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# Beginnings – Editors Page

Dear Readers,

Well I hope by the time you read this, you will have gone to the seaside for the day with a rug, sandwiches, flasks, bottles of pop and buckets and spades. Or if that is not possible at least have sat outside in your garden with a sandwich and drink and have stuck your feet in a bucket or (don't tell anyone) washing up bowl.

We are very lucky here to be able to see trees and countryside all around us so being at home is good and the need to 'get away is perhaps not so great but a change of scene does us all good. Do you ever send postcards when away? I nearly always send them to family members and now to the grandchildren.

Here is a Saffron Walden one for you.

Enjoy August and see you in September when I can promise some more Andrew Smith jokes !



Best wishes,

Sue

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## Parish Church of St Botolph's

AUGUST 2021

*Caroline writes:*

Am I my brother's keeper? This is the question that the Bible tells us that Cain puts to God after he has killed his brother Abel. It is a question that is very topical today. The answer, in a complex society such as our own, is surely 'yes'. We have responsibility not only for our own actions but also for the effect that they have on other people.

There has been much talk recently of assuming personal responsibility now that Government restrictions on behaviour and movement are being lifted, but this cannot be considered without taking account of the effects that my actions may have on you. I may dislike wearing a mask, or being unable to sing in church, but - like keeping to a speed limit - my actions may well threaten your health or even life. The problem for the Government has been to balance the interests of one group (those whose livelihoods and mental health have suffered so badly during restrictions) against another - our hospitals and their staff and individuals whose health may be in jeopardy. I don't envy our politicians that responsibility.

Churches, like local businesses and other venues, are having to grapple with such questions now that overall rules have ceased to be imposed.

We have now met as a church council and come to some important decisions about how we plan to go forward. You may well have noticed that the Church building is now open again. We are delighted about this, and thankful to those who have offered to open and close daily to make it possible. In terms of our services, we plan to keep social distancing in place, with certain pews out of use, and to suggest that you only sit next to anyone with whom you are in close everyday contact outside church. Given the social distancing that is possible in our lovely building for most services, we do not think that wearing a face covering is necessary, although some may prefer to continue to use them.

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*Caroline writes continued*

In line with other churches in the Team, we will resume congregational singing, but will expect people to wear a mask when they sing – so don't forget to bring one! Singing with a mask is not as difficult as it sounds, and we will see how it goes during August. Our main concern is that people should feel that it is safe to return to church, and that we do not endanger others by our actions.

Aside from COVID, I am enjoying getting to know some of you now that I am taking services regularly at St Botolph's. Summer tends to be rather a quiet time in church, with no major festivals and a number of people often away. However, we are looking forward to two Baptisms in the Church in August in addition to twice monthly Sunday services and a weekly time of Morning Prayer every Tuesday.

Of course, holidays are also more complicated at present. You may be unable or disinclined to risk foreign travel in a search for guaranteed sunshine, and local options – such as holiday cottages and even camp sites – seem to be very booked up. Whatever you will be doing, I hope this may be a time to enjoy the wonderful countryside that surrounds us. At present the rain and sun are making everything – including the weeds – grow very fast, so there is plenty to keep us busy in our own gardens.

*Caroline*

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Would you like to do something for the village? Would you like to try a new skill? How about joining the church flower rota?

As life starts to get back to some sort of normality, we will be starting the Flower Rota again. Whether you are an expert flower arranger, enthusiastic amateur or just willing to put a bunch of something in a vase, we would love to have some new people join our team.

It is not a difficult or time-consuming role, and unless you choose otherwise, you only do one slot a year. Fresh flowers in the church make such a difference and it can be a surprisingly rewarding experience.

If you would like to volunteer, or just have a chat about what is involved, please get in touch. For those who are already on the rota, thank you in advance and I will be in touch very soon.

Isabel

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## SERVICES AT ST BOTOLPH'S AUGUST 2021

All Sunday services this month are at 9.30am, except the Baptisms.

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August      Sunday Service— Lay led service

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August      Baptism of Alexandra Rose Swann at 12 noon.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August      No service in St Botolph's Church.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August      Holy Communion – Common Worship  
Led by Caroline Currer

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August      Baptism of Theodore Peter Jack  
Parker-Shorthouse at 11am

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August      No Service in St Botolph's Church

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August      No Service in St Botolph's Church

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

(See Caroline's letter for details of relaxing of restrictions at services)

To book where needed, or to receive the weekly email Worship Bulletin with details of service sheets, please contact Caroline on 01799 584839 or Email: [c.currer@btinternet.com](mailto:c.currer@btinternet.com)

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



Hadstock Village Hall 100 Club winners

Winners for JULY

No 17 Isabel and Matt Fish £25

No 55 Alan Wells £25

Congratulations to you all !!



