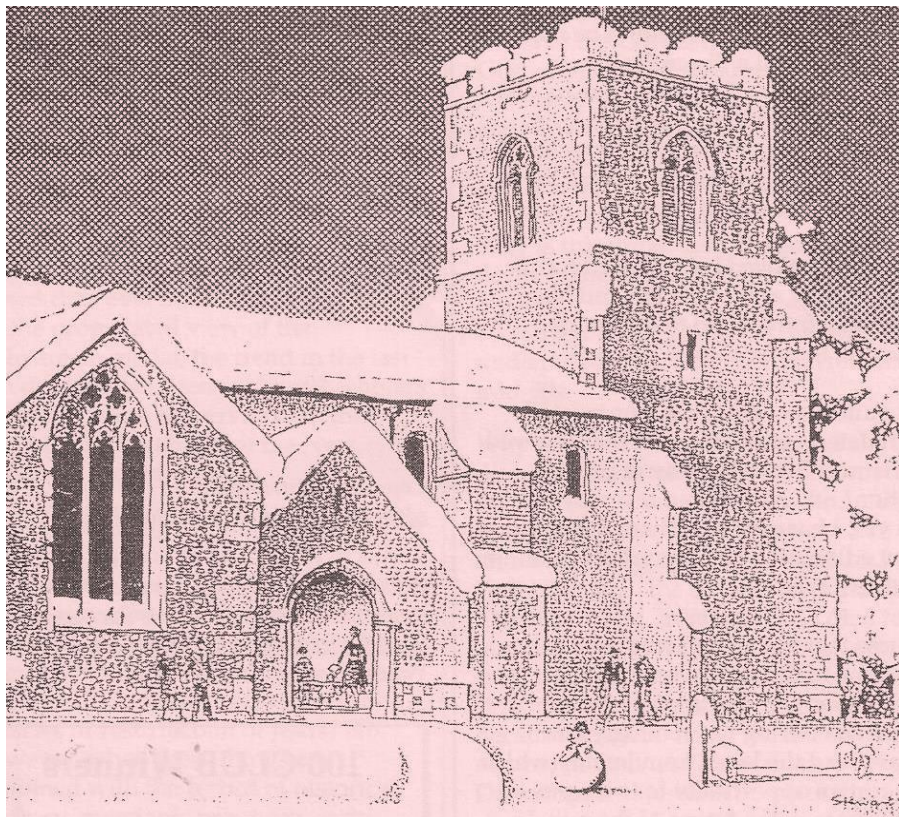


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*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

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# Beginnings – Editors Page

## Dear Readers,

I thought when I came to edit the magazine this month for Christmas that there was nothing to edit- not much had arrived in the magazine inbox Well I was wrong - suddenly almost overnight lots of items and photos came in so here most of them are - jam packed into 24 pages.

**Thank you** to all the people who have delivered the magazines during the Virus months :Jude, Dave, Katrina, Isabel, Grant, Rick and all their families who have helped keep the Mag going out to every house while the virus has made us all conscious of the need to protect our regular delivers, **and thank you** 'the regulars' for being patient. **Thank you** to Robin for his help and managing the advertisers. We hope to return to normal later this year when we've all been vaccinated! **Thank you** too to Paula, Tim (the Treasurer) and the St Botolph's PCC for continuing to subsidise the magazine costs. Also **Thank you** to Olly Plumridge who always gets the Mag back to us to deliver in rapid time. Without you All - the mag could not continue.

So enjoy your Christmas and New Year but carefully so we don't spread any virus to those we love. See you on your doorsteps, with your candle, 7.00pm Christmas Eve.

Hope you enjoy the magazine -next one February 2021!

## Best wishes and a Happy Christmas

Sue

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# Parish Church of St Botolph's

**DECEMBER 2020** Paula writes: **How do we sum up this extraordinary year?**



Would we have believed it if, this time last year, we'd been told that schools and shops would close for months; that some of us would be ill, and that millions across the world would die; that we would not be allowed to see our loved ones – and that holidays would be constrained or non-existent?? Not through war, or natural disaster – but because of a tiny little virus which we can't even see...

