Hadstock Magazine



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Beginnings – Editors Page

Dear Readers,

As I am writing this Russia is invading Ukraine!

It seems so incongruous to be in our beautiful, cosy, gentle Hadstock when not many hours away from us the world is being shaken up and may never be quite the same again. I cannot believe that it is actually happening. The poor people being interviewed on the radio seem so young with young children and don't know where to go or what to do for the best or even if they can get there. Sounding so tearful and shocked that their voices are trembling- like a bereavement.



What can we do? How can we help? Any ideas? Please let me know. Best wishes Sue

Ukranian Flag flying over Kyiv city.- Before

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Parish Church of St Botolph's MARCH 2022

Caroline writes:

'March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers' Well, we have had the March winds a little early this year, and just survived Storm Eunice and Storm Franklin (whatever will they call the next one?). They have come with their own dose of early but rather heavy April showers, too, and thankfully the local damage seems not to have been too great. We have been worried about the tiles on the roof of the church – elsewhere in the

magazine you will see that we have had some good news about some extra grants for repair work, and with your help we may be able to start remedial work soon. See details of events organised by the friends of St Botolph's, including the Bacon Butty Breakfast on 12th March.

March is not only the season of winds; it is also the season of Lent. Actual dates vary with the date of Easter, but this year Lent starts on Weds 2nd March (Ash Wednesday), when there will be a service in the morning at Hadstock. It used to be the case that we asked each other 'what are you giving up for Lent?' with chocolate being a favourite, making Easter eggs at the end of the period of abstinence all the more appealing. These days I doubt if most people know when Lent starts, or perhaps even what it is.

Lent is a period of fasting that has a long history, with records dating from AD300 or earlier. Although details vary, it lasts for 40 days up to Holy Week and Easter. Similar fasting traditions can be found in other religions – the Islamic fast of Ramadan is perhaps the most familiar. Within a religious context, the purpose of fasting is to focus the mind upon the spirit, rather than the body, and spiritual disciplines of prayer or reading are usually also part of the season. This is quite different to such practices as 'a dry January' when people might give up alcohol for health reasons or as an antidote to overindulgence at Christmas.

For many years, I have run Lent courses when groups of people meet to read and discuss a particular book or theme, and I have found this very beneficial. Christian Aid also have various suggestions on their website (<u>www.christianaid.org.uk</u>), including a 'walking humbly' podcast. Their focus is upon caring for our planet and also the needs of those in poorer parts of the world.

In our Diocese of Chelmsford, however, our new Bishop Guli is encouraging us to observe a 'Holy Sabbatical' with the aim of 'using the period of Lent to pause, mark some of the changes we have experienced during this period of great change and then set our faces to the future, leaning into what God is calling us towards'. There are resources for this on the website (<u>www.chelmsford.anglican.org</u>) Do have a look. Whether you do this within a religious context such as Lent or not, it is certainly worth taking time to reflect after these past few years, and to consider how the COVID pandemic has changed our priorities.

Mothering Sunday is always the fourth Sunday of Lent, and used to be a time when young people in service were given time off to go home and visit their mothers. It is also considered to be a day when the Lenten fast can be broken. Here at St Botolph's we are planning a special service at 4pm on 27th March, in the Village Hall, with a focus upon young people and activities for them, along with tea and cakes - and flowers to give to their mothers. Do join us. What with this and the Bacon Butty breakfast, Hadstock will be feasting rather than fasting during Lent this year!

with all good wishes Caroline.

More Fruit trees planted on the Recreation Ground -

(- At the end of Moules Lane)

On Sunday 13 February at 10 o'clock, 1 car, 7 people, 1 dog, 2 wheelbarrows, assorted spades, forks, buckets and watering cans, compost, fertilizer, stakes, ties guards, 6 (quite small) fruit trees and not forgetting the root-grow and several woolly hats, arrived on the Rec. Our aim was to plant the new fruit trees to join the ones already planted there last year. (To make Hadstock better/greener for wildlife and people)

It was a bit windy! Everyone tackled the task with enthusiasm, gusto and verve. A lot of umph went into the digging. Many lightweight tree guards were chased across the Rec and all retrieved, luckily. In about an hour the task was done. All trees watered, woolly hats replaced and a photo taken.

