

Hadstock Magazine



MARCH 2023

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Beginnings – Editors Page

Dear Readers,

Welcome to March - the month when Spring should at last arrive. Here are some daffodils to cheer us up and to celebrate Wales which I do particularly at this time of year as its where my Mum was born and where we spent many holidays in my childhood.



With the marking of the one year of war in Ukraine the world is a much more serious place. That should make us value even more our freedoms and opportunities, our families and friends and our ability to have fun and laugh.

Race Night was just such a chance to have fun and raise funds for Artists in Exile (See Report and Pics).

The Village Hall Quiz, this month; the Coronation party in May; and the Hadstock village Fete in June are yet more opportunities to celebrate life and have fun so enjoy them. Litter picking, and the Parish Council, helping with the Fete and the Coronation party are all chances for you to join in and help and get to know so many more people in the village. Have a go - why not?

Next month there will be more jokes from local comedian Andrew Smith.

With best wishes

Sue

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Parish Church of St Botolph's

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



Jeremy writes... This month we celebrate Mothering Sunday. A bit like harvest it's never been an official Church festival, rather one adopted because of local popularity, and they're maybe the best sort. But what will we be celebrating? Mothers of course; ours specifically, and motherhood in general. But what does that mean? Motherhood and the family mean very different things to different people. For some it is the idealised view of a wife and mother managing the home and raising the children. For others it

is quite different.

Mothering Sunday has its origins in something older: 'Laetare Sunday'. Laetare comes from the Latin for the first word of the traditional prayer for the day: 'Rejoice'. It is also known as 'Refreshment Sunday', and was a day when people who had given something up for the Christian fast of Lent (like sweet foods) were allowed to 'break their fast' and have a little of whatever they were missing. And in some places this Sunday is called 'Bright Sunday' or, in others, 'Holy Humour Sunday'.

Humour is found all through the Bible, from beginning to end. For example, in the book of Genesis God tells Abraham and Sarah that they are going to have a child. Sarah is too old to have a child and when she hears what God has said she laughs. This laughter is so important that they call their child Isaac, as the name means 'laughter'. Isaac is one of the great forefathers of the Jewish faith and Sarah, one of the great foremothers of the faith, is the one who laughed.

I suspect that most mothers would go mad if they couldn't sometimes laugh at life's quirks and misunderstandings. The misunderstandings of families and children, if treated with a sense of humour, can make a family joyful and a good deal less stressful. So here goes...

A mother was explaining to her young children how they should behave during a church service. She asked them, 'Why is it important to be quiet in church?' Her bright little daughter said, 'Because people are sleeping.'

A mother had been teaching her three-year-old son the Lord's prayer. For several evenings at bedtime, he would repeat after his mother the lines from the prayer. Finally, he decided to go solo. His mother listened with pride as he carefully recited each word, until he got to: 'Lead us not into temptation,' he prayed, 'but deliver us from e-mail.' Amen to that one!

Laughter is an essential ingredient in our family lives (even if you didn't find those jokes funny). So don't come to church morose and full of penitence this Mothering Sunday. Instead put on your best smile and bring your laughter with you.
Have a blessed Lent.

Jeremy

Jeremy Trew
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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*

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Robin Betser

SERVICES AT ST BOTOLPH'S MARCH 2023

Sunday services this month are at 9.00am except Mothering Sunday service which is at 3pm.



Sunday 5th March

Holy Communion 9.00am
Led by Revd Andy Colebrooke

Sunday 12th March

No Service in St Botolph's

Sunday 19th March
3.00pm Service

Mothering Sunday
Led by Revd John Saxon

Sunday 26th March

No Service in St Botolph's

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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

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Hadstock - News, - Events, - Happenings, Reports



Hadstock Village Hall 100 Club winners
Winners for February

No.44	Gill Eitrem	£25.00
No.86	Anna Wilson	£25.00

Congratulations to you!

