

Hadstock Magazine



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Beginnings – Editors Page

Dear Readers,

Happy New Year although I know it's already a month old and you are probably getting used to it. We had lots of deep snow (well it seemed deep to me), some sunshine, lots of rain, quite a bit of wind and it's been very cold. So now if we have a heatwave in February, we will have had all this year's weather and needn't bother with any more.

This month we have a Magazine full of events over Christmas and January, many 100 club winners, thankyou's, events to happen in February and March, a lot of history, a book club, a Muntjac and some Parish Council plans. Oh, and a Cake. See if you can spot them all.

Seriously though I would like to thank Robin Betser who has for a number of years been in charge of distributing the magazines to the distributors. He has decided to step back from this part of his role but will continue to organise the advertising in the Mag and deliver some magazines to various places outside Hadstock.

So many thanks Robin, from me and all the magazine team.

With best wishes

Sue

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RECTOR'S LETTER - REV'D JEREMY TREW FEBRUARY 2023



Jeremy writes... February sees us reach Ash Wednesday (22nd) and the beginning of Lent. Last year Bishop Guli encouraged us to follow a quiet Lent; minimising meetings and taking time out to reflect and pray on how and where God was leading us. The Bishops of the Diocese have been continuing to do this, along with others, and the fruits of this will begin to be seen this Lent. Every Diocese has its own strategy. In Chelmsford Diocese this was called "Transforming Presence", and was initiated by Bishop Stephen. When I was looking for what turned out to be this post, I read the strategies of many Dioceses. They all have different titles and they all come in different packaging, but they are basically the same thing: The recognition that the Church of England finds itself in a very challenging position where resources are increasingly scarce and where traditional responses no longer seem to work as they once may have done. Bishop Guli is (for someone who has sat on Bishop's Council, Diocesan Synods, and Boards of Mission) frankly a breath of fresh air. Issues that have been repeatedly kicked down the road are being faced, and there is the welcome recognition that what may work well in outer London may not be the same as what is best for rural Deaneries, or for the commuter-rural area we find ourselves in. "Transforming Presence" as a universal Diocesan strategy is now finished, although we are welcome to use its resources locally if they are helpful to us. The challenge, or vision if you like, is now for the local Church to faithfully and prayerfully form its own sense of calling, appropriate to its resources and its setting. This recognises the belief that God has already equipped the Church to be all that God calls it to be at this moment, and that as the Church grows in its faith, both the calling and the equipping will increase. We will be working together as a Deanery, and as the Saffron Walden & Villages Team to work out what that means for us. As part of this, we are seeking to work more closely as a Team, sharing our resources and meeting our challenges together. We have recently been given permission to recruit a replacement for Caroline. This person will be based in the Vicarage in Ashdon, and also have a role in Hadstock, but will serve across the Team. This Lent we will be offering a number of Lent courses, looking at faith from different angles. We hope to continue this after Lent with other courses and with a development of small groups; house groups and the like. I will be offering a course looking at the Eucharist; its meaning and practice down the years. We will be sharing in the Eucharist together each week as we explore this simple but deeply rich act that Jesus commanded his followers to do. Within this you will have the chance to break bread and wine as the early Church did, and also as the Prayer Book (1662) would have us do.

One of these will probably be familiar to you. The other I doubt you have ever experienced before. Which is which may well surprise you. This, and the other courses we offer have one purpose; to equip us as Disciples.

You will be most welcome. Jeremy

Jeremy Trew

Team Rector for Saffron Walden and Villages Team

Area Dean for Saffron Walden, part of the Diocese of Chelmsford

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You can read more of *Jeremy's Trew's letters on the St Mary's website* www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org where there are other interesting items too

A Prayer for February
provided by the St Mary's Prayer Team

We commend to your care Lord, all those who
find life too much for them.

Those who daily have to face jobs with which
they cannot cope;

Those who are daunted by the whole business
of living;

Those whose families make demands on them
which they cannot meet;

Those who cannot summon up the strength to
do the things they know have to be done;

Those who feel they cannot go on.

Lord, giver of life, give them life. Amen.

SERVICES AT ST BOTOLPH'S FEBRUARY 2023



Sunday services this month are at
9.00am.