Yet here we are, after lockdowns, Tier 2 restrictions, and ever-changing rules... scarred somewhat, but knowing that this village supports its people. As many of you have told me, community has become stronger. Maybe, we've been less hesitant to ask people how they are: maybe, we feel we are allowed to do so.

Is there something about a Millennium? As the year 1000 approached, our forebears feared the end of the world. Some worried about the year 2000 – though others were more bothered that computers wouldn't work than about the apocalypse. But the twenty-first century, with climate change and pandemics, has perhaps taught us an important lesson in our own Millennium year – that humanity is not in control, whatever we like to believe.

Yet let us be people of hope. As we face a very different Christmas from usual, hold on to the yearly reminder of the coming of the Light of the World, the birth of Jesus at Christmas. As the Syrian saint Ephraim, prayed 1700 years ago:

*In the frost when the earth is barren,  
You bring new hope to our souls.  
In December when seeds are hidden in the soil,  
The staff of life springs forth from the virgin womb.*

As we turn the corner into 2021, let us have patient hope for firm news on vaccines. Whatever happens around us, good or difficult, let's continue actively caring and looking out for each other, maintaining that supportive community. And as the year turns and the days begin to lengthen, let's continue to keep hold of the joy in the wonders of God's creation around us – ready, whatever befalls, for a new spring in the world and in our lives.

May I wish you all a very Happy Christmas, with my prayers and best wishes for a positive and fulfilling New Year

Paula

## PROPOSED AREA FOR CREMATED REMAINS IN THE CHURCHYARD

The PCC is applying to the Diocese for a faculty ('church permission') to provide an area specially set aside in the churchyard for cremated remains. Having looked at various options for where it might best fit, we are applying for the area just to the right of the path where it enters the churchyard from Church Path.

We propose to delineate the area by using some small gravestones which were detached from their graves many years ago and have been lying in the churchyard.

**Full details of the proposals can be seen at Designer Drapes from 3 December and details are also on the Hadstock website.**

**<https://www.hadstock.org.uk/church-welcome/st-botolphs-latest-news/>**

Any objections to the proposals should be made to **The Diocesan Registrar Winckworth Sherwood, Minerva House, 5 Montague Close, London SE1 9BB** so that your letter reaches the registrar **not later than the end of December.**

**Paula or Tim Boyden will be happy to talk you through the proposals.**

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Thank  
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Patsy

## SERVICES AT ST BOTOLPH'S

*These are the services we HOPE to have in church during December and January, but please note that everything below is subject to COVID lockdown or restrictions! Please remember your face covering.*

Sunday 6 December 9.30 am	Family Service - Expectation
Sunday 13 December 9.30 am	Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer
Sunday 20 December 9.30am	Holy Communion – Common Worship

**Thursday 24 December 6pm**      **Christmas Eve – Light of the World service\*\*\***  
**SEE SEPARATE NOTICE**

**Friday 25 December 9.30 am**      **CHRISTMAS DAY – Holy Communion\*\*\***

Sunday 27 December	No service in Hadstock church
Sunday 3 January 9.30 am	Family Service –Twelve Days of Christmas

<b>Wednesday 6 January 7pm</b>	<b>EPIPHANY - CONFIRMATION SERVICE</b> <b>with Bishop Roger Morris***</b>
Sunday 10 January 9.30 am	Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer
Sunday 17 January 9.30 am	Holy Communion – Common Worship
Sunday 24 January 9.30 am	Holy Communion – Common Worship

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

**\*\*\* Prior booking required– please contact Paula on**

**01799 599141 ([Paula.Greatford@btinternet.com](mailto:Paula.Greatford@btinternet.com)) to book a place.**

**Sorry, but capacity in the church is limited.**

*If you would like to receive the weekly email Worship Bulletin with details of services please contact Paula*



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas services will have a different look this year but we are hoping to start a new tradition to allow everyone in Hadstock to still be able to come together in a small way and celebrate.



At the time of writing, we don't know what the Government restrictions will be after the November lockdown ends on 2 December. But it's almost certain that we can't gather round the Christmas tree or sing carols: and although we hope to have the Light of the World service as usual on Christmas Eve, it will almost certainly have to be socially distanced, with limits on capacity and congregational singing.

