaret Creek on 893915 or email: [idhscambs@probroadband.co.uk](mailto:idhscambs@probroadband.co.uk)

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

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### 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. Sorry this is not able to happen yet

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### HADSTOCK IN THE YEAR 20120 - the book

Contact any one from the list below:-

Sarah Lockton - [sarahlockton@gmail.com](mailto:sarahlockton@gmail.com) or 01223 892987

Gill Butterworth - [gillbee@hotmail.com](mailto:gillbee@hotmail.com)

Lynn Nuttall - [lynnn50@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnn50@hotmail.com) or 01223 893355

If you have any questions or would like to order any extra copies for family members.

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## POPPY APPEAL 2020



Sadly, due to the Coronavirus Covid-19 restrictions, we will not have a Hadstock Village door to door Poppy collection this year.

Poppies for this year will be made available through Supermarkets, Filling Stations etc.

There is a stall selling Poppies and other

Poppy Appeal items at the entrance to Tesco's in Saffron Walden. I am advised this is the only venue that will be selling Poppies this year in Saffron Walden.

Poppies and Poppy items can also be purchased on-line from the Poppy Shop. Donations can be made to the website.

**[www.britishlegion.org.uk/poppy/appeal](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/poppy/appeal)**

If you wish to recycle your Poppy, this can be done via Sainsbury's Supermarkets 12th - 26th November.

The Royal British Legion will be running a virtual field of remembrance.

**Robin Betser**

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### A TALE OF TWO BINS



Some time ago a new shiny dog pooh bin was installed near to the phone box next to the Village Green. It seems that this is not always used and pooh bags are put in the otherwise waste paper bin, which you can see in my photo. This is a shame and means that the children waiting for buses and folks on a walk or bike ride who stop to eat their sandwiches while sitting on the seat just to the right of the waste paper bin in my photo might well find themselves holding their noses. Please lets all try to put the right sort of waste in the right bin and keep the world a fresher sweeter place. Thank you





**ST.BOTOLPH'S**  
**open to all**  
**on Wednesdays**

**from 1.00 to 3.00 for private prayer**

There will be a hand sanitiser at the door. You are asked to wear a mask when 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.

Janice Snell for Hadstock PCC



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**SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING**

**ST BOTOLPH'S CHURCH**

**Wednesday 4 November at 6pm**

A quiet and simple service to remember our loved ones  
and give thanks for all they have meant in our own lives.

If you would like your loved one remembered by name in the service,  
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## THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

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Since March, getting out in the countryside has been greatly encouraged.

Successive generations have shaped this fertile land. They have planted hedges and cut wood from ancient, coppiced woodlands, tended animals, planted orchards and harvested honey from bees. Profiting from this productive land, many constructed beautiful buildings that reflected pride in their locality. Today, a significant number of these are listed buildings. Our rich architectural tapestry is brilliantly recorded in *The Hundred Parishes: An Introduction*. There are a few copies still available by mail order from the Society's website or from local bookshops and Tourist Information Centres.

Museum collections of assorted artefacts and documents add another dimension to the human history of the area. Saffron Walden Museum opened in 1835 and houses a real treasure trove of historical and other material relating to the local area. A recent grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund is enabling the development of plans to attract new visitors to the museum and adjacent castle.

### *Forge museum*



Smaller museums hold collections of agricultural implements, local artefacts and archive material. The Grade II\* building of the Forge Museum in Much Hadham houses a collection of metal tools while striking medieval

wall paintings reveal details of Tudor fashion. [The Ashdon Village Museum](#) has exhibits about life in the 20th century and the curator is updating information on the family trees of seventy local residents and preparing displays in anticipation of re-opening in the future.



We look forward to the time when our museums can safely reopen. Meanwhile, we can enjoy our heritage and celebrate the past by continuing to explore outdoors. With regular additions of new walks to the Society's website, we can use these descriptive routes, some as short as 1 mile, to explore the cultural landscapes that make up the Hundred Parishes.

Tricia Moxey, Trustee.

# REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8 NOVEMBER 2020

10.45 am



A short  
Act of Remembrance  
in St Botolph's Churchyard Commemorating those who died in  
two World Wars and later conflicts

The Two Minutes' Silence, The Last Post and Reveille