Thank you to Denise, Alan, Lou and Tusker (the dog) Sarah, Lil, Rick and me

SERVICES AT ST BOTOLPH'S MARCH 2022

All services this month are at 9.30am, except Mothering Sunday which will be at 4pm in the Village Hall

Wednesday 2 nd March	Ash Wednesday Led by Caroline Currer.
Sunday 6 th March	Home Team Service Led by Alan Currer
Sunday 13 th March	No Service
Sunday 20 th March	Holy Communion Common Worship Led by Caroline Currer.

Sunday 27th MarchMothering Sunday – 4pmSpecial Service with tea and cake held in Village Hall
Led by Caroline Currer.

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

The church is now fully open every day between 9am and 4pm for private prayer.

To receive the weekly email Worship Bulletin with details of service sheets, please contact Caroline on 01799 584839 or Email: c.currer@btinternet.com

St Botolph's Church Hadstock, - Chancel Roof Roof in March



The recent storms have caused the Chancel tiles to slip further although none have fallen and there is still no sign of damp within.

Clearly the work to replace the roof needs to be started as soon as possible particularly as costs of most building materials are increasing. There is good news though in that, two further grants have been received from the Garfield Weston Foundation (who have supported us before) and the Fowler Smith and Jones Trust. We are now close to having enough to start the work but remain cautious as until the roof is stripped, we don't know the full extent of the work required and once started there will be no going back.

Rick Albrow Church Fabric Officer

Hadstock - News, - Events, - Happenings, Reports



Hadstock Village Hall 100 Club winners Winners for February No 24 Edith Irwin £25 No 72 Sue Hunt £25 Congratulations to you!



HADSTOCK BOOK CLUB

This Month we are reading RODHAM. - a novel. - By Curtis Sittenfeld What if Hilary hadn't married Bill?

Report next month hopefully....

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

CANASTA

We are starting a Canasta Group again in Hadstock.

At the moment we plan to play one afternoon per month.

Are you interested in joining us? Then please call Irene on 891 385



Players and Beginners welcome.

Calling All Hadstock 100 Club Members!

Please read this!

All 100 Club £20 subscriptions are due by March 25th

We hope that you will be happy to continue to be a member and support this vital fund-raising effort for the Village Hall.

If possible, PLEASE could you pay £20 online to:

HADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

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ACCOUNT NUMBER: 90437239

It was a great help that many of you paid online last year. Please email, if you can, to let me know that you have paid. Thank you.

If you would prefer to pay £20 by cash or cheque (payable to Hadstock Village Hall), or would like to cancel your membership, please contact me, as soon as possible.

WE NEED NEW MEMBERS! PLEASE GET IN TOUCH NOW!

For a year's subscription, two members have the chance, each month, to win $\pounds 25$. Plus there are four $\pounds 75$ prizes a year.

Thank You Everyone for supporting your Village Hall

Contact: -	
Sarah Lockton	sarahlockton@gmail.com
Tel 892987	Mobile: 07553 884303

OUR NEW ARCHIVE WEBSITE at archive.hadstock.org.uk

Charles Spencer

The earliest date recorded on any of the gravestones and memorials in the Church and churchyard is 1796. Martha Spencer died on 3^{rd} August 1796 at the age of 69.



Her broken gravestone is stacked on the south wall of the Church. The Rector's census of 1792 notes her as 'papist'.

Her son Charles Spencer was one of the largest landowners in Hadstock in the early 1800s, farming about 150 acres. Whilst he and his family lived in the village most of the landowners at the time lived elsewhere. In 1786 Charles complained to the Rector that the Hadstock landowners who lived in Linton should pay more in tythes as their Hadstock land was more productive than their Linton holdings. There is a memorial tablet to Charles, who died in 1827, and his wife Sarah on the north nave wall.

They had two children Samuel and Elizabeth.

The headstones in the churchyard are rather scattered. Most of the burials are in unmarked graves as the cost of a headstone would have been prohibitive for most families. Some headstones have been stacked around the outside walls of the church as they were broken or unsafe. Many headstones in the churchyard simply record names and dates but some give clues to the lives of those buried.

In 2010 a group of villagers recorded all that was legible of the inscriptions on the headstones and memorials. Some of this has since become unreadable. The record of this is available on the Hadstock Archive Website at:

https://archive.hadstock.org.uk/hadstock-gravestone-records/.

A paper copy is also available in the Church

Send in your comments about the website or archive to the Hadstock Society or the Mag <u>hadstockmag@live.co.uk</u>

The Queen's Platinum Jubillee Friday June 3rd Save the Date!