As we can't pass round the Advent candle from house to house, why not light your own small Christmas candle on Christmas Eve, come to your doorway at 7pm and enjoy feeling part of the Hadstock community. If you wish why not all join in and sing 'Joy to the World'?

Cards and a small nightlight will be delivered around the village before Christmas: and we hope also to light up the outside of the church on Christmas Eve.

*Joy to the World - the Light of the World is coming!*

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## AND GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS...

### COFFEE AND CAROLS

Please do join me for a virtual session by Zoom to share your memories of your own special Christmases', to talk about your hopes for the future, and to sing a few carols together in our own homes!

There will be two sessions (with different carols):

**Thursday 10 December at 11am**

**Tuesday 15 December at 3pm**

Everyone welcome to either or both– please bring your own coffee!!

Contact me at [paula.greatford@btinternet.com](mailto:paula.greatford@btinternet.com) for the Zoom link. Paula

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

## Elf Mail 2020

It's time 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)



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

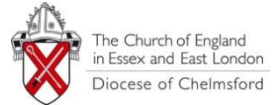
Artworks specially painted for our Millennium festival by 28 different local artists have been put together on A6 greetings cards.

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

**£1 per pack sold goes to Friends of St. Botolph.**

[email\\_soniavilliers@icloud.com](mailto:email_soniavilliers@icloud.com) to reserve yours, free delivery

Many thanks Sonia xx



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

The group planning this project are actively exploring using the Hadstock village website to create a wealth of documents, art, pictures, videos, poetry, and other activities, even if continuing restrictions next year make it difficult to run the 'real' events we had planned. If the COVID situation next spring allows us, as we hope, to run the events as well, the website will be a good reminder and a lasting legacy! We are currently looking at the costs of website development and will need to establish whether the Lottery Heritage Fund are happy for this shift in direction made necessary by COVID.

Talk to the event organisers if you would like to know more:

Peter Jarritt – website discussions

Richard Dolby – Hadstock Society and Historic Exhibition

Sonia Villiers – Art Exhibition

Isabel Fish – Flower Festival

Gill Butterworth – walks and project evaluation

Maggie Hartley – Poetry readings and poetry competition

Brendan Burchell – life stories project

Lou Symes-Thompson – craft demonstrations

Or to me *Paula*



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**BOOK CLUB look out!** for the report on the latest book read and socially distanced book club: - 'Christmas extravaganza quiz and party on zoom'

being held on 14 December

-in the next magazine in February.

And we hope you enjoy all those lovely books you find in your stocking and are going to read over Christmas.

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## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Grave of Henry Nathan Fordham  
in Hadstock Church Yard

Despite all the bans on services in church and restrictions on Acts of Remembrance, it was very moving to lead our own Act of Remembrance at our own Hadstock soldier's grave.

Thanks to the Parish Council and British Legion for providing wreaths, and to James Goldthorpe and Robin Betser for laying them. To Eleni and Arianna Phipps for reading and laying a cross. To Reggie and Di from the Hadstock Silver Band for playing the Last Post and Reveille. To Gilbert Rowlandson for tolling the bell to mark the beginning of the Two Minutes' Silence; and to all of you who took part in this important commemoration. *Paula*

**'At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them'**

### 1914 – 1918

John Henry Barnes M.C.  
Bennett Leopold Burgess  
George Edward Burgess  
Charles Edward Bye  
Walter Bye  
Ronald Clarke  
James Cutter  
Henry Nathan Fordham  
Jonas Freeman

Walter Freeman  
Jesse Mallyon  
Laurence Mallyon  
Sidney Mallyon  
Peter Pearson  
Samuel Pearson  
Sidney Robinson  
Albert Henry Rowlandson  
Albert Edward Swann

### 1939 – 1945

Harold Archibald Byatt  
Maurice George Ryall  
Charles William Swann

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## HADSTOCK IN THE YEAR 2020 – The Book

**Thank you very much for your support with the Hadstock 2020 book.**

We hope that you like the result! We are hoping that complimentary copies will be ready to deliver to each household in the village in early December.