RACE NIGHT FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY FOR 'ARTISTS IN EXILE'



Some of the Punters

The Fishes acting as Bookmakers



Race Night on Friday 17th February in the village hall was a roaring success, raising £1,400.00 in aid of Artists in Exile, supporting Ukrainian musicians and their families who have settled in the UK, expertly organised by Lynne Smith and her team.

Photos and report by Sonia Villiers

Race Night Bar- Lynne Serving

New hedges for the Village hall and St Botolph's pond



Thanks to the green initiative of Uttlesford District Council and Hadstock Parish Council, our Village Hall and St Botolph's pond have been given 250 hedge plants.

The hedge is of mixed native plants to support wildlife and provide all round colour – with hawthorn, hornbeam, dog rose, bird cherry, wild privet and field maple.

An intrepid group of Brendan Burchill, Peter Wiles, Keith Nuttall, Alan Wells and John Lockton, spent a few back-breaking mornings to prepare the sites and plant all the whips. I don't think we all imagined how many bricks, large stones and slate could be buried around the Village Hall lawn!

We now cross our fingers for sufficient rain so they can establish themselves!

John Lockton

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Village Litter Pick Our annual foray onto the verges and into the ditches to retrieve other people's litter will this year be on

Sunday 12th March 10am meet on the Green

Yellow vests, bags and litter pickers will be provided.

Each year we have found evidence of fly tipping, particularly in the ditches at the bend in Bartlow Road and that brings me to the next point:

Essex County Council to introduce on-line booking for the Saffron Walden recycling centre.

Instead of promoting recycling, Essex have decided to introduce a mandatory booking system for our local centre. This is without any local consultation and without evidence of congestion or queuing causing safety concerns. A trial elsewhere resulted in a 13% increase in reported fly tipping. Martin Foley, our County Councillor, has voiced his strong opposition to this mad idea.

Welcome to New Parish Councillor

At its meeting on 23rd February the Parish Council co-opted David Johnson who will be a valuable member of the Council.

Annual Parish Meeting Friday 17th March, 8pm
at the Village Hall

Tea, coffee and wine refreshments available from 7.45pm.

This is your meeting to raise any issues or concerns relevant to the Parish as well as question the Parish Council. This is not a Parish Council meeting and is open to all electors to participate. There will be a report on Council activity in the last year followed by a discussion on road safety and speeding and then an open forum.

20's Plenty is campaigning nationwide for the replacement of 30mph limits with 20mph on residential roads where traffic and other road users mix. There is much evidence that this reduces average speeds and casualties. Two councillors have attended presentations and the APM is an opportunity for you to air your views.



ALL WELCOME. DO COME ALONG.



Hadstock Fete 2023

This summer the Hadstock Fete will be held on Saturday 17 June 2023.

Preparations are already underway to make it a great day, the Hadstock Silver Band has been booked, as well as the coconut shy, a fun dog show and preparations are in hand for all our stands and activities.

There will be our usual stalls; however, for our stalls to run we need your donations. Please start saving and collecting any unwanted

- books,
- high quality ladies clothing
- toys
- teddies
- household & garden items for the Bric-a-Brac – but no furniture or electrical items, please.
- broken and unwanted china for the Crazy Kitchen
- bottles for the Bottle Tombola
and plants for our Plant stall

We would also like your help with new items for Tombola prizes and, of course, fabulous Auction lots.

The Hadstock Fete Draw will again feature money prizes of £100, £75, £50 and £25. We will be holding our evening event at the Village Hall limited to 80 attending and details re booking will be circulated; don't leave it late to book a place.

The Hadstock Fete attracts over 1,000 visitors and raises much needed funds. Needless to say, we couldn't do it without your help - the people of the village, whom we cannot thank enough.

We are already looking forward to tasting those gorgeous cakes, which we need both for the Cake Stall and Teas in the Village hall.

If you would like to volunteer to run a stall or help in anyway, please contact Sarah Lockton on 01223 892987, Toby Chandler on 07901822145, Mel Abbiss on 01223 892318 or Tim Boyden on 01223 892746.