Friday 3rd June is the day Hadstock will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Activities suitable for all ages are taking place.

Friday afternoon from 1pm - 4pm

The Jubilee Village Picnic on the Recreation Ground

(weather permitting)

All residents of Hadstock are invited to bring savoury picnic food and something to sit on. Cakes, drinks, crisps and ice creams can be bought from Hadstock's own Tilly's Travelling Tearoom who has agreed to set up on the Rec for the afternoon. Big games will also be available.

Friday evening at 7.30pm The Jubilee Village Barn Dance -

at the village hall.

You are invited to put on your dancing shoes and join well-known local Ceilidh band - The Lairds - for an evening of dancing. Places are limited and tickets will be available to purchase after Easter. Cost approximately £15 each. Eat at home beforehand and bring your own drinks

Jubilee Commemoration Gifts

To support the Queen's wish to plant a Green Canopy over her kingdom, the Parish Council is planning to buy 30 young trees to give to families with primary-aged children. These will be given to the first 30 families who apply. The trees will be native British species and can be planted straight into the garden. They will come with a tiny commemorative sign so that our youngest Hadstock residents can be reminded of the Platinum Jubilee as their trees grow.

Helpers? - More wanted please

As you can imagine, these things do not happen on their own and are always better when split between a group of willing helpers - if you think you might have a few hours to share please send an email to The Editor, Hadstock Parish Magazine <u>hadstockmag@live.co.uk</u> - your help is greatly appreciated.

Cllr. Jude Hannam for the Parish Council

Hadstock Parish Precept

At its January meeting the Parish Council voted for a precept of £11050 for the 12 months starting April 2022. This will mean a Band D tax of £64.61 an increase of \pounds 2.42 per year or 3.9%, the first for 3 years. During this time, we have made improvements to the Recreation Ground, including fencing the play equipment, new play equipment and a new bench as well as resurfacing parts of Len's Path. Much of this has been paid for by grants which the Parish Clerk was successful in securing; however, our reserves have declined from £14,600 at April 2019 to an estimated £7,600 at April 2022, still a healthy figure. You can see our budget for 2022/23 on the Hadstock website.

There will be an Annual Parish Meeting this year <u>on Friday May 6th at 8pm in the</u> <u>Village Hall</u> when you can hear a report on the Parish Council's activities and raise any matter relevant to the Village.

Rick Albrow Chairman, Hadstock Parish Council.

TABLE TENNIS – UPDATE – UPDATE – UPDATE - UPDATE

Table Tennis is normally on the second and last Mondays of each month, 7:30-9pm. Just a reminder that everyone is welcome, all abilities, ages 14-94, $\pounds 2$ per head to cover the cost of renting the Village Hall.

For queries or to express interest please email Brendan on <u>bb101@cam.ac.uk</u> Brendan and Gill

The next planned date is Monday 14 March

Please note that Cleartax have moved offices.

(Advert on the next page.)

The new address is:- Unit 1 The Old Stables, Yole Farm, Linton Road, Balsham, CB21 4HB

The phone number, email and web address remains the same.

<u>The Village Pond</u>

Last autumn a small group tackled the overgrown area at the church end of the pond to clear it and to allow in more light. This was the advice given by pond experts because you may have noticed a growing prevalence of green algae on the surface.

Having cleared that, the next task was to repair a leak that has been apparent for some years and has left the pond level at least 15 cm lower than it should be and has meant that the water leaving the pond has been seeping out and not through the drain cover near to the road.

There is a drainage pipe that can be opened when the water needs to be drained out to enable the dead vegetation in the bottom periodically to be cleared out and also to remove any other plant life that is growing too



densely. John Lockton and I have removed the old degraded pipework and inserted new pipes and the leak has been eliminated.



A team came together on the 5th February and, as can be seen from the photographs, a large amount of foul-smelling mud was removed and the pond has now refilled, is up to its proper level and the water flow is exiting through the *Continued*

roadside drain.

The Pond continued

John is now taking advice and looking at what pond vegetation can be used to help keep the water clear in the hope that we do not again become overrun



by the algae. Work in progress.

Tim Boyden

The Multipiece Swap - Shop?

Is anyone in the village interested in swapping 1000-piece puzzles? Our family spent a lot of time in lockdown doing them. Since they are quite expensive items we wondered if anyone would like to swap with us?