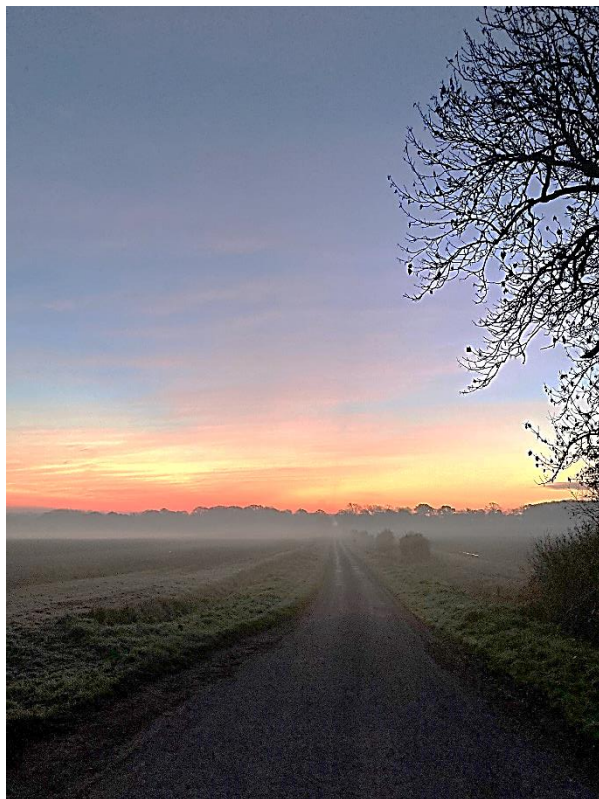
If, at any time, you would like to order extra copies for your family, at £7 each, please contact Sarah Lockton.

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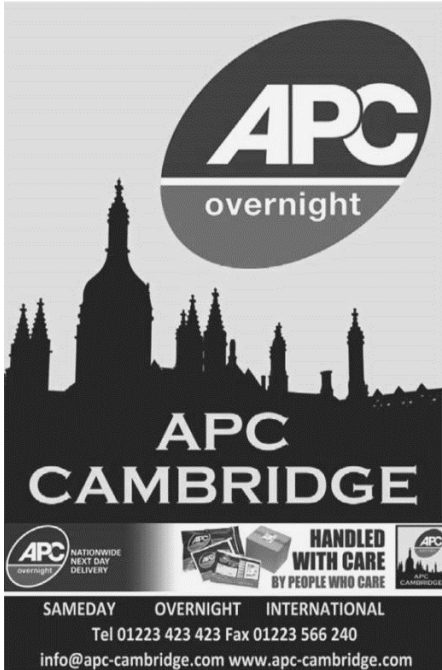
Lynn Nuttall – [lynnn50@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnn50@hotmail.com) or 01223 893355

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A beautiful photo taken while on an early morning run at the start of this month.  
sent in by David Tual.

Thank you David



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**For more information and to book**

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## Ashdon Primary School

Despite the ongoing restrictions due to COVID-19, both locally and nationally, we are trying to make the children's education as normal as possible.

We are fortunate to work with specialists in both music and Physical Education each week and, under the Government guidance, they are still able to work with our children which is great news.



Prior to the current national lockdown, we were also able to invite a very special visitor to enhance the children's understanding in history. For one day, we were joined by a Viking (also known by the very non-Scandinavian name of Ian!) from Portals to the Past. The children learnt about different aspects of Viking life and culture, such as looking at a range of artefacts from a Viking household, playing

board games and looking at Viking weapons and armour. They did this whilst in costume, which their parents had helped them to prepare.

We have also kept in touch with our local community, collaborating with Caroline Currer (All Saints Church in Ashdon) and Gavin Walter (Ashdon Baptist Church).

Just before half-term we held 2 smaller-scale Harvest Festivals, where the children shared some work that they had been doing related to Harvest, for example, one of our classes shared information about a Viking Harvest. We were delighted that Gavin was able to join us and talk to the children about the importance of harvest.

As part of our Harvest Festival, our families very kindly donated items towards



our collection for the Uttlesford Food Bank, a display of which was made in the school to show the children. I am sure at this most testing of times, the food and toiletries donated will be welcomed by those who receive them.

Then on November the 11<sup>th</sup>, the 2 older classes observed the remembrance silence. Caroline helped organise a competition in which the children were challenged to design a poster with the phrase 'Thank you for our peace'. All of the children's work was then displayed at the front of the school, opposite the war memorial.