### HADSTOCK BOOK CLUB

Met at Sue Walkers to discuss 'Mermaid of the Black Conch' by Monique Roffey and some missing books .....a mystery!

Report next month

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**HADSTOCK INFO** is an information and news service for Hadstock village.

It is operated for us by Isabel Fish.

Join by sending your email address to the address below and asking to join the list, and then you can send information round the village by sending it to: -

[hadstockinfo@gmail.com](mailto:hadstockinfo@gmail.com)

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### TABLE TENNIS – UPDATE – UPDATE – UPDATE - UPDATE

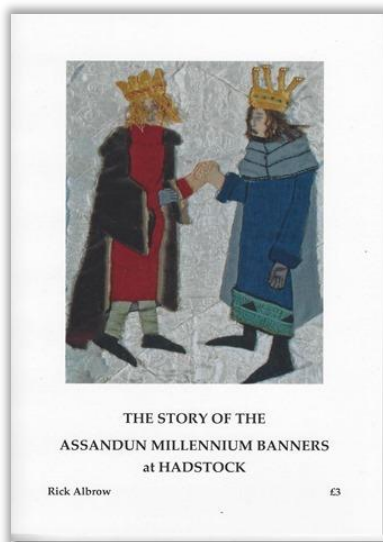
With the easing of restrictions Table Tennis resumed on the second and last Mondays of each month, 7:30-9pm. As over the 5 sessions held since reopening only 3 people came to each. 6 people in total including one new member, it has been decided to stop sessions for the summer and restart again in September/ October when there may be more interest and people may be more confident to come out again.

Just a reminder that everyone is welcome, all abilities, ages 14-94, £2 per head to cover the cost of renting the Village Hall.

There will be only minor changes to our procedures to maintain COVID safety.

For queries or to express interest please email Brendan on [bb101@cam.ac.uk](mailto:bb101@cam.ac.uk)  
Brendan and Gill

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## THE ASSANDUN MILLENNIUM BANNERS

This booklet is a companion to the four banners which were made by the villagers of Hadstock in 2016 for the millennium celebrations of the Battle of Assandun and are now in St Botolph's church.

It describes some of the historical background to the images on the banners from the battle to the foundation of St Botolph's by King Cnut in 1020.

Copies are available now for just £3 from Rick Albrow – [rick.albrow@btinternet.com](mailto:rick.albrow@btinternet.com) or 01223 893837.

All proceeds to the Friends of St Botolph's.

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### Time to play? – From last month's Mag

Dear parents and carers of small children!

Tara Fordham (Eve age 11), Susan Morland (Thomas age 10) and myself (Bertie age 10, Humphrey age 7 and Percy age 4) would like to start a weekly play in the village park. (*The Recreation Ground, Moules Lane*)

It would be really nice to get to know some other parents and children in the village and with the weather so nice, thought the park would be a great starting point!

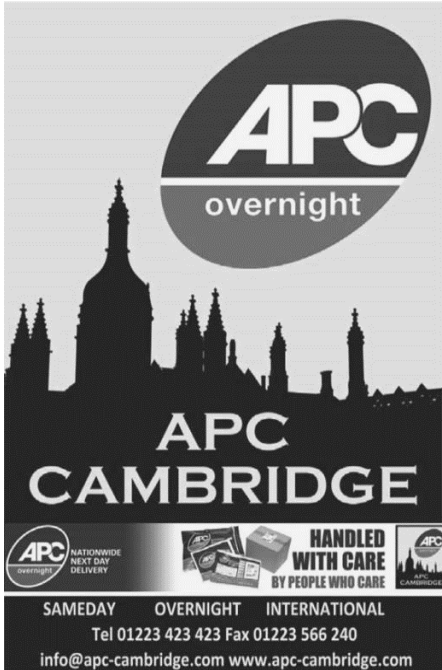
We will be there with our children once we've met them from the Ashdon school bus, so about 4ish every Monday (from June 21st).

Any age is welcome, would just be great to see you there!

