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Beginnings – Editors Page

Dear Readers.

There is much to engage you in this magazine so I hope you enjoy reading it and the photos of the Fete. Did you come to it? We have the Fete report and a good and perhaps unexpected result in the funds raised. A tennis tournament which isn't Wimbledon. We have Fete photos and a Remembrance of Rosamund Hudson. There is news of the Rotary collection for Ukraine on 15 July in Saffron Walden. The report on Crocky's talk in May at last you might say. There is St Botolphs AGM agenda, and a change in how you can access the Hadstock Archive Website - still easily though. And more!

Below is the link related to the poster on page 8 about the summer reading challenge

[Find out more about how to take part.](https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/summer-reading-challenge-2023) Link: <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/summer-reading-challenge-2023>

Enjoy it all

With best wishes

Sue

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The Rector's Letter from the Rev'd Jeremy Trew
Jeremy writes...

Dear All

When I go away, be it on holiday or retreat or training course, I look for helpful resources I can carry with me. The advent of the iPad has made that a much easier task as it can hold a vast bank of books, video, music, etc, and is great, as long as the battery doesn't expire. So, with Summer arrived and the holiday season on the horizon I've dug out an old prayer resource that is easily portable, doesn't require batteries and even a baby can use. Enjoy.

The "handy" prayer resource:

1. Your thumb is nearest to you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C.S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty".
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the leaders of our Country, leaders in business and industry, and administrators that they may wise decisions. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all. Which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "the least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinky should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

I hope you find this helpful.

Jeremy

Jeremy Trew - Team Rector for Saffron Walden and Villages Team
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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

SERVICES AT ST BOTOLPH'S JULY 2023



**Sunday services this month are
at 9.00am**

Sunday 2 July

**Holy Communion
Led by John Saxon**

Sunday 9 July

No Service at St Botolph's

Sunday 16 July

**Home Team Service
Led by Tim and Martin**

Sunday 23 July

No Service at St Botolph's

Sunday 30 July

No Service at 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 at robin@waylands.org.uk

Hadstock - News, - Events, - Happenings, Reports



Hadstock Village Hall 100 Club winners
4 Winners for June 2023

No.61	Yvonne Edwards	£25.00
No.95	Denise Wells	£25.00
No.07	Ollie Plumridge	£75.00
No.45	Jane Robertson	£75.00

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.



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

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

A Little-known Hadstock Gem

A personal musical treat has been enjoyed by a few Hadstocians for nearly 3 years.

Started during Lockdown, our very own Brian Farley, professional piano-player extraordinaire, has been running a live show on Monday nights from 8-9 pm.

On your laptop, desktop or phone, log in to

<https://www.twitch.tv/pianobuzz>

It is free, though you can make a donation.

Once you have joined, you'll get a weekly reminder at around 19.55 every Monday night.

You can send in your request on the live chat, and join the music quiz for the grand prize of nothing!

Everyone Welcome to join in the fun.

See you Monday! Sonia

The Hadstock Investment Club was formed in 1999, founded by the ever enthusiastic but sadly late, Dave Durrent.

After 23 years, the closure of the pub, covid and some members leaving the village eventually led to a decline in members taking part in the monthly meetings and it was decided to close the club and liquidate the investments.

From the share-out of the sale of investments some members donated to the 2 village charities and raised £257 for the Friends of St Botolph and £212 for the Village Hall.

Greg Walker

Thanks Greg, for leading the club in recent years and the generous members of the investment club for donating to the Friends of St Botolph's and the Village hall. – Sue - Ed

Hadstock Fête Report from Saturday 17 June

As I sit here gathering my thoughts, I am having to pinch myself and I keep looking at the Fête bank balance in disbelief but it shows me that **we have made £6,000 surplus** and the only possible cost still outstanding is from printing the draw tickets should we receive that.

Obviously, anything that is said here counts as the result of the Fête team because all of this is very much a team effort. I know there continues to be a school of thought that says the Fête just happens; I can assure you that it is the result of six month's planning. All handled at monthly friendly but focussed meetings with responsibilities shared.

The day's weather was perfect. Not too hot but kindly enough to tempt the crowds. The footfall was up on last year; would the car park space be sufficient: it was. People happy to spend money in support of the day, whether it be the stalls, the field activities, beer tent, Pimms, exhibition in the Church, the Dog Show and, of course, Sonia and her band with the teas. Don't forget the Hadstock Silver Band; are we not blessed to have them with us?

This year the helpers came out to set up and then dismantle. Thank you for that: it really helps. We were tight on car park resourcing and villagers stepped up to the plate to help there. Just what is needed and again, much appreciated. All you who resourced stalls, however much money was taken, your presence there is valuable and supports the community atmosphere. We appreciate that.

Once more, an enormous thank you to Felix and Laura at Hadstock Hall. Without the support from you both in terms of allowing us the use of your property both on the day, in the run up and after and also for ongoing storage, this Fête would be a shadow of what it is. Let us never forget that.

Finally, therefore, we will make an interim share out 50/50 to the Church Building Fund and the Village Hall of the bulk of this as soon as possible. I'll hold back a small sum to cover any unforeseen contingency.