Sunday 5th February

Holy Communion 9.00am
Led by Revd Andy Colebrooke

Sunday 12th February

No Service in St Botolph's

Sunday 19th February

Home Team Service 9.00am

Sunday 26th February

No Service in St Botolph's

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

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

To receive the weekly email Worship Bulletin with details of service sheets, please contact Robin Betser robin@waylands.org.uk

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: -

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Hadstock - News, - Events, - Happenings, Reports



Hadstock Village Hall 100 Club winners

4 Winners for DECEMBER

No.35 Janey Devlin £25.00

No. 48 Sue Crawley £25.00

No.30 Alec and Julia Turner £75.00

No 61 Yvonne Edwards £75.00

AND January 2023 winners

No 09 Malcolm Garrod £25.00

N0 41 Stuart and Siobhan
Gibson £25.00

Congratulations to you All!

CANASTA

The Canasta Group in Hadstock at the moment are playing one afternoon per month.

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

Players and Beginners welcome.



Elf Mail - Thank you

A huge, huge thank you for supporting Elf Mail this year. We raised £410 for the NICU at the Rosie Hospital which will be used to help premature and sick babies and their families. Every year we are overwhelmed by your generosity for a cause which means so much to us.

Thank you Hadstock

Matt, Isabel, Dan and Harry (the Hadstock Elves)





HADSTOCK FETE

is on Saturday 17 June this year

If you would like to talk about the Future of the Fete or any information about it then call Tim Boyden on 01223 892746 or 07776 230161
OR ANY OF THE PEOPLE BELOW: -

Painting - Fete Day by Sonia Villiers

| | |
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| Mel Abbiss, | 07984 707011 |
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| Tim Boyden, | 07776 230161 |
| Toby Chandler, | 07901 822145 |
| Sarah Lockton. | 07553 884303 |
| Lynn Nuttall | 01223 893355 |

ASHDON PRIMARY SCHOOL - Ashdon, Essex CB10 2HB - School Office - 01799 584219 - Website www.ashdon.essex.sch.uk.

Ashdon Primary School is the catchment school for Hadstock Village with Essex County Council, currently, providing free transport for those children living in Hadstock to attend the school. The school also has a before and after school childcare provision from 8am in the morning and until 5:30pm in the evening.

Visits to the school from Parents and prospective pupils are welcomed

Carol Singing Thank You

Thank you so much to all who joined in the carol singing. It was a lot of fun. We had a good crowd and we were delighted to see a number of new faces.

thanks, as ever, to Barbara and John Bye for their warm hospitality and delicious refreshments. And a big thank you to all who donated so generously. This year we will be able to send £110 each to Artists in Exile and East Anglia Children's Hospice. Happy New Year and good wishes to All!

Laura

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Garden Waste Weekend Green Skip Service

At its last meeting the Parish Council agreed to continue with the Green Skip service for 2023/24. This is a great service, well used in the village. It is operated by Uttlesford District Council but paid for by the Parish Council. The cost for the coming year will be £82.20 per visit, an increase of 20%. It will again be every other week calling at Bilberry End and then the Green although at the time of writing UDC have not provided the schedule. They are however proposing to start it earlier at the end of February.

Parish Precept

It's the time of year when the Parish Council has to prepare its budget and agree the Precept (that is the money collected from Council tax from April). Not surprisingly most costs are increasing and although the Parish finances are in good shape the Precept will have to go up. Biggest increase is the cost of the Green Skip with a 20% increase per visit and an extra visit next year. The Precept has been set at £12040, with the Green Skip accounting for £1852 of that. A Band D council tax payer will pay £70.99 per year, an increase of 9.9%.

Annual Parish Meeting

Friday 17th March 8pm Village Hall. Save the date!

This is your chance to ask questions of the Parish Council.
There will be a discussion about a 20mph village speed limit.

More details next month.

Rick

Hadstock Silver Band Christmas Concert

In the week before Christmas Hadstock's own Silver Band held in the church its annual free concert of a medley of popular and seasonal pieces of music interspersed with



requests from a large, appreciative audience of Christmas carols. The Band conducted by Di Pannell gave an hour-long performance of real gusto in the wonderful acoustics of St Botolph's Church which kept everybody there on the evening thoroughly entertained.