A picture of some the work can be seen, together with the 2 winners of the competition Shannon and Beau.

I do hope that all members of the local community continue to keep safe and well.

Simon Rance

Headteacher

## Christmas shopping in Linton



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<b>10-5</b>		<b>10-5</b>

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## HADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

At a recent meeting of Hadstock Parish Council, it was resolved to continue with monthly meetings via Zoom for the foreseeable future.

The following dates were agreed, so please note them in your diaries.

**Thursday 10 December 2020**

**Thursday 21 January 2021**

**Thursday 25 February 2021**

**Thursday 25 March 2021.**

The login and password details will be at the top of the Agenda, which as normal will be on the web site, and the Village notice board 3 days before each meeting.

The details of each meeting will also be sent via Hadstock Info to encourage your attendance.

There will be an opportunity for Public Participation and the Chair will invite those wishing to speak to do so. Please endeavour to have your microphone muted at all other times, as the slightest background noise can often cut off those currently speaking.

Sara Beckett      Clerk to Hadstock Parish Council  
Tel: 07841343413

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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.

**Please Have Fun!**

**Hadstock Parish Council**





## **Your Parish Council**

It was great to see so many residents join the Parish Council Planning meeting via Zoom to consider the application for a change of use to residential for the Kings Head Public House.

It was a pity that this was a Planning meeting because those who attended missed the opportunity to see the wide range of items that the Parish Council looks after on our behalf.

The Parish Council has taken a leading role in creating the new village website. This can be found on <https://www.hadstock.org.uk>. They collaborated with the Church, the Village Hall Committee, the Hadstock Society and Village Magazine to set up an excellent site which has raised the profile of the village. Outsiders will now find an excellent reflection of village life – particularly important if people are buying or selling property in the village. You will also find a superb set of historical photos of the village in the Hadstock Society section.

The Council has also taken action to try to deter drivers from speeding through the village. This is a thankless task as it involves liaising with many other organisations who have the main responsibility for taking action in this area and, most importantly, control of the funding. They also organise and participate in the Hadstock SpeedWatch group. Sadly, this cannot operate at the moment due to the Coronavirus restrictions

They have also ensured that the Recreation Ground closed when it was obliged to during the first lockdown and has stayed open since it was allowed to reopen in a Covid safe way, in July. They are actively pursuing the provision of fencing around the play equipment as requested at a recent Village Meeting.

You can add to this:- looking after our footpaths, arranging the grass cutting of the Village Green and other areas, paying for the 'green skip' every other Saturday (which costs over £1,000 p.a.), looking after the defibrillator in the telephone box (which the Parish Council bought for £1) etc. etc. and that doesn't include the things I've forgotten!

They also comment on Planning Applications and this can sometimes be controversial as we know. If you disagree with their actions, there's actually a vacancy on the Parish Council at the moment so, if you want to be part of the decision-making process, you can apply for the vacancy!

I try to attend Parish Council meetings when I can and, ironically, it's easier now that we have lockdown as you don't even have to leave the comfort of your armchair. Everyone is allowed to attend and members of the public can speak on

any items of interest prior to the commencement of the main business. The District Councillor is also invited to attend but, unfortunately, he has not been able to attend since his election.

The dates of the meetings are on the website and are also circulated from time to time on Hadstockinfo ([hadstockinfo@gmail.com](mailto:hadstockinfo@gmail.com)).

I can't promise sensational news but it does keep you abreast of what's going on in your area and I know your Parish Councillors appreciate the involvement of the public in their activities. They are working very hard on your behalf and I appreciate the time they give up both individually and collectively to help make our village such a lovely place to live.

Derek Bushell    Holly Cottage

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## The Kings Head

The application by Mr & Mrs Robertson to change the King's Head into a private residence with a new rear extension and garage has been refused by Uttlesford District Council.

The main reasons for refusal are: insufficient information provided to justify change of use, the scale and 'massing' of the extension and garage being detrimental to the listed building and its setting.

You can read the refusal notices (one for the Listed Building application and one for the full application) on the UDC planning website. The applicants have 6 months in which to appeal the decision.