Many thanks, Tara, Susan and Sarah

*What a great idea - See more about the Rec later in the Mag. Sue - Ed*

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If you would like to have your own 'Love Hadstock' bag, they cost £5 and can be obtained by e mailing Jude Hannam –

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Jude

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Please give your name as the reference. Or talk to Tim Boyden

Tel 01223892746

Thank You

# EVENTS, ACTIVITIES and Fun

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**BIN COLLECTIONS** – Weds 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> August for Black and Brown bins  
Weds 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> August for Green and Brown bins  
**Green Skip:-** Saturdays 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August 10.30 to 11.30 Collection from  
Bilberry End (15 mins), then Village Green (40 mins)

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## Hadstock Parish Council

Next meeting in the village hall on 30 September 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 [hadstockociety21@gmail.com](mailto:hadstockociety21@gmail.com)

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

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**Hadstock Silver Band** meets again on Tuesdays at the V. hall and car park for rehearsals. Contact: Lesley Jenkinson 07766 54092

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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, meets at the V hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Monday each month.  
So, 12<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July Contact: Peter Jarritt 01223 897886 Next sessions in Sept /October

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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: [ldscams@pobroadband.co.uk](mailto:ldscams@pobroadband.co.uk) for detail

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**Ashdon Primary School**, Ashdon, Essex CB10 2HB. Tel. Office 01799 584219  
[www.ashdon.essex.sch.uk](http://www.ashdon.essex.sch.uk)

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In the July Mag, in the article about the Recreation Ground I mentioned

‘you may even spot some bee orchids, and real bees!’

Well I gave you a real bee and failed to show you a Bee orchid!!! Doh!

So here it is now - you can see where it got its name can't you?



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

Yes, the Mini-Fête did not go ahead but undaunted two of the planned events still took place.

Firstly, many of you had been growing your plants for the Plant Stall and the Stall itself was set up on the village green on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The organisers of the Plant Stall were so grateful for all your deliveries of wonderful plants and were delighted with how



the stall went. THANK YOU, gardeners. Your wheelbarrows, crates, buckets (and the like) of all kinds of greenery appeared, as if by magic, and almost everything had disappeared in a flash by close of play.

Thank you so much for coming to buy - £355 was raised, just like that.!



*Photos Sarah Lockton*

### *Mini Fete continued*

Secondly, the Draw as we said it would, continued. The draw itself took place after Paula's last service on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> and the winners were:

£25                      Fergus & Debbie Mayhew

£50                      Brigitte Mwani

£75                      D Barnes

£100                     Tim Boyden

More importantly, the Church Building Fund will receive the surplus raised by all in the village and outside who contributed – many thanks to one and all – and this is a splendid £665.

Again, thanks to The Village Hall committee who agreed that this year any surplus from the funds raised would go 100% to the Church Building Fund.

The Fête Group

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## Footpath Strimming / Clearing

We are at the time of year when vegetation growth is at its most luxuriant.

We cannot keep every footpath in Hadstock completely clear but it would be useful if we had a group of helpers to deal with the more overgrown stretches.

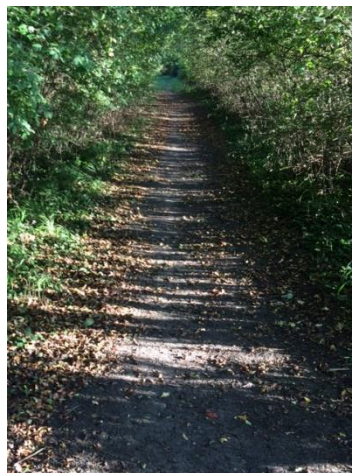
Please let me know if you are willing to assist

Thank you

Keith Nuttall

(Hadstock PC)

cllrknuttall@gmail.com



*Arnolds Lane, one of the paths, in less luxuriant times.*

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# Speedwatch

I think most Hadstock residents are aware of the Speedwatch (CSW) activity on the B1052 road through the village – but for newcomers, here's an update.

Speedwatch operates throughout Essex, (and in varying forms in neighbouring counties too), under the auspices of Essex Police, as groups of volunteers undertaking speed monitoring at sites in their home areas. CSW groups have speed detection devices and record instances of speeding vehicles, which are then passed to Essex Police who issue formal warning letters. Volunteers in Hadstock (usually three of us) must wear Hi-Viz jackets and put out additional 'Speedwatch in Operation' signs by the side of the road.

CSW in Hadstock has been operating for about 8 or 9 years now and our aim remains the same - to inhibit speeding in the village - either by our highly visible presence or by passing on details of drivers, who, despite '30mph' limit signs and 'Speedwatch' signs continue to drive well in excess of the legal limit. We are all aware of what a serious and frightening danger to village residents/walkers/dog-walkers such drivers are.

Of course, we can only do so much and the group, some of whom have been participating since Hadstock CSW was established, usually has a session once a week for an hour, primarily at 'rush hour' times in the morning or evening. Sometimes it's quiet, but invariably we approach double figures of drivers who are recorded because they are driving substantially above 30mph – having ignored all warning signs. Recently someone was recorded at over 60mph ! – this driver was specially highlighted to the police.

I'd like to thank all the volunteers (several new members were trained recently) who give up their time to try to make Hadstock a safer place.

Thank you!