You can also follow us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/hadstockvillagefete/>

Our Heritage Orchard

With some new trees planted this year we now have 13 varieties of apple, 2 pears and 2 gages on the Recreation Ground. All of these varieties originated in the East of England and the trees have been supplied by the East of England Apples and Orchard project who maintain a collection of heritage varieties.



Apples: Red Victoria, Huntingdon Codlin, Green Harvey, Barnack Beauty, Murfitt's Seeding, Sturmer Pippin, Lord Peckover, Dr Harvey, Chivers Delight, New Rock Pippin, Rivers Early Peach, Bedford Pippin, Eros

Pears: Improved Fertility, Beurre Bedford

Gages: Willingham Gage, Cambridge Gage

Here's one example:

Dr Harvey - Culinary apple. First recorded in Essex in 1629 and believed to be named after Dr. Gabriel Harvey, a former Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, who retired to Saffron Walden. A large and handsome golden-yellow apple with some scruffy russetting. Cooks to a sweet puree with only a little acidity. Has good mildew resistance. Pick late Sept and use from Sept to Dec



Scrumpung will be encouraged once the trees have grown a bit and are reliably bearing fruit. They suffered during the drought last year and it remains to be seen how they will recover. Please do water them if we again have drought, there is a water barrel close by.

Rick.



BIG CORONATION TEA PARTY

Join the Village on the **Sunday 7th May** to celebrate the coronation of King Charles 111
Lots for families to enjoy,

Helpers and Ideas needed please to make it fun for all.
Please contact Susan Wiles 07791649887.

SAVE THE DATE - MORE DETAILS LATER

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES and Fun 2022

BIN COLLECTIONS – Weds 1st, 15th & 29th March for Black & Brown bins
Weds 8th & 22nd March for Green & Brown bins
Green Skip:- 11th and 25th March Note change of times
11.45 to 12.45 First 15mins at Bilberry End then Village Green 40 mins.

Hadstock Parish Council

Next meeting in the village hall on Thursday 30 March 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](#)

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

Registered Charity number 301325

Spring Quiz

Saturday 18th March.

In the Village Hall

7.00 for 7.30 pm start. £10 per person

Teams of 6-8

To book please contact: - Lynn Nuttall 893355
or lynn50@hotmail.com

CALLING ALL HADSTOCK GARDENERS!

With Spring just around the corner and signs of life appearing in the garden, this is just a reminder that the Hadstock fete is only 3 months away and that, as usual, we will be having a plant stall again this year.

So, as you start sowing your veg and flower seeds for this year, please sow a few extra seeds for the plant stall. Veg plants are always popular, especially tender items like tomatoes, cucumbers, aubergines,



courgettes, peppers etc. And flowers such as cosmos always go quickly. But whatever you're planning on growing this year, please save a few for the plant stall.

Many thanks!
Sally

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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

Hadstock Parish Council

Spring Litter Pick

Sunday 12 March

Meet on Village Green
10.00 am

Litter grabbers,
bags and
yellow vests provided

Hadstock Fete
Sat 17th June 2023



Contact any of these to ask about helping: -

Mel Abbiss, 07984 707011
Tim Boyden, 07776 230161
or 01223 892746

Toby Chandler, 07901 822145
Sarah Lockton, 07553 884303

Painting - Fete Day by Sonia Villiers

<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. Haverhill also has a food bank

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

Hadstock Village Hall 100 Club
Annual Subscriptions are Due by 24th March

The Village Hall committee would be very grateful to members for continued support of the upkeep of the Hall.

Online payments of £20 welcome by 24th March. Thank You.

To: Hadstock Village Hall, Account 90437239, 20 74 05

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALSO NEEDED
- PLEASE JOIN!

For a year's subscription, two members have the chance, each month, to win £25.

Plus there are four £75 prizes a year.

Please contact me if you would like to join, or have any questions about your membership or methods of payment.

Sarah Lockton sarahlockton@gmail.com

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ASHDON PRIMARY SCHOOL CELEBRATE ANOTHER 'GOOD' OFSTED RATING!