Afterwards, all were invited to the Village Hall for refreshments and a free raffle all provided by members of the Band.

To those of you who did not join the evening's entertainment, you missed an opportunity to appreciate the talents of the Band's members; make sure you keep an eye out next year to be there for the performance by our village's Band. Tim Boyden



The 'Other' Hadstock Book Club

This month (delayed from snowy December) we tackled the Science Fiction genre with two very different books:

- *Dune* by Frank Herbert – an epic science fiction novel published in 1965 and part of the inspiration for Star Wars. It is the world's best-selling science fiction novel and considered a seminal work in this genre
- *The Machine Stops*, EM Forster – a short story that is a dystopian vision of the future. It gives a thought-provoking vision of mankind living in isolation and 'looked after' by The Machine. Fascinating, as it was written in 1908, with a foreboding vision for our future. The group certainly had varying views of *Dune* – ranging from a ripping space yarn of warring families to a turgid novel that just had too many odd characters in a less than stimulating story. This led to much debate on our varied interpretations of the underlying meaning of the story line.

The much shorter story, *The Machine Stops*, was found fascinating by all and led to plenty of discussion on parallels to today's technology driven relationships – with its pros and cons. How could Forster have seen the evolution of home delivery of all our needs, social media and even Zoom.

We plan to revisit this genre in the future and I am sure it will again stimulate very diverse views.

In complete contrast our next book is *Educated* by Tara Westover. We all look forward to the debate.

John Lockton



One small muntjac wondering why the world has turned white?

Sent in by Nikki Bye

Thanks Nikki.

Anyone else got any snowy, wildlife of Christmas or even Spring photos to send in?

Send to hadstockmag@live.co.uk

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES and Fun 2022

BIN COLLECTIONS – Weds 1st & 15th February for Black & Brown bins

Weds 8th & 22nd February for Green & Brown bins

Green Skip:- Will begin again in the Spring

10.30 to 11.30 First 15mins at Bilberry End then Village Green

Hadstock Parish Council

Next meeting in the village hall on Thursday 23rd February 2023 at 7.30pm

Contact the Parish Clerk Sara Beckett 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

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](#)

Very sadly Bridge Club has decided to close

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: ldhscamb@gmail.com

Ashdon Primary School, Ashdon, Essex CB10 2HB. Tel. Office 01799 584219
www.ashdon.essex.sch.uk

Art Classes in Hadstock for adults on Tuesday mornings and Friday mornings and afternoons in termtime; Sundays once a month, and children's' after-school art during termtime on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact Sonia 07890 509160

Hadstock Village Hall Committee

are delighted to announce a

Spring Quiz

Saturday 18th March.

In the Village Hall

7.00 for 7.30 pm start.

£10 per person

Teams of 6-8

Tables are limited. To book please contact
Lynn Nuttall 893355
or lynn50@hotmail.com



The Friends of the Kings Head made the generous donation which enabled us to purchase a mobile bar for use at the village hall.

We shared a celebratory drink with them at a recent VH Committee meeting.

[Lynn and Kirsty](#)

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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

kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk

or call 0207 219 1943

Hadstock's Local District Councillor - Ashdon Ward:

Councillor James De Vries of Residents for Uttlesford

email: cllrdevries@uttlesford.gov.uk or write to c/o Uttlesford District Council

London Road, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 4ER

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Hadstock Parish Council

Spring

Litter Pick

Sunday 12 March

**Meet on Village Green
10.00 am**

Litter grabbers, bags and
yellow vests provided

Pics from Burns Night - Sat 21st January 2023



Dancing to the Lairds band



Ode to the Haggis





Helping Hadstock be more environmentally friendly.

Not everything can be recycled by putting it in the green bin, so it is not always easy to deal with it.

From the 1st February, there will be bins on our drive collecting soft plastics, batteries and medication blister packs.

Every bit of plastic or battery that doesn't go into the sea or land fill has got to be a good thing.

So, bring it to us so we can help you help the planet.

Jacob & Lynne Smith

4 Moules Lane



Hadstock Village Hall 100 Club

THANK YOU, 100 Club members, for your loyal support of this very important annual fund-raising effort for your Village Hall. The money raised is vital to help us pay for the increasing costs of running the Hall each year.

