

Hadstock Magazine



Painting by Sonia Villiers of the late John Crawley of Penn Farm, Harvesting a few years ago

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Beginnings – Editors Page

Dear Readers.

How do you like the picture on the front? I have been looking for the last few years for a harvest picture for the front of the October issue. This is a really good one and an actual painting done by Sonia Villiers of an actual Hadstock farmer – the late John Crawley who used to farm Penn farm where his wife Sue Crawley still lives.

Where has our hot summer gone? Is it Autumn? It's a bit of a shock to find it cold in the evenings and even the tortoise is objecting and staying in his mini shed for much of the day. Details of the Harvest Festival Bring and Share Feast are at the back of the magazine. If you haven't been before why not join in this time? You will be made welcome.

This Mag has details of two art exhibitions, a big breakfast, and a second Crocky evening to look forward to and a little further ahead the Panto! Then we have news and photos from the Hadstock Golf day; more activities for the Food Bank; some thatching; a new play; more about the battle of Assandun and then news from Essex Libraries.

Enjoy the Autumn colours.

Sue

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Parish Church of St Botolph's October 2023



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

October brings with it many changes: Any last vestiges of Summer finally give way to Autumn; the trees start to darken as they approach their final drop; and the shops truly gear up for Christmas. Hot-cross buns also appear in Tesco, but that is a theological conundrum beyond my ken.

In the Saffron Walden and Villages Team we will also be noticing some significant changes. At the end of September we said goodbye to John Saxon, and in October we also say farewell to Alex Jeewan. These two have been a great blessing to the Team and will be greatly missed. I will certainly miss them as respected colleagues. I am sure that you will join me in continuing to pray for them as they settle into their respective "pastures new." We must trust that, as God called them to minister here, in calling them away that same God still has plans for us.

In early September we welcomed Hilary Walker to the Team as she was ordained Deacon in Chelmsford Cathedral. At the very end of September, we were also able to celebrate Ella Harris being ordained priest. I am very excited to be able to work with these two as they are both very able, although in different ways. Please note that they are still in training. Their roles are not to fill all the gaps left by John and Alex's departures. Both will be playing a full part in the life of the Team, but only as it serves their training needs.

Bishop Roger has been to meet with Parish Representatives and help us move the recruitment process forward. Archdeacon Robin has also been part of this, although we will also have said goodbye to him at the start of October as he retires. Before he did so he helped me secure the services of Rev Gary Fleming, a final year curate, who will be helping out with Sunday services for a while. Please make Gary feel welcome.

And then there are our retired clergy (although simply “not paid” might sometimes be a better title). When I was ordained these wonderful people with their many years of experience were normally called upon for holiday cover or in case of unexpected illness. Now the Church of England is dependent upon them. Sometimes we ask too much of them, especially with the great number of vacancies this Deanery has and is experiencing. Nevertheless, I am most grateful for the way they have stepped forward to keep as many services running as possible.

And then there is you. You are the Church. Well, technically, you and everyone else who gathers together when we meet. The real success of this time of clergy vacancy will truly be down to you, and people like you, who pray and offer services in ways small and great, and who together make old buildings come to life with your worship and love. A vacancy, and vacancies, are an opportunity for the local Church to show what it is made of. I am confident that our local church, in all its manifestations, is well built and on a good foundation.

Yours

Jeremy

Team Rector for Saffron Walden and Villages Team
Area Dean for Saffron Walden, part of the Diocese of Chelmsford

The Rectory, 17 Borough Lane, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB11 4AG
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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 OCTOBER 2023



Sunday services this month are at
9.00 am

Sunday 1st October

Harvest Service

Holy Communion

Led by Andy Colebrooke

Also

Harvest Festival Bring and Share Feast 6.00 pm in the Village Hall

1st October Everyone Welcome

Sunday 8th October

No Service in St Botolph's

Sunday 15th October

Home Team Service

Led by Tim and Rob

Sunday 22nd October

No Service in St Botolph's

Sunday 29th October

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 at robin@waylands.org.uk

Hadstock - News, - Events, - Happenings, Reports



Hadstock Village Hall 100 Club winners
Winners for September 2023 were:-

No.08 Sarah Lockton £25.00

No. 38 Juliette Handley £25.00

Congratulations to you!

CANASTA

The Canasta Group in Hadstock are taking a break for the summer.

If you are interested in joining when we start up again, then please call Irene on 891 385

Players and Beginners welcome.



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

The **Art Exhibition** is in the **Saffron Walden Museum**, Museum Street, Saffron Walden, is still on until 29 October
Open:- Wednesday to Saturday 10am to 5pm; Sunday 2 to 5pm.
Featuring 2 paintings by Sonia Villiers and others by her students


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ART EXHIBITION

Sunday 22nd - Saturday 28th October 2023
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Featuring work by Sonia Villiers,
 and also Sue Walker.

A talk by members of
 the Sturmer History
 Group

**LINTON & DISTRICT
 HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
TUESDAY 17th OCTOBER 2023



A lesson in the old school room, early 1900s.

The Edwardian School Room
A talk by Linda Bevan & Jo Porth

LINTON VILLAGE HALL
COLES LANE - 7.30 p.m.

Refreshments and Raffle

Visitors and new members always welcome



The Hadstock Archive website

The archive 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.

Richard Dolby, Hadstock Society

AND

Sent in by Derek Bushell, on behalf of the Hadstock Society.

