

# Hadstock Magazine



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**JUNE 2021**

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## Beginnings – Editors Page

Dear Readers,

Well as I write this it is wonderfully warm and the sun has come back to live with us. What is the news this month? Much of the Magazine is devoted to the possibility of having a Mini Fete alongside the possibility of 2 exhibitions, taking place in the church on 26 June. The exhibitions are 2 of the events that were planned for the Millennium celebrations last year. The Millennium of the St Botolph's Church that is.

The whole project to celebrate this event was conceived and driven forward by Paula since as far as I can recall, November 2018. Paula has been the driving force and we have seen the huge number of hours she has put into it all and know that there are many more we have not witnessed. The hope now is that the events, not made impossible last year and up to now by the virus, can take place at last on 26 June, before the twin deadlines of Paula retiring and the National Lottery Funding extension expiring at the end of June.

So see you around St Botolph's and the village hall on July 26<sup>th</sup> afternoon? Yes.

Hadstock has much to be grateful to Paula for and her kindness and care and commitment to this church and Community and she will be very much missed here. Meanwhile get your 'jabs' and encourage your family and others to get theirs. Enjoy the much needed warmth from the sun along with the reunions with all of our families and friends.

See you on 26<sup>th</sup>.

Best wishes,

Sue

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## Parish Church of St Botolph's

**JUNE 2021**

**Paula writes:** This is my last Magazine letter before I step down at the end of June.



Let us hope and pray that this month a relaxation of COVID restrictions will indeed allow us all to open up in safety. That we will be able to meet, relax, chat and enjoy summer together. To celebrate the rich history and present of this church and village, and the continuity of this very special community, with the Millennium events that so many have worked so hard to prepare. And to move smoothly into a positive new chapter for ourselves, our village – and the country.

After I leave, the Revd Caroline Currer from the Team Ministry will be taking oversight of the church into early 2022. Do welcome her - she brings a breadth of experience both in ministry and in her previous life as a social worker, and is already known to some of you either through our Zoom services during lockdown, or as a member of Sonia's art classes! I've greatly valued her as a colleague in the clergy Team, and know that she will have the welfare of Hadstock and its people very much at heart.

Times of personal change like this raise multitudes of memories. Looking back over the last seven years, mine include breakfast discussions in the pub; Café Church, teas and Pancake Parties in the Village Hall; the Fetes; Christmas Eve services (including 2017 in Laura's barn); carol singing round the village, under the amazing stars of Hadstock's midwinter sky; the Battle Millennium celebrations, and Archbishop Rowan blessing the wonderful banners; church repairs, including the marvellous way you all responded when the nave ceiling was in danger of collapse; the satisfaction afterwards of seeing the church renewed and structurally safe; the regular rhythm of services; being with families at baptisms, weddings and funerals, our lives meeting and intersecting for a moment of profound significance. And sharing and talking so much with many of you, with the richness of all your talents: sometimes sharing at a deep level, sometimes simply meeting in passing but exchanging just enough to help us each on our journeys.

I hope there will be space over this month for some personal goodbyes. But whether we have talked often, or occasionally, or even if we haven't had the chance to connect at all, I wish you all well for the future. Roger and I will miss you, but move on into the next chapter with thanks for the friendship you have given us and with gratitude for having shared the life of this community. Hadstock and its people will always be in my prayers.

May God be with you as we move forward into his future. *Paula*

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## PAULA'S RETIREMENT

Most of you will know that Paula is retiring as the Priest in charge of St Botolph's Church at the end of June. Paula has worked tirelessly for the Church and the Village over the last 7 years. During this time Paula has overseen major repair works in the church, a Christmas Eve service in the barn at Hadstock Hall, celebrations of the Battle of Assandun and the millennium of St Botolph's, in addition to her day-to-day commitments. Paula has always been available to talk and listen and will be greatly missed around the village.

Paula and Roger have requested that the village do not give them a leaving present. Instead, they would like donations to be made to Paula's chosen charity, **Gavi.org**. GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance is a public private global health partnership with the goal of increasing access to immunisation in poor countries. Gavi helps vaccinate almost half of the world's children against deadly and debilitating infectious diseases and is co-leading COVAX. Please do look at their website, [Gavi.org](https://www.gavi.org)

If anyone would like to show their gratitude to Paula please either drop a donation in to Tim Boyden at Ploughlands, Walden Road, Hadstock in an envelope marked Gavi , or if you prefer to use BACs please send it to me.