We hope that you will be happy to continue as a member, by paying the £20 subscription by 24th March.

We need new members! Please get in touch to join.

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

It would be a great help if you could pay via online banking. Details will be given in the March magazine and on the 'Hadstock Info' emails.

Please contact me if you would like to join or have any questions.

Thank You for supporting your Village Hall

Good Luck in the Draw!

Sarah Lockton Tel 892987 07553 884303 sarahlockton@gmail.com

<https://uttlesford.foodbank.org.uk/>



Uttlesford Foodbank provides emergency food and care parcels to individuals and families during times of crisis. It operates out of a warehouse in Shire Hill Saffron Walden. They are always looking for donations of food or money and volunteers. Most of the Supermarkets in S.Walden and Haverhill have a food donations box.

**If you need help look at <https://uttlesford.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/how-to-get-help/>
or phone 07531 436335**

The Hadstock Society AGM

The Hadstock Society held a special AGM two months ago - its 50th. The Society was formed in 1972 as a community amenity society, one of many in the UK founded in the 1960s/70s. It set out to stimulate public interest in the Parish, ensure high standards of planning, and conserve features of historic and public interest. The meeting heard about the Society's main achievements over 50 years, its recent successes, and plans for 2023.

Crocky, one of the founder members of the Society cut a special cake, and the meeting closed with an excellent video from the community archive website, showing how the village in 2011 celebrated the wedding of William and Kate Middleton on the Green.

If you are interested in learning more about Society activities do get in touch Maggie Hartley at: [hadstockociety21@gmail](mailto:hadstockociety21@gmail.com)

Richard Dolby



**A Cot,
a Junior Bed
and a Metal Framed, Double Bed (rarely used)
Going for a donation to Alzheimers UK
Contact Moire Jarritt on 07866 599062**

ELECTIONS :- On 4 May this Year the whole of the seats on Uttlesford District Council and Hadstock Parish Council are up for Election. The most important thing to note this time is that if you are registered to vote at your Hadstock address and you want to vote you will have to have a photo Id. to do so.

Here is a list of accepted ids

Accepted forms of photographic identification

To vote at a polling station, you **must** present one of the following:

- Passport issued by the UK, any Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, A British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country
- Driving licence issued by the UK, any Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or an EEA state
- Biometric immigration document
- Identity card bearing Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)
- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- Blue Badge
- National Identity Card issued by an EEA state
- Older Person's Bus Pass
- Disabled Person's Bus Pass
- Oyster 60+ Card
- Scottish National Entitlement Card issued in Scotland
- 60 or Over Welsh Concessionary Travel Card
- Senior SmartPass or Blind Person's SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- War Disablement SmartPass or War Disabled SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- 60+ SmartPass issued in Northern Island
- Electoral Identify card issued in Northern Ireland
- Voter Authority Certificate (VAC) or a temporary VAC

If your photographic identity has expired, it will still be accepted if the photograph is still a good likeness of you. You may be required to provide further proof of identity if there is a discrepancy between your name shown on the form of identity and the name you claim to be.

50 Years of the Hadstock Society

By Richard Dolby



Queens Silver Jubilee Celebrations 1977



Left: Oak tree planted by the Hadstock Society - Moules Lane

Right: Tug of war - children vs parents - the children won!



Occasional outside visits were made by Society members and a Society newsletter was circulated to all residents for the first 3 years. The Society membership was typically around 75 in this decade.

1982 -1992

There was a continuing focus on new planning applications, the committee dealing with around 5 each year, but this period was notable for the completion of an award-winning film by the Society which was submitted as evidence to the Stansted Inquiry in June 1982. Titled "A Portrait of Hadstock - environment in danger" and directed by Donald Stewart, the Inspector praised the film although



later he approved the Airport expansion. The award came from the Essex Amenity Societies Trust.

This is the title page of the film produced and funded by the Hadstock Society and can be viewed at archive.hadstock.org.uk

continued

Hadstock Society History 1982 - 1992 continued

The Society continued to organise 6 or 7 speaker meetings each year, but audience numbers dwindled and in the mid-80s, there were fewer events of this type. However, the number of members remained around 70.