Rick Albrow

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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 HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

[www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk)



With Christmas just around the corner we are thinking of calling friends and family but not, I suspect, from a red telephone box.

In 1924 the Royal Fine Art Commission invited three architects to submit designs for new telephone kiosks. The winner was Sir Giles Gilbert Scott who also designed Liverpool Cathedral where he is buried. Scott was at the time a trustee of Sir John Soane's Museum and he topped his kiosk with a dome similar to that on the mausoleum Soane had designed for himself. It was produced in cast iron as GPO model K2, replacing the K1 concrete kiosk.

Later designs had a similar appearance. The most common, the somewhat smaller K6, was introduced for King George V's silver jubilee in 1935.

The colour red was chosen to make them easy to spot, although Scott had suggested silver. These robust and iconic survivors of the 20th century, found in almost every town and village, are worth preserving. At the last count, 51 within the Hundred Parishes had been listed.

Most red phone boxes have now been decommissioned although a few, like the one in Anstey, still operate as a pay phone. Many villages have used the box to house a defibrillator; others have inventively turned them into informal book exchanges and information points.

Some villages have been even more imaginative: the box in Standon has been transformed into a greenhouse full of colourful plants.

The Society's trustees wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Ken McDonald, Secretary



Standon greenhouse box

## The Return of Hadstock 100 Club

As many of you will know, the Hadstock '100 Club Monthly Draw' raises much needed funds to help towards the maintenance and improvement of our Village Hall. At a subscription of £20 a year, you have the chance, each month, to win £25. Plus, **four** lucky winners a year each win £75.

Whilst the Hall (with no income from bookings this year) has continued to need funds, the 100 Club, unfortunately, had to be cancelled last time. But the good news is that it will return on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 and we very much hope that you will join in – whether as a new subscriber or as one of our many 'regulars'.

We have a list of those of you who had already paid your subscription to the cancelled 100 Club, thank you. We hope that you will be happy for that payment to be rolled over to the coming year's draw.

The team of collectors will start getting in touch with all of you during March. We will be introducing the option of payment by internet banking and would encourage this method, if possible. All the details will be given in February's magazine and on the Hadstock Info mail.

Do get in touch if you have any questions or would like to join for the first time. Your support is much appreciated.

Thank You.

**Sarah Lockton Tel.892987 or  
sarahlockton@gmail.com  
Barbara Bye Tel.894214**



Village hall front door



## The Christmas Tree

HURRAH for FDL who have once again sponsored our village Christmas tree.

Sadly, we can't have Irene's delicious warming brew by it after the Advent carol service or dance drunkenly around it on New Year's Eve but we will have its soft twinkling to help us through the midwinter nights.

Thanks to Tracey Law from FDL, John and Barbara Bye for the electricity supply, Dave for putting it up and tending to it and any helpers (so far potentially Greg Walker).

Happy Christmas Everyone,

Allyson Short

*Thank you everyone who has helped  
with the tree – It's beautiful!*

*Sue - Ed*



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**Just a note from the Hadstock Society AGM** which took place on Friday 27 November via zoom. (Hopefully full report in the February magazine) The committee was voted in 'En bloc' They are Richard Dolby – Chair, Maggie Hartley – Secretary, and Pat Croxton Smith (Crocky) - Treasurer. Richard took the opportunity to pay tribute to Hamish McIlwrick who had joined the meeting by phone. Hamish has been associated with the Hadstock Society since 1979. – 41 years. Over that time Hamish has been the Chairman of it twice for more than 10 years. Richard thanked Hamish for his long service, work and support for the Hadstock Society over such a long period and marvelled at the amount of handwritten careful minutes he had kept and could be seen in the minute book. All present at the zoom meeting thanked Hamish warmly and it was hoped he would continue to attend meetings in the future.

*Sue -Ed*

## **The Churchyard Flint Wall**

I am delighted to report that, as you will see from the photograph, the latest phase in the rebuilding of the church's perimeter flint wall has now been completed. This length marks the boundary with Hadstock Hall's grounds.

Work in this area starting with the boundary with Beam End's garden began some 6 to 7 years ago with Hamish McIlwrick very much in the driving seat clearing all the plant growth including blackthorn plus ivy that had become their own self-supporting trees and had helped cause the wall's destruction in the first place. They had been there for so long that even Crocky could not remember life without them.