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quoting reference Gavi.

Lou Symes-Thompson  
Tim Boyden

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## SERVICES AT ST BOTOLPH'S JUNE 2021

*All our Sunday services this month are at 9.30 pm. Please note that we are still having to operate under COVID restrictions on social distancing, so prior booking is required for some services. Please remember your mask!*

Sunday 6 June                      FAMILY SERVICE: what stops us doing the things we know we should do?

Sunday 13 June                    HOLY COMMUNION - Book of Common Prayer

Sunday 20 June                    HOLY COMMUNION - Common Worship. This service will include prayers of blessing and thanksgiving for the marriage of Charli Batley and Rob Howes. **Prior booking required please to make the best use of our limited seating**

Sunday 27 June                    HOLY COMMUNION - Common Worship

**Paula's last service at Hadstock.  
Prior booking required please to make the best use  
of our limited seating**

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

At the time of writing the church is sadly still CLOSED outside service times because of COVID.

It is open for private prayer and reflection by prior arrangement – please contact Janice Snell (Tel 01223 892338) who will be happy to arrange a mutually convenient time.

***To book where needed, or to receive the weekly email Worship Bulletin with details of service sheets, please contact Paula on 01799 599141***

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



### **Hadstock Village Hall 100 Club winners**

May Winners are: -

No.19. Jane Jennings    £25.00

No.88. Bob Nicholas    £25.00

Congratulations!!

Remember there are 4 June winners, 2x £25.00 and 2x £75.00 Good Luck!

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### **Hadstock Book Club**

We met on Monday 17 May in warm evening sunshine and enjoyed the company of a group of others for the first time for a long time and discussed 'The Midnight Library' by Matt Haig, chosen by me.

It was a quick read. Nora was allowed to explore her past choices in order to choose the life she really wanted to lead – before it was too late!..... It is an interesting idea. Find out more.....

Next month we meet on Monday June 21 -midsummer-to discuss 'Summer' by Ali Smith at Barbara's house hopefully again together outside in the sunshine! Sue-Ed

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### **Another Hadstock Book Club.**

A group of us are planning to start another book club in Hadstock. All residents of Hadstock are welcome to join.

We hope to have our first meeting soon after 21 June when we hope that it will be safe and legal to meet indoors to discuss the books.

Details of the new book club such as place and frequency of meetings and method of choosing books will be discussed at the first meeting.

Please contact Brendan on [bb101@cam.ac.uk](mailto:bb101@cam.ac.uk) or 07760 178200 if you are interested.



## BBC Radio Essex comes to Hadstock

On 25th April, Liana Bridges and Barry Lewis from BBC Radio Essex came to St Botolph's for a live broadcast as part of their Essex Quest programme.



Every Sunday morning, the team has to solve 3 cryptic clues with audience help, each of which leads them to a specific Essex destination, not more than 15 miles away. At the three destinations, the team interviews a local person about the object or place targeted in the Quest.

This was their first outside broadcast for 12 months due to Covid. The answer to the first clue given to them in Steeple Bumpstead was our ancient

North door at St Botolph's, just 20 minutes away, and so Hadstock was the first destination. However, the team left Bumpstead on the wrong road and had to double back and eventually arrived in Hadstock 30 minutes late! For those listening, this mishap was entertaining in itself.

Paula, Roger and I welcomed the team in front of the church and as chair of the Hadstock Society, I was interviewed by Liana about the door, history of the church and our millennium celebrations. The team was then challenged by a second clue and the answer took them to Wicken Bonhunt and an 11th century chapel, and then finally the third clue led them to Wendens Ambo to see the WW2 GHQ line of defence



emplacements built to contain any German invasion.

With the team chatting regularly with the programme host, Jodie Halford, in the Chelmsford studio, as well as to ourselves, it was sometimes difficult to know when we were actually live on air, but on leaving, the team seemed very happy with the visit and the information given.

Roger took some photos of the scene in front of our famous door.