Nikki Chandler:contact me on Hadstock Facebook page.



Janice Rust



Call us on 01223 423 423 or email admin@apc-cambridge.com or visit our website at apc-cambridge.com for details.

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Please contact: Maggie Hartley hadstockhallbookings20@gmail.com Or Jude Hannam martinandjude@hannam.de

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Village Hall officially reopen for bookings

On top of the various village events coming up this Spring and Summer the Village Hall Committee would like to update Hadstock residents on what has been going on at their village hall.



The Committee successfully applied for a Covid disruption grant to enable Covid safe events to continue to take place in the hall. As a result, a permanent Pergola has been built and the patio extended so that events can carry on outside, even in bad weather. New outdoor chairs and tables are being ordered. New

outside lighting means that evening events can easily be accommodated. The kitchen is now back in full use, so serving food is also possible.

The photos included show what the new patio looks like. Remember as villagers you get a special rate to hire of only £10 an hour which is very competitive compared with other local facilities. There is ample parking and the Committee also has experience of various food vans if you are interested. Please see the village website for more details



and availability. -https://www.hadstock.org.uk/village-hall/facilities-and-bookings/

Try out the new facilities when the <u>Portable Pint pub night</u> will be here on <u>Saturday 26th March</u> with <u>LOL's Pizza van</u> on site. Order pizzas on their facebook or website beforehand.



LOVE HADSTOCK BAGS If you would like to have your own 'Love Hadstock' bag, they cost £5 and can be obtained by e mailing Jude Hannam – cllrjhannam@gmail.com



Bank transfer is preferred but cash is also acceptable. Bank details:-Account name: The Parish Council of Hadstock Sort Code: 20-74-05

Account number:40688428 Jude A good present any time of the year or treat yourself

Hadstock's Spring Litter Pick

Join us on Sunday 13 March

Meet on Village green at 10.00am and help clear litter from the verges and open spaces around the village. Bags, High Viz waistcoats and some grabbers provided. Please wear your own gloves for protection. Bring a grabber if you have previously borrowed one please.

Join for as little or as much time as you like.

THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

The Society has now sold all 800 copies of its first hardback book *The Hundred Parishes: An Introduction*. There will be no reprint, although we have open minds on

the possibility of a second book. Preparation of our first book took several years and was only possible because of the vast resource of what had already been written, in far more detail, about individual places, people and events. The Society holds more than 300 local books and pamphlets.

The Society's website <u>www.hundredparishes.org.uk</u> has recently been updated to ensure, amongst other things, that individual parish introductions include references to their share of available literature. A good number of local books are available, in person or online, from the four excellent outlets that each sold many copies of the Hundred Parishes book: Harts and the Tourist Information Centre in Saffron Walden, the TIC in Bishop's Stortford and Between the Lines bookshop in Great Bardfield.

A few parishes, as yet, have no book of their own, or perhaps just a pamphlet available in the church, whilst other places have extensive coverage. One of the Society's trustees, Peter Sanders, conducted research for 30 years before compiling a definitive history of Stansted Mountfitchet. Another easy-to-read classic, *Littlebury: a Parish History*, was produced by a team of authors. I have recently been absorbed by a largely pictorial history of Sewards End and by the 4th edition of *Around Cold Christmas*, not least because the latter has frequent references to my wife's distant relatives. Clavering's Jacqueline Cooper always seems to be working on yet another book about Clavering or Saffron



Walden.

Several local history societies have generated books or booklets, or have work in progress. So rich is our local history that there is no shortage of reading material or potential subject matter.

Ken McDonald, Secretary



EVENTS, ACTIVITIES and Fun 2022

<u>BIN COLLECTIONS</u> – Weds 9th and 23rd March for <u>Black</u> and Brown bins Weds 2nd,16th and 30th March for Green and Brown bins

Green Skip:- 12^{th} and 26^{th} March 10.30 to 11.30 First 15mins at Bilberry End then Village Green.

Hadstock Parish Council

Next meeting <u>in the village hall</u> on Thursday 24 March at 7.30pm. Contact the Parish Clerk Sara Beckett <u>hadstockparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk</u> 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**

Hadstock Society – community history and heritage.