As he had done for decades, Hamish orchestrated the Essex County Council annual three-day flint wall building courses here in the churchyard where aspiring flint wall builders including me were initiated into the basics of the art. About two-thirds of the Beam Ends wall was built with student workers followed by Hamish and me finishing off. Hamish spent hours and days discovering "lost" bricks and copings, then squirrelling them for subsequent use. Sadly, Essex CC ran out of cash, the courses folded and about four years ago Hamish and I continued, capping out Beam Ends and then moving on to Hadstock Hall.

Three years ago, was the last time we worked together and there was then a two-year hiatus with no renovation ongoing. At the beginning of this year I decided we should press forward, sourced a supply of flints and the header bricks and copings, costed that and approached The Friends of St Botolph who very generously funded the sizeable cost of all of these materials.

The bricks and copings were made bespoke on a fourteen-week lead time, the flints, sand and lime delivered. Jim Abbis plus a friend of mine from my Rotary Club got together and continued the part-started wall and brought it up towards the level we sought. The bricks and copings were delivered at the beginning of November and these are now in place. By the time you read this, the bags of materials you see in the photograph will have been moved elsewhere and a large amount of tidying up will have been achieved.

*continued*



### ***Churchyard Flint Wall Continued***

Thanks should also be noted for the help Felix and Laura have given over the years in allowing us access over their property and water whenever we've needed it. We also acknowledge their understanding as they have lived for years with a part-built and none too attractive broken-down length of wall.

Sadly, in this last stage Hamish has been unable to help. None of what you now see would have been achieved without the vast amount of work he quietly undertook in preparing large areas and then involving himself in the building that followed. All of this is a tribute to what he has selflessly put into making the perimeter walls look so incredibly different to the tumbling down sights that greeted me when I came here over forty years ago.

### **Tim Boyden**



Thank you Tim !

# EVENTS, ACTIVITIES and Fun

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**BIN COLLECTIONS** – Weds 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> December for Black and Brown bins  
Weds 9<sup>th</sup> December only for Green and Brown bins

**PLEASE NOTE** there will be **NO** collection on **WEDS 23 December**

For the week following Christmas **Green** bins and Food caddy will be collected on Weds 30<sup>th</sup> December –

Any extra **Recycling** can be left out by the bin in clear or white plastic bags or cardboard box

Normal collections will resume from 5 January 2021.

Weds 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 for Black and Brown Bins.

Weds 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 for Green and Brown Bins.

## Green Skip Service –

**LAST ONE THIS YEAR Saturday 5 DECEMBER**

**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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‘Hadstock’s Rainbow Thank you’ - photo by Lynn Nuttall

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### **Kemi Badenoch MP**

holds regular advice surgeries offering help and support for local residents.

If you would like to contact Kemi, you can email

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or call 0207 219 1943

Hadstock's Local District Councillor - Ashdon Ward:

Councillor James De Vries

Party : Residents for Uttlesford

email: [cldrdevries@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:cldrdevries@uttlesford.gov.uk) or write to c/o Uttlesford District Council

London Road, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 4ER

## 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. Also Foodbank warehouse, Shire Hill Saffron Walden, open 7 days a week from 9.00. Please leave donations in the crate in the Corridor

### REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR/CHRISTMAS 2020

TINNED SALMON, TINNED HAM

FACE MASK

LONG-LIFE JUICE AND FRUIT SQUASH

CHRISTMAS PUDDING

UHT MILK

BISCUITS

JELLY/CUSTARD

COFFEE

SMALL JARS OF PASTA SAUCE

STUFFING & GRAVY

MINCE PIES (PLEASE CHECK BEST BEFORE IS AFTER 15/12/2020)

CHUTNEY/SAUCE ETC

BOX OF CHOCOLATES

TINNED READY MEALS

CHRISTMAS CAKE

CHOCOLATE LOG

PART-BAKED BREAD ROLLS (PLS CHECK BEST BEFORE DATE)

CHEESE CRACKERS/CRISPS/TWIGLETS ETC

Reverse advent: Instead of opening an advent calendar door you buy something for the Christmas Food bank box. Items off the list above. Please donate by mid December.

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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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