Richard Dolby



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

A few weeks ago, it felt reasonably hopeful that Step 4 of the Road Map would take place on 21 June, and most social activity would be able to proceed. At the time of writing, the Indian variant is spreading fast, and the government are expressing some caution about whether Step 4 will be possible. If the relaxation of COVID restrictions allows, **we will hold two, free**

### **Live exhibitions in St Botolph's church on Saturday 26 June between 2 and 4 pm:**

an **Exhibition of paintings** by our local residents, and art students on the theme of **'Hadstock over the Centuries'** curated by Sonia Villiers.

and,

an **Historical Exhibition**, organised by the **Hadstock Society** with support from the **Saffron Walden Museum**.

And to link these the **Mini-Fete** to be around the church and village hall organised by the Hadstock Fete Committee - see separate notice.

*The exhibitions will pay careful attention to COVID safety, with social distancing, a one-way system, and cleaning of the building. **We would love to see you there!***

*Please appreciate that we may have to cancel them at short notice if the COVID situation deteriorates.*

For further information please see [www.hadstock.org.uk](http://www.hadstock.org.uk)

**Thanks to the generous support for our programme from the Lottery Heritage Fund and the Diocese of Chelmsford and the Hadstock Society.** *Paula*



## More News from the Mallyons Flock

### Malteser update

*Remember - Tusker the Nanny with Malteser*



Malteser is now living in the field with her cousins and aunts and eating grass. She still has a bottle of milk 3 times a day and is full of energy.

Before moving into the field with the others, Malteser lived in the chicken run in the day (luckily no chickens at the moment) and the house at night for about two weeks.

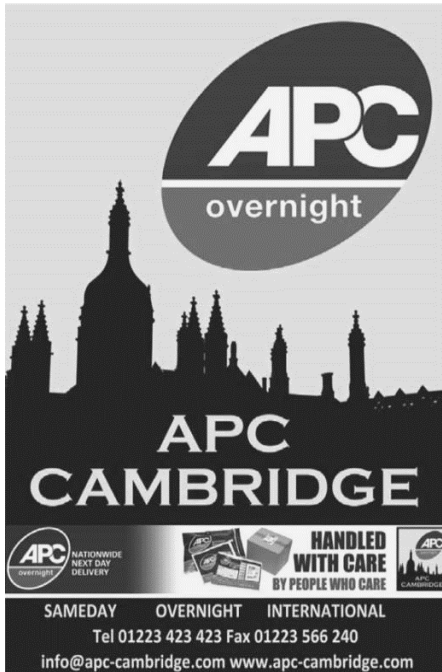
*Her favourite place was sharing Tusker's bed.*



My nephew feeding Malteser

Lou Symes Thompson.

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**THE 'NOT THE BIRD OF  
THE MONTH' PAGE**



Sorry Sue, this isn't a bird of the month, but pink **CUCKOO FLOWERS** in our garden, with cowslips and some red polyanthus/cowslip hybrids!  
Paula and Roger

*Thank you, nice try. Sue Ed*

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Thank You

# EVENTS, ACTIVITIES and Fun

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**BIN COLLECTIONS** – Weds 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>th</sup> June for Black and Brown bins  
Weds 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June for Green and Brown bins

**Green Skip:- Saturdays 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June 10.30 to 11.30** Collection from Bilberry End (15 mins), then Village Green (40 min)

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## **Hadstock Parish Council**

Next meeting in the village hall on 24 June at 7.30pm. Contact the parish clerk Sara Beckett [hadstockparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hadstockparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk) for agenda details which are also sent out on Hadstock Info and put on the Village notice board by the shop.

Details of the agenda are also published on the Parish Council section of the village website which is: -[www.hadstock.org.uk](http://www.hadstock.org.uk)

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## **Hadstock Society – community history and heritage.**

Secretary : Maggie Hartley at [hadstocksociety21@gmail.com](mailto:hadstocksociety21@gmail.com)

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**Hadstock Village Hall** see ad in this magazine for how to hire **OPEN AGAIN**

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**Hadstock Silver Band** meets again on Tuesdays at the V. hall and car park for rehearsals. Contact: Lesley Jenkinson 07766 540926

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**Bell Ringing practice** night at St Botolph's on Thursdays. Contact: Gilbert Rowlandson 01223 892882 or Janice Snell 01223 892338 **NOW RESTARTED**

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**Bridge Club** normally Weds at the V. hall contact: Lyn Faulkner on 01223 890815

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**Table Tennis** 7.30 -9.00, normally meets at the V hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Monday each month. Contact: Peter Jarritt 01223 897886 **Restarts in June.**