Secretary: Maggie Hartley at hadstocksociety21@gmail.com

Hadstock Village Hall see ad in this magazine for how to hire OPEN FOR HIRE

Hadstock Silver Band meets again on Tuesdays at the Village Hall for practice Contact: Lesley Jenkinson 07766 54092 Listen out for them...

Bell Ringing practice night at St Botolph's on Thursdays. Contact: Gilbert Rowlandson 01223 892882 or Janice Snell 01223 892338 You can hear them too

Bridge Club meets Weds at the Village Hall. Contact: Lyn Faulkner on 01223 890815

 Table Tennis. Normally meets7.30 -9.00, at the Village Hall on 2nd and last Monday each month. Contact: Peter Jarritt 01223 897886 Next one:- 14 March

Linton Area Learning Alliance (LALA) meets on Tuesday mornings in the Village Hall in Linton. Autumn and Spring terms. Contact Sue Mudge 01223 892737

Linton and District Historical soc. Meets Tuesday evenings Linton Village Hall. Monthly.Contact Margaret Creek 01223 893915 or email: Idhs for detail

Ashdon Primary School, Ashdon, Essex CB10 2HB. Tel. Office 01799 584219 www.ashdon.essex.sch.uk Hadstock is in their catchment area. We are delighted to announce the return of Hadstock Quiz at the Village Hall

Saturday 23rd April 7.30 for 8pm start Tickets £8.00 per person Teams of 6-8 contact Lynn Nuttall on 893355 or <u>lynnn@hotmail.com</u> to see if there are spaces



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or call 0207 219 1943

Hadstock's Local District Councillor - Ashdon Ward: Councillor James De Vries of Residents for Uttlesford

email:<u>cllrdevries@uttlesford.gov.uk</u> or write to c/o Uttlesford District Council London Road, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 4ER

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(robin@waylands.org.uk) Thank you

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Deer of the Month Fallow Deer crossing field from Hadstock Wood.

BE PART OF <u>ST BOTOLPH'S STORY</u>:

SIGN A ROOF TILE

On the Chancel roof there are -

6000 tiles(approx.)

130 courses of tiles

An average of 45 tiles per course

All roofing materials on the affected side of the roof must be removed and it is hoped that we will be able to re-use around half of the tiles. We would like to offer everyone the chance to sponsor a tile, a number of tiles or a course of tiles.

Sponsor 1 tile for £5 5 tiles for £20 A course of tiles for £100

All sponsors will have the opportunity to sign the underside of a tile before they go onto the roof and will receive a certificate to show their support. There will also be a permanent record of all our sponsors on display in the Church.

If you are interested, please contact Tony Handley, Hon. Treasurer, indicating how many tiles you would like to sponsor.

tony.handley@outlook.com

Please do help us meet our target. This is a unique opportunity to be a recorded part in the future of our historic Church.

A big thank you to everyone who has already contributed to this Appeal.

The Friends of St Botolph's Church, Hadstock.



IT'S BACK AFTER A TWO-YEAR BREAK

HADSTOCK VILLAGE FETE

and

DOG SHOW AT 2 PM

SATURDAY 18TH JUNE 2022

1.30 PM – 5 PM

Crazy Kitchen, Welly Throwing, Tombola, Money Prize Draw, Ladies Nearly New Clothes, Bric-a-Brac, Face Painting, Beer Tent, Burgers, Tea Room & Cakes Plus loads more including

> HADSTOCK SILVER BAND & AUCTION AT 3.30 PM More details next month



Local Arts and Crafts

Sonia Villiers-Artist

Justine Jarman,-Silver Jewellery

Donna Goymer-Artist

Hannah Rae-Artist

Denise Brandrith -Artist,

Susan Widlake Milliner

Tom Gaskell- Glass Artist



Debris of the Day? Arnolds Lane

Blocked by debris from the 2 recent storms.

Photo by Rick

BACON BUTTY BREAKFAST SATURDAY 12TH MARCH 2022 8.30am – 11am

Come to the Village Hall for breakfast! There will be coffee, tea and bacon butties (and a vegetarian option). People to see and newspapers to read.

All we ask in return, is for a donation (might we suggest £10 per butty?) towards the St Botolph's Chancel Roof Fund.

The Friends of St Botolph's Church would like to thank Burtons Butchers and Boswells Bakery.

Their generous support means that every £ donated will go towards the Roof repairs.

Donations can be cash or by card reader.

Weather permitting, there will be outside seating under the new Village Hall pergola.