On a personal note, as you know, this as I told you last autumn is my last leading the team. Everything needs a fresh perspective and my hour is passed. I shall still help if needed and I shall still be Treasurer. **We have a Fête that is the envy of others; don't let it pass.**

Tim Boyden

A big thankyou to everyone who baked a cake for the Village Hall Tearoom on Fete Day,



and to all the team setting up, serving, making tea & washing up
Sonia



This year's Summer Reading Challenge is arriving in all Essex libraries on Saturday 15 July!

Hadstock Charity Tennis Tournament



Lou Symes -Thompson hosted the 11th annual tournament on Thursday 1st June, at Mallyons and Hawthorns. Janine McLaughlin (3rd back on the left side) was triumphant again, followed by delicious home-made bring-and-share lunch in the sun.

£100.00 was donated to Boost Charitable Trust, who give grants enabling sports for disabled people

Sonia

Parish Council News

Dates of meetings for 2023/24 are: - all on Thursdays at 7.30pm and in the Village hall

2023 :-27 July, No meeting in August, 28 September, 26 October, 30 November, then no meeting in December.

2024:-25 January, 29 February, then the 28 March.

The meetings are held in public, who are encouraged to attend and participate appropriately. The Agenda, includes an item specifically for public participation where members of the public are invited to put questions/statements of not more than 5 minutes duration to Hadstock Parish Council. No resolutions can be made but Councillors are very happy for matters relating to the Parish to be brought to their attention.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish, which is a meeting for the electorate of the Village, will be scheduled to take place between 01 March 2024 and 01 June 2024.

Information supplied by Parish Clerk, Sara Beckett, who can be contacted on hadstockparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk

A Reminder: The Parish Council needs your views on the Draft Emergency Plan which can be viewed on Parish Council section of the village website (hadstock.org.uk).

To provide your views and input – or to get a printed copy - please contact:

Denise Wells on cllrdenisewells@gmail.com / 07724 994 078

John Lockton on cllrjohnlockton@gmail.com / 07802 751 922

Or any of the Hadstock Parish Councillors. Many thanks.

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES and Fun 2023

BIN COLLECTIONS – Weds, 5th & 19th July for **Black & Brown** bins

Weds 12th & 26th July for **Green** & **Brown** bins

Green Skip:- 1st, 15th & 29th July

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 27 July 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

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Paddy McKeown

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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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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

OR Haverhill food bank at Reach Community Projects
Wisdom Facilities Centre,42 Hollands Road, Haverhill CB9 8SA
Opening times: Monday to Friday 9am - 4.30pm

Tel:01440 712950 or Email: info@reachhaverhill.org.uk

Website: reachhaverhill.org.uk – for more information



On-going Ukraine conflict creates an appeal from SW Rotary



A dire need for basic food, household, toiletries and health supplies.

A collection for the people of Ukraine will be held by Saffron Walden Rotary on: -

Saturday 15th July

from 9.00am until 1.00pm on the

Saffron Walden Common next to the car park.

As the war continues families are losing their homes and possessions and are often without a breadwinner for the family. This creates a need for everyday food items, shoes, clothes, especially underwear, toiletries, all types of personal washing and shampoo items, sanitary towels and sanitary pads. Items for children include nappies for babies and colouring books and school supplies for young children.

The aid which the Rotary Club has been collecting over the last year is delivered to the Felsted based charity UK-Aid who in turn takes it to distribution centres in Moldova and Ukraine for the benefit of refugee and dispossessed families in those countries. Many hundreds of families have been helped, although many more are still in need' says Rotarian project leader John Tapscott.

Cash donations to assist in transportation costs are also accepted and these can also be made at the Rotary collection point in cash or by credit card on the 15th July.

Rotary Saffron Walden is very appreciative of all the support it gets in its many different fundraising efforts.

Lynne Smith is happy to take donations from Hadstock to the collection in Saffron Walden. Contact Lynne on 0770 776697

Remembering

Rosamond Hudson

Rosamond moved to Hadstock in 1981 having brought up her family in Upminster. She knew that she had made a good choice to move to somewhere more rural when she was immediately made welcome by the villagers.

During her over 30 years in Hadstock she threw herself into

village life as a member of the Hadstock Society and a parish councillor. For many years she was a bell ringer at St. Botolph's. She helped to establish the Nature Reserve and took part in numerous village fetes and the famous Dig. Her pride and joy was her garden at the Cedar which she converted from an overgrown patch to a much larger and productive area.

Her village friends spanned a number of generations from Hadstock legends such as Jock, Lettice, Hamish and (apologies) Crocky to the children of neighbours such as the Hewletts and Halls who treated her as a surrogate granny.

After leaving Hadstock in 2013 she lived happily by the sea in North Wales still active until the last couple of years when she had to move into a care home.

She died peacefully on 10th June just short of her 96th birthday. Her children had been with her.

Rosamond's daughter Catherine Nield sent this to the Magazine as she was sure that many people would remember her mother from the time, she lived in Hadstock. Catherine also said that Rosamund had an aerial photo of The Cedar on her wall which reminded her of the many happy years she spent there.