The Society assisted the Parish Council in developing a village tree planting plan in 1983 and helped with some revisions to the conservation area and development limits in the following year. An open day was held for 3 of the village's large medieval barns and Crocky continued with her research of Parish history and gave an update at a village open meeting in 1989.

In the mid-80s, the Society's turned its attention to road safety and the need for signage to reduce traffic speeds through the village. Working with the Parish Council, signs were eventually erected in 1989 on the Linton Road approach and later, on the Walden Road. The Society opposed a planning application to increase the lorry movements from the airfield industrial park, and in 1992, welcomed the Highways Authority decisions to restrict lorry weights to 17.5 tons from the airfield, and to remove the road sign on the A1307 in Linton directing lorries to Walden via Hadstock.



Heavy lorry passing the village stores and Post Office in Hadstock in the 1980s

In this same period, continued pressure from the Society through direct contacts with the Eastern Electricity Board led to a more reliable electricity supply for Hadstock. A representative from the Board attended the Society's 1988 AGM public meeting and explained the imminent upgrading of the Linton power line, and the plan to upgrade the Walden-Ashdon-Bartlow line by late 1989. This enabled

Hadstock to be supplied directly from Linton by underground cable, or in the event of faults, from Bartlow. The following year there were no power cuts.

Particular help in dealing with large scale planning applications that could potentially impact Hadstock came from advice from the CPRE, the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England to which the Society was affiliated. Crocky had made a valuable contact with the then Chair of the CPRE, Lady Walker.

Next time the years 1992-2002

From the Archive:

The most eye-catching and delightful artworks to be found in our church are surely the four banners created to commemorate the Battle of Assandun in 1016.



As most of you will know, they were made as part of the celebrations to mark the millennium of this event and were created by a group of villagers under the leadership of Sonia Villiers.

Many of the posts in the archive section, Art and Literature, relate to the Battle of Assandun and make

for a fascinating browse. There is a Power Point presentation showing the making of the banners and the makers, a flip book about them, paintings by 30 local artists, and of course, Crocky's thoroughly researched articles in *Through the Centuries*. Under Events you will find photos of the Re-enactment group, both artisans and craftsmen as well as warriors.



The inspiration for the banners is clearly the Bayeux Tapestry. Whilst the latter is embroidered onto a continuous piece of cloth and the banners on separate pieces, each tells the story of a battle and contain a text and a sub-text of symbols in borders above and below the main pictorial narrative.

Under the leadership of Sonia Villiers, the banners were made by a

group of villagers. Revd. Paula Griffiths took the wording from the Anglo - Saxon Chronicles to tell the story, as shown in each panel, which Sonia then designed.

I enjoyed puzzling over the border symbols. A recurring one was a large black bird and this specially intrigued me. Happily, I found the answer in another post, Rick Albrow's booklet: "*The Story of the Millennium Banners at Hadstock*". This provides a fascinating background guide.



The bird is, of course, a raven, symbol of Odin and his bringer of human news.

The Essex branch of the national *Battlefields Trust* currently has the location of the Battle of Assandun as its study focus. Crocky and Richard are contributing to this, making sure Hadstock's

claim to be the battle site is well evidenced.

Lorna Mufty, for the Hadstock Society

Raffle! Friday 17th February
On Race Night we'll also be selling
raffle tickets with some great
prizes, all in aid of Ukrainian
refugees. If you can't make it to
Race Night, please do buy some

tickets, £1 each or £5 a strip of 5.
Contact Sonia by email soniavilliers@icloud.com
& I'll pop round with tickets and take all your
money!



Hadstock Race Night

Friday 17th February 2023

Hadstock Village Hall

Doors open 7pm - first race 7:30

Donations bar and raffle
(bring your own snacks)

Tickets £10

Why go to Newmarket when you can pick your winners from the comfort of Hadstock village hall, with a drink in your hand?

All funds raised go to Artist in Exile, to support refugees fleeing Ukraine

www.artistsinexile.co.uk

Contact Lynne for tickets on 07707766197

or email: trevorandlynne@btinternet.com

Village Litter Pick: Sunday March 12th 10am.

Meet on the Village Green.

Litter pickers and yellow vests provided.