Keith Nuttall (Hadstock PC and co-ordinator)

[cllrknuttall@gmail.com](mailto:cllrknuttall@gmail.com)

A response from the police to the 60 mph driver report was that I was advised that a policeman had visited

**'and spoken to the registered owner of the vehicle who has been spoken to about this incident and has been given stern words of advice.'**

**Keep up the great work in Hadstock.'**

**PC Souel Sampson**

**Uttlesford Community Policing Team**

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## THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

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



On a recent visit to Thaxted's Tourist Information Centre, I could not resist buying their new set of postcards, featuring some of the town's well-known views. Nowadays, it is quite unusual to see postcards for sale – and even rarer to receive one in the post. How times have changed.

Picture postcards became extremely popular in the UK after the introduction in 1902 of the format with a picture on the front and a divided back - half for the address and the other half for a message. Pictures were generally black and white but sometimes coloured. Popularity waned after the First World War but it remained customary to send postcards to family and friends from somewhere visited on holiday or a day out. That custom has now almost died out, no doubt due in part to the availability – albeit only in this century - of more immediate means of exchanging messages and photos electronically.

Many people used picture postcards for sending short messages. Until 1918 it cost only an old halfpenny to send a card – that's 480 cards for a Pound (today's price is 66 pence per card). In those early days, there could be as many as five postal deliveries in a day, at least in towns, so it was not unreasonable to expect a reply the same day.

It wasn't just seaside towns that sold postcards; almost every town and village had its own postcard or set of postcards. Within the Hundred Parishes, it seems that only one parish has never had a postcard – Flitch Green, which became a parish only in 2008. Many of those old cards have survived. They often provide a revealing insight into our past and into an earlier way of life, for example buildings, roads, transport and dress.

Ken McDonald, Secretary.



Great Bardfield's water pump



Linton's railway bridge





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**More details in September.** Yes, if you are interested in this please let Deborah know or call  
me on 01223 893837

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20 July 2021



Men at work- clearing the drain at  
the bottom of the hill. It rained  
very hard for a very long time.

Global Warming in Hadstock?!

Rain like has never been seen before?  
Described as a 'Biblical storm' by Patsy  
Plumridge who sent in the photographs.



## Essex & Herts Air Ambulance unveil unique Supporter Sculpture



Essex & Herts Air Ambulance (EHAAT) unveiled a unique sculpture at its Earls Colne Airbase on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021. The installation “Supporting Us, Supporting You”, which will take pride of place at the airbase entrance, is the result of the charity’s sculpture Design Project, in collaboration with Harlow College. Art and Design student Kiera Harkett’s design represents the local community who proudly support EHAAT.

The unveiling also marked the official opening of EHAAT’s newly extended and refurbished Earls Colne Airbase.

Cliff Gale, Operations Director said, “We are very pleased to officially mark the opening of our newly refurbished and extended airbase here at Earls Colne. The service has been based on the airfield since 2011 and, with the help of our remarkable supporters, we have been able to update and extend our hangar to create a first-class facility that will enable us to continue to provide an exceptional clinical service for those in need across the region well into the future. Thank you to everyone who worked hard to bring this project to fruition.”

For more information about EHAAT and its work, visit [ehaat.org](https://ehaat.org).

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Paula, chose to have donations for her leaving present given to the charity Gavi.

What is it? What does it do?

Gavi is an international organisation created in 2000 to improve access to new and underused vaccines for children living in the world's poorest countries.

What does the name mean. The GAVI Alliance (formerly the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation) is a global health partnership of public and private sector organisations dedicated to “immunisation for all”. GAVI's Alliance mission is to save children's lives and protect people's health by increasing access to immunisation in poor countries. – The sort of vaccinations for children that we take for granted here!

COVID-19 in the face of the unprecedented pandemic, Gavi is working with countries to support the COVID-19 response and to maintain and restore routine immunisation. The Alliance is also leading global efforts on equitable access to COVID 19 vaccines.

So why not take a look at the website [www.gavi.org](http://www.gavi.org) and see for yourself. It's a bit of a complicated website I found but you can get to see what some of the problems are and what Gavi does to sort things out. Sue - Ed



Door of the Month

A door in a wall on the road near my brother's house in Cheddar

I have always wanted to go through it

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Sue - Ed

*Send in your doors to the mag please.*

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The Hadstock Community Archive  
Launched 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021  
<https://archive.hadstock.org.uk>  
part of the Hadstock Village website  
(hadstock.org.uk)

With funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, this archive has been developed as part of the Hadstock Millennium Celebrations. Please take time to visit the web site. We would value your feedback and would be grateful if you would complete a short survey as you leave the site.

Do you have any memories that can be captured in the archive? Further contributions are welcome and an option to submit material can be found on the site.