Ashdon Primary School, just outside Saffron Walden, received a surprise visit in the run-up to the Christmas Holidays – not from Santa, but from OFSTED!

Ashdon Primary are delighted to report that OFSTED have continued to rate them as 'Good', recognising many of the strengths of this small school surrounded by stunning grounds and countryside, yet within easy reach of the town centre.

Here are some examples of what OFSTED have written:

'Ashdon Primary School is a place with a distinct family feel. It is a warm and welcoming place for pupils to learn and make friends.'

'There is plenty for the pupils to do and take part in beyond the academic curriculum...trips to historical sites...the youngest regularly go on 'safari trips'...residential visits...taking part in charity fundraisers and enjoying being in school productions.'

'Leaders and teachers have designed a curriculum that is interesting, inspiring, broad and ambitious...Children in Reception Year take part in some of the older pupils' learning experiences.'

'Pupils enjoy and look forward to their reading lessons'

'Pupils with special educational needs (SEND) flourish. Leaders are quick to identify pupils' needs...Staff carefully adapt the support they offer...with warmth and patience, having taken time to get to know the pupils and their parents.'

'Leaders and teachers have high expectations of pupils' behaviour.'

'Everyone is supportive of one another...'



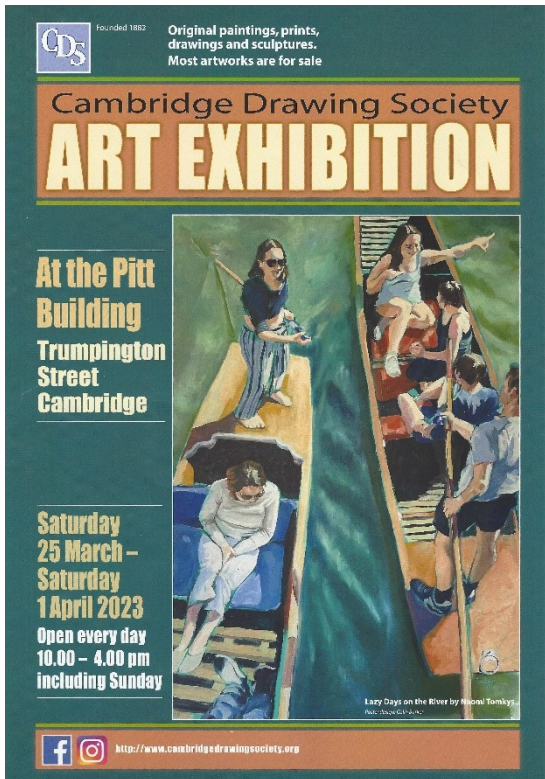
We are proud of our school and are delighted that OFSTED have recognised our strengths. We are happy to arrange visits for prospective pupils and their parents.

Please visit our website (www.ashdon.essex.sch.uk) to see even more of what we have to offer.

Green Skip collection 2023 on Saturdays

Time 11.45 -12.45 - Bilberry End 15 mins and then Village Green 40 mins. No collection on 17 June as FETE happening

Dates: - 11 and 25 March, 8 and 22 April, 6 and 20 May, 3 June, 1, 15, and 29 July, 12 and 26 August, 9 and 23 September, 7 and 21 October, 4 and 18 November and last one 2 December.



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including Sunday

Lazy Days on the River by Alison Tomkys
Paint: 2022, Oil: 2020

<http://www.cambridgedrawingsociety.org>

Facebook icon, Instagram icon

The poster features a central painting titled 'Lazy Days on the River' by Alison Tomkys, depicting several people in a boat on a river. The background is a dark green color.

Hadstock Artists:

Sonia Villiers and Sue Walker

will be exhibiting in the

Cambridge Drawing Society exhibition

from **Sat 25th March until Sat 1st April.**

Open every day
10.00am – 4.00pm

at the Pitt Building in Trumpington Street, (near Fitzbillies shop and café)

This is a chance to see many paintings, drawings, prints and sculptures in a great building and support your local artists.