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**Linton Area Learning Alliance (LALA)** Normally meets on Tuesday mornings in the Village hall in Linton. Autumn and Spring terms. Currently via zoom. Contact Sue Mudge 01223 892737

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**Linton and District Historical soc.** Meets Tuesday evenings Linton Village hall. Contact Margaret Creek 01223 893915 or email: [ldscamb@pobroadband.co.uk](mailto:ldscamb@pobroadband.co.uk) for detail

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## Hadstock Mini Fête – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June



### Is it or is it not going to happen?

As this note is penned, we the Fête Group are still working towards our original plans of a small-scale community celebration. In doing so, we are incurring no up-front irrecoverable costs other than the licence for the Draw which is already under way and will happen come what may.

In this issue of the Magazine are notices about the Plant and Cake Stalls and every home in the village will have already received two books of draw tickets which we hope will be bought. Instructions came with the books.

We will be running a Book Stall and would ask that all books are taken to Rick & Sue Albrow who are running that stall, at New Barn Close, Bartlow Road.

We decided after all **not** to run a Bric-a-Brac Stall because without outside of the village customers who are the main buyers we did not want to be left with a large amount of unsold product.

We are hoping that the Village Hall will be able to operate normally to enable Sonia Villiers and her team to run their tea and cakes presence there.

The Crazy Kitchen Stall will be there to give you the chance to let off steam.

The Silver Band has had its first practise so we remain hopeful they will be present to entertain us. We will be working towards some form of Children's area in the village hall garden to entertain the younger children.

All of this will take place, we plan, between 2 to 4 p.m. using the area between the Village Hall and around the front of the Church. Access will be via either Church Path or the footpath from Walden Road. Inside the Church will be Millennium displays as referred to in a separate article in this Magazine.

At 6p.m. we look forward to village families coming together on the grassed areas near the Village Hall and the Church bringing their own food and refreshments. We will have out gazebos and open tents as in case of need cover. Nothing formal; simply an opportunity to come together as a community, meet friends and renew the art of casual conversation. The selection of the draw winning tickets will take place then. It will also give us the opportunity to say Thank you and Goodbye to The Rev. Paula Griffiths who retires that weekend after 7 years among us.

**Please support us in any way you can; we very much hope this will come to fruition and we shall see you there.**

**Fête Group – Tim Boyden**



## NEWS from the Hadstock Society

Members of the Hadstock Society Committee have recently been busy sorting through the bags and boxes of archaeological finds discovered on a Field Walk, which took place in Banton's Field in 2010.

There are thousands of pieces, many of which had been painstakingly marked in ink by Crocky at the time, including the tiniest fragments of pots and tiles. Some of the finds date back to the Romans, others to Medieval times and some are more modern. There are fossils, oyster shells, horseshoes, nails and bone as well as fragments of glass amongst the finds. Saffron Walden Museum is going to support in identifying those objects of most interest and, Covid rules permitting, you will be able to see examples of these at our **History Exhibition on 26th June.**

There will also some fascinating metal detector finds on display, discovered by John Barker on Banton's and other Parish fields over recent years, and in addition, some North West Essex finds owned and displayed by the Saffron Walden Museum.



Sorting through bags and boxes of archaeological finds.

Crocky, Richard Dolby and Derek Bushell.

(They are seen here in the church car park behind the village hall)

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## Bells and Bands

We were very pleased to hear both the Hadstock Silver Band practising, and the church bells ringing while out in the garden last week. A welcome return towards normality.

John and Lou



**! Plants Plants Plants !**

**Hadstock Mini Fête**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

**Please, please, help us to run a successful stall by offering us your spare garden plants of any variety.**

**Shrubs – Fruit or Veg Plants - Flowering Plants –Exotics!**

Please drop them off in the week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> June.

At: Rosedale Lodge, Walden Road (John and Sarah Lockton)

Or: On the morning of the Fête: outside the Village Hall

**Please support our stall and the Mini Fête. - Thank You!**

Any questions at all:

Denise Wells 890049

John and Sarah Lockton 892987

Email: [sarahlockton@gmail.com](mailto:sarahlockton@gmail.com)



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**Hadstock 1020-2020 and Mini Fete 26th June 2021**

**1020**

**Tea Room**

**2020**

**Patter cake patter cake Hadstock Ladies**

**Bake me a cake as you can with ease**

**Pat it and poke it and mark it with V**

**And put it in the Village Hall for you and for me!**

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Thank you so much!