Crocky added Rosamond did all sorts of jobs round the village, not only mending things; she cut footpaths that were badly overgrown, oiled the benches round the village etc. She was also very keen on her garden and encouraged wildlife to come to her pond. She was Warden of our Nature Reserve up the Walden Road if anyone mentioned that something wanted doing, we soon found that she had just gone and done it. She was very keen on all wildlife. **Rosamond will be remembered fondly by many here.**



1972
2022



The
Hadstock
Society

Hadstock Archive website

Those of you familiar with our community archive website may have noticed a big change this month.

Following an agreement in late 2022 between the Hadstock Society and the Parish Council, the archive website was merged with the main Hadstock website on June 10th, a change made to reduce annual website costs.

The old website address, archive.hadstock.uk, which we have used for nearly three years, has been discontinued and the archive can no longer be accessed by entering this address in your browser.

However, the archive has a new address and can be reached directly from your browser address bar by entering:

hadstock.org.uk/hadstockarchive

There is a second way you can reach the archive and that is through the main Parish site: hadstock.org.uk. Simply click on the link 'Community Archive' which is on the home page.

We continue to upload new material, and you will find over 50 photos in the archive. taken at the Picnic on the Green to celebrate the Kings Coronation. A video of this event is currently being edited along with another capturing the Evening with Crocky, held on 10th May. Both videos will be uploaded to the archive shortly.

Richard Dolby

Hadstock Society

Friends of St Botolph's
Church, Hadstock AGM

Tuesday 18 July

Objects of the Friends



The objects of the Friends (“the Objects”) shall be, for the benefit of the public, to restore, preserve, repair, maintain and improve the beauty of the Church of St. Botolph, Hadstock in the Diocese of Chelmsford and the churchyard belonging to the Church, it’s paths and boundary walls and the monuments, fittings, fixtures, stained glass, furniture, ornaments and chattels in the Church

Agenda for the AGM to be held on Tuesday 18th July commencing at 7.00pm, in Hadstock Church

1. Apologies for absence
2. Chairman’s annual report
3. To approve the minutes of the last AGM dated 13th July 2022
4. To approve the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022
5. To approve the Auditor for a period of one year
6. Election of additional members to the Executive Committee of the Friends
7. Election of officers - Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary
8. Events planned for 2023/2024
9. Any other business
10. Fix date for 2024 AGM

Robin Betser – Secretary

FETE DAY 2023



The very successful plant stall and an eager customer.....



Has the stress been too great? Tim leaves his last ever Fete 'in charge' – in a cooler!

Exhibitions in St Botolph's Church as part of the Fete



Photo of part of the art exhibition in St Botolph's. The Paintings were originally made to celebrate the Millenium of

St Botolph's church by students at Sonia Villiers art classes and were created from the history of the church. More recent paintings from photographs The original exhibition did not take place because of Covid restrictions.

The Hadstock society also had an exhibition in the Church on Fete Day.



The Hadstock Society – 50 year Celebration An Evening with ‘Crocky’ - 10 May 2023



Crocky was in fine form and talked about an agreed set of village photographs, prompted by Richard Dolby the Chair of the Hadstock Society.

Crocky came to the village in 1957 to work with Jock Dawson at White house farm on his research into infertility in cows. Cows were sent from all over the country to take part.

Some arriving by train at Bartlow station. Jock also ran a local scout group mounted on horseback, which helped some of the many disadvantaged young people. These young lads learned much from working with and caring for horses and ponies. Up to 15 in the troop some on horses or ponies borrowed from neighbours. Jock's wife Lettice ran a cub pack too.

Crocky told of having to post off lots of envelopes (reprints of Jock's research wanted all over the world) at the Post Office run by Connie Free, who delighted in the challenge of finding the postage for all the exotic places. This is now Roundhill Cottage on the village green.

Crocky related a tale about when the Hadstock Society had been trying to get the village conservation area designated but were refused by the tangle of overhead wires in the Village. The electricity company had refused to put the wires underground. This changed when Lettice, a new lay reader, met a lay reader from Abington at a meeting who turned out to be the head of Eastern Electricity. The wires soon got put under ground and the Village was designated as a conservation area. *continued.*

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Crocky mentioned that when electricity first came to the village, every time there was a thunder storm the electric would go off! Gas did not arrive in the Village until the 1990s!

The Parish Council (Crocky was for some time the Clerk to the Parish Council) had tried to get a weight limit on the road through Hadstock to stop the many heavy lorries coming through the village. The Chair Robin Marks, invited the Chair of the County Highways committee to walk with him down the road to Linton at 5.00pm on a Friday evening. 'The poor man was so frightened by the experience that the weight limit was put in place in no time.' At that time there was no safe route to walk to Linton as we have now in Len's Path,

There were many more stories and the audience packed into the Village hall remained entranced by Crocky's performance, and I think she was delighted by the number there to hear her.



At about 9.00pm Richard brought the evening to the end and Crocky was presented with a plant and a very welcome drink and received a very long round of applause!

Well done Crocky – we are lucky to have you in our Village.

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**Don't worry, the Village Hall Committee are coming up with an
alternative pub night for the village in the Autumn.
Watch this space.**