50 Years of the Hadstock Society

By Richard Dolby



1992-2002

Over the next 10 years, the Society continued its regular review of local planning applications, usually less than 10 a year. Membership numbers grew to over 90.

Several open meeting talks and outside visits were arranged annually, and the Society began to archive the history of Hadstock by creating a village photograph and document collection, which was exhibited for the first time in 1997 at a Heritage exhibition in the village hall, part of the Civic Trust's National Heritage weekend.

In this period, there was an exhibition of field finds by local farmer and metal detectorist, the late John Barker, several historical talks including one on Hadstock's 1805 Enclosure Act, and a display of past and present photographs of St Botolph's church at an English Heritage Open weekend.



Roman Coins found in Hadstock by the late John Barker

At the 1997 AGM, the silver anniversary of the Society was celebrated with a special cake, in the presence of most of the founder Committee members, who reminisced on the previous 25 years of Society activities.

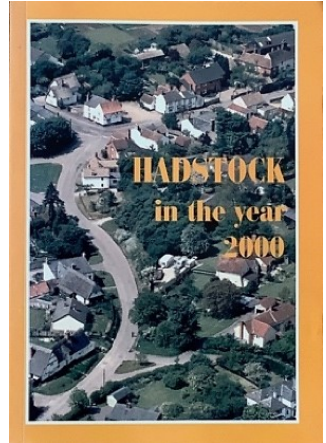
A Society scrapbook of village events and newspaper cuttings was started in 1998 and continued for 6 years. Two such scrapbooks are in the Society's archive and are available for browsing and research.

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Hadstock Society History 1992-2002 continued

The Society then commenced a major new project to celebrate the 2000 millennium, the production of a 'Domesday' book of Hadstock Parish featuring residents and their houses, along with other information about the Parish.

It applied for and won a £5000 Millennium grant, and the book was successfully printed and distributed free to every household. The booklet proved a valuable local document and was consulted regularly by residents over the next 20 years.



Millennium book produced by the Hadstock Society in 2000

Next Time: The Hadstock Society History 2002 to 2012

Saturday Breakfast Talks at Hadstock Village Hall

Some years ago, there was a series of talks on Saturday mornings at the King's Head Pub in the village. Speakers from the village spoke on a variety of subjects related to their areas of knowledge and experience.

The Village Hall Committee is considering re-starting such events in the Village Hall on Saturday mornings with the format being a talk for about half an hour then questions/discussion. Tea/Coffee plus pastries will be provided (possibly bacon sandwiches – but this being discussed!) with participants making a small contribution to cover costs.

What we need are speakers

We know for certain that there are many inhabitants of Hadstock who have knowledge, expertise, experiences and enthusiasm. Regardless of the subject we would like to hear from you. The atmosphere will be relaxed and our aim is to make use of our wonderful Village Hall facility and provide the opportunity for Hadstock residents to get-together – and perhaps learn something.....

Please contact Village Hall Committee member Keith Nuttall on email : nuttallkr@gmail.com if you feel you have something to talk about !Thank you

Hadstock Village Hall – Monthly Update

The cold start to the year coincided (of course ...) with Central Heating problems. After several visits, the engineers eventually identified the problem in the Oil-Fired system and rectified it – we'd like to thank Hall users and customers for their forbearance during those chilly weeks. Fortunately, the participants at the Burns Night Event in January, brushed aside the inclement weather and the brief surprise electrical black-out, to have a splendidly successful evening. Thanks again to Stuart, Siobhan and their helpers. (UK Power Networks replaced their faulty external cable two days later). As already highlighted, the new Bar, (bought thanks to a generous donation from 'The Friends of the Kings Head') is now in place and was put to full use for the first time at the 'Artists in Exile' charity fund-raising Race Night event in February. Maintenance work on the Hall internally and externally continues – (it never seems to end) The entrance hall light has been replaced and re-sited (due to mice chewing cables), and external work on the Hall front and side entrances has started. This latter work, funded by grants, is being carried out, as a result of comments from Hall users, to enhance safety at the front of the Hall and provide step-free and improved access for all to the areas at the back.