Sonia

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### **Hadstock's Local District Councillor - Ashdon Ward:**

Councillor James De Vries Party : Residents for Uttlesford

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London Road, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 4ER



# CAKES CAKES CAKES

Hadstock Mini Fete

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June

**We are hoping to run a scrumptious cake stall at this year's Mini Fete.**

Please, please help us to run a successful stall by baking delicious cakes or biscuits for us to sell on the stall.

Please drop your cakes to Mel Abbiss at Glebe House, Walden Road  
anytime

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June or Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

I would be very happy to come and collect, just give me a call.

So, get channelling your inner Mary Berry and please help us make the  
cake stall a success.

**Thank you in advance for your support.**

Any questions please call me on 07984 707011/892318

Email : jandmabbiss@aol.com

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## DID YOU KNOW

- that you can support a village charity, **The Friends of St Botolph'S Church, Hadstock**, when you shop on Amazon at [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk)

Please consider selecting us as your charity and Amazon will donate a small percentage of any eligible purchase to our charity. (Check the Ts and Cs yourself)

The Friends of St Botolph's raises money to repair and maintain the church building and the churchyard. With a Grade 1 listed building there are always things that need doing.

**Thank you**

**Lou Symes-Thompson**

## THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

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



As summer arrives, we hope that readers will continue to enjoy the walks listed on the website

[www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk). These varied routes provide a wonderful opportunity to appreciate the variety of wildflowers growing in field margins, hedgerows, verges, churchyards and village greens.

After this season's chilly start, the warmer days have encouraged an abundance of flowers to provide essential nectar and pollen to support visiting pollinators. With the increasing concern about the alarming reduction in insect numbers, many of those caring for green spaces have adopted the 'NO MOW IN MAY' approach to grass maintenance, where the uncut grassy places can support a surprisingly large number of different native species. Their flowers add variety to these areas and the bees benefit as well!

Wayside plants such as Stinging Nettles, Goosegrass (the long, hairy plant that sticks to your socks) and Cow Parsley thrive alongside lanes and tracks. Cow parsley, with its splay of tiny white flowers, can grow as high as a person. A touch of pink is often added by the flowers of Red Campion, also known as Bachelor's Buttons as it might have been worn as a buttonhole by unmarried men.

Common bright yellow flowers include Dandelions and the shiny golden petals of a great variety of Buttercups. The tall Ox-eye Daisy is often present where wildflower mixtures have been sown. In recent years these have become a common sight beside new roadways.

The types of wild flower I have listed can be seen and enjoyed almost everywhere in the Hundred Parishes. There are many more varieties to be seen and occasionally something quite rare. For smart phone users there are apps to help with identification, but we do not have to be experts to appreciate and enjoy nature's abundance.

Tricia Moxey, Trustee

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I hope you were able to read the May month article from the Hundred Parishes Society which was printed in the Linton News last month about flight, airplanes, airports and air bases in the 100 Parishes area – It was good. Sue-Ed



## Uttlesford Food Bank.

Aims to give families and individuals in crisis three days' worth of food and essentials.

### YOU CAN ALSO BUY A VIRTUAL FOOD PARCEL

Go to the 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 – this is always welcome because they can use it to fill any gaps in their stock. And useful as not so many people are going out to shop at the moment and having deliveries.

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

Also the Foodbank warehouse, at Shire Hill Saffron Walden, CB11 3AQ is open 7 days a week from 9.00. Please leave donations in the crate in the Corridor

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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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**Mini Fête 26<sup>th</sup> June 2-4pm**

**'Children's Area'**

**HELP PLEASE!**

**Your ideas \* Outdoor games \* Help on the day**

We are hoping to put on a few activities and stalls to entertain younger children at the fête. Have any suggestions or equipment? Can you help – even for just an hour, on the day? It would be very much appreciated by everyone. Thank you!

Please contact Sarah Lockton

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At the same time around the church grounds and village hall the

**Mini-Fete**  
organised by Hadstock Fete Committee

**Cake Stall. Plant Stall Crazy Kitchen Book Stall**  
**Teas, Children's area, Prize Draw**

**We would love to see you there!**

*The exhibitions will pay careful attention to COVID safety, with social distancing, a one-way system,  
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