The popular Quiz evening is returning on March 18th – please book your tables soon – and the Committee is considering starting a season of 'Saturday Breakfast Talks' (some of you may remember them from several years ago in the Pub) – see separate note in this Mag.

Thank you for your support of the Village Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS on 4TH MAY

Serving on the Parish Council is a worthwhile and interesting way of helping your community. There are 6 councillors with elections every 4 years. If you are interested in finding out more talk to any of the existing members or Sara Beckett, Parish Clerk. Nominations open on 4th March and close on 4th April.

You can download a Nomination Pack from the UDC website or contact the Parish Clerk, hadstockparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk.

Rick

The Story of Artists in Exile by Sarah Woods

as seen on hadstock info on 13 February. I thought you would like to read this. Sue -Ed

Artists in Exile began at the start of the Ukraine war, when a curator from Kyiv asked if I could help Ukrainian artists come to the UK. Of course I said yes. Not quite knowing how to do that.

A small group of six of us, volunteers, friends and mostly artists – set up a bank account, registered as a not-for-profit organisation and thought that if we could change the lives of 4 or 6 people, that would be amazing.

We're now supporting 70 Ukrainian artists and their families, with more visas being applied for and issued each week. We also help people from the LGBTQ+ community, because they often don't get as much help as they should. In reality, we help anyone in need who comes to us and cannot find help elsewhere.

In the last week, we have supported Valya and her 2-year-old son Pavlo to leave Ukraine and come to Todmorden in Yorkshire, we've found sponsors for a mother and her teenage son who are desperate to leave Kyiv, and a young man currently living in a single room with his sister and mother in Germany. We've organised a place for a young pianist, still in Ukraine, to undertake a degree at Birmingham Conservatoire. We've guaranteed a house near Huddersfield for two young Ukrainian mothers and their young children to move into. We've brokered tenancy agreements, liaised with universities, helped with student loan applications, set up a volunteering opportunity for a young Ukrainian woman at an animal shelter, attended doctors' appointments, benefits appointments, booked train tickets for a young Nicaraguan asylum seeker to attend his asylum appeal. I could go on.

It's a bigger job than we imagined. And more profound. People put their lives in our hands. Whole lives. Sometimes for a short while. Sometimes for longer.

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The story of Artists in Exile continued

Since arriving, our artists have performed at the Royal Albert Hall in London, they've put on concerts in their local areas – one of which was covered on TV – and 4 of them are now working on a Radio 4 Afternoon play. They run art classes and dance classes and bake amazing cakes and they fight for ways to make films and to act and to write and to paint and to dance.

People contact us now from other parts of the world. We are supporting artists from Nicaragua, Iran, Iraq. What we do is limited and imperfect. We are desperate for more sponsors. But we are doing our best. And the coming event will help. The money raised will make so many things possible for people whose lives have been unmade by world events.

The world is a complex place. More complex than it was when we used to think it was a complex place. And when we're faced with complexity, it can make us want to hide away. Artists in Exile has taught me that if we can reach out of that and connect, it helps us as well as those we seek to help.

If you would like to find out more or to donate, please go to our website: <https://www.artistsinexile.co.uk/>

Sarah Woods

Race Night Result

I wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone involved in the Race Night on Friday evening, (17 February) whether you sold tickets, helped on the night, or came along to enjoy the fun.

We made an amazing £1,392.00 for Artists in Exile to carry on their fantastic work.

Well done everyone !!! Lynne

This was put on 'Hadstock info' after Race Night by Lynne Smith- a great result Sue – Ed.



MOTHERING SUNDAY

Join us in Hadstock Village Hall to celebrate
Café Church for Mothering Sunday
19 March at 3.00pm

Cafe Church is an informal, social way of meeting and sharing views and provides an inclusive, accepting and welcoming space for all ages and everybody.

We meet around tables of 6 to 8 people and share coffee and cakes (including Simnel Cake) the whole way through the Service. Children are provided with activities, so the whole family can be together.

Flowers will be given to the children to give to their mothers.