The video of the Coronation Big Lunch held on the village green, on Sunday 7th May, is now available to view on the Hadstock Society archive website. This was filmed by John Lockton on behalf of the Society. Our thanks to him and Richard Dolby who edited the film.

If you put hadstock.org.uk/hadstockarchive into your browser it will take you to the main archive page where you will see 12 collections. Click on Other Media where you will find the video. There are also 50 photographs from the event in the Events/Celebrations section of the Photographs collection.

We hope you will very much enjoy watching the video and looking at the photos. The Hadstock Society Committee would like to thank the Coronation Event Committee for all their hard work in planning and organising such a memorable event for everyone in the village to enjoy. It was a huge success and even the weather was brilliantly sunny! Many thanks Derek.

Rural Crime: a message from Kemi Badenoch, MP for the Saffron Walden Constituency:

"I understand that rural crime can have a huge impact on our communities, and I want to know if you have been affected. Too often rural crime goes unreported and we need accurate information to help reduce it across our constituency. Please take a few moments of your time to complete my survey and share your concerns." Kemi Badenoch MP Rural Crime Survey 2023

<https://www.kemibadenoch.org.uk/kemi-badenoch-mp-rural-crime-survey-2023>

A Hadstock Society 50-year celebration event

7.30pm Wednesday, 15th November, Village Hall

A Second Evening with Crocky

After a very successful 'Crocky' event in May, we plan a second 'Crocky' evening on **Wednesday 15th November**. Come and enjoy more of her memories about life in Hadstock. In this meeting, she will talk about a number of our historic houses and will entertain us with her anecdotes about some of their past occupants.

Everyone welcome. Refreshments after the talk. Close of evening 9.30pm

Big Breakfast – Hadstock Village Hall

Friday 27th October

The popular and well-supported Big Breakfast is making a return to the Village Hall. Full details are shown in the accompanying flyer.

As you will see, on this occasion you will be supporting the charity Prostate Cancer UK as it continues its research into finding a cure for this widespread and sometimes fatal cancer in men.

As usual there will be the opportunity to meet friends and enjoy a full English breakfast served on this occasion by a team from Saffron Walden Rotary.

Do come along and join us. We're open from 6:30 am.

Tim & Gill Boyden

see next page

Enjoy an English BIG BREAKFAST or BRUNCH



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6.30am until 2.00pm

on

Friday

27th October

at Hadstock Village Hall

CB21 4PH

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www.rotary-sw.or/event/big-breakfast-brunch-in-aid-of-prostate-cancer

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES and Fun 2023

BIN COLLECTIONS – Weds, 11th & 25th October for **Black & Brown** bins

Weds 4th & 18th October for **Green & Brown** bins

Green Skip:- 7th and 21st October 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 26 October 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 it. And the video on the Hadstock Village website – Village hall

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

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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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 John Moran of the Conservative Party

Contact :- cjrmoran@uttlesford.gov.uk or tel. 07496006467

or you can write to him c/o Uttlesford District Council
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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

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Website: reachhaverhill.org.uk – for more information



There is kindling wood for sale on our drive.

In aid of Red Cross Libya Flood Appeal

(Suggested donation of £2 per bag)

Thank you

Jacob Smith 4 Moules Lane



I plan to be doing my annual foodbank collection in November and will be knocking on your doors the weekend of 18th & 19th. As always, donations can be left in the bin on my drive at any time.

All the usual things are required: tins, packets, cereal, biscuits, tea, coffee, dried and long- life food, toiletries and cat/dog food.

Items desperately needed at the moment are tinned vegetables, noodles, instant meals & savory snacks

Please give generously (but only what you can afford).

Many thanks in advance,

Lynne Smith - 4 Moules Lane, Tel:07707766197



**MacMillan Coffee Morning here at
Penn Farm on
Friday 29th September
from 10.30am until 3pm.**

**All Welcome.
Looking forward to seeing everyone.**

Sue Crawley

The Battle of Assandun 1016

A mini conference exploring the history of Assandun and the project to discover it.

Essex Record Office, Chelmsford.

Saturday 14th October, 10.30 - 12.30

We know quite a lot about the Battle of Assandun (1016) and the building of Cnut's Minster (1020) from the Anglo-Saxon Chronicles and other near-contemporary sources. However, the location of the battlefield and the Minster remain the subject of debate. Hadstock and Ashdon are strong candidates but there are others too notably Ashingdon in southeast Essex which has long been favoured by some historians.

Richard Dolby and Crocky are taking part in a research project, led by the Battlefield Trust, to examine the evidence in detail. Sub-groups are looking at candidate sites for the Minster and battlefield and tracing possible routes that the two armies would have taken during the course of 1016. A lot of work has been done and the group have been invited to hold a seminar on their findings so far at the Essex Record Office in Chelmsford. Richard will be making a presentation. For further information and to book tickets see

<https://www.essexrecordoffice.co.uk/events/>.

Rick Albrow





Thatch has been used as a roofing material for thousands of years. It was once common in rural areas because the material was cheap and readily available. Now, a thatched roof is much more expensive but the skill of the thatcher can still be seen throughout The Hundred Parishes. A thatcher undertakes a five-year apprenticeship with a master thatcher before becoming a master thatcher himself.

Most properties in the UK use either long straw, wheat reed or water reed. Many thatched properties are listed and when re-thatching is needed there is a requirement to use the same type of material as before.



In medieval times wheat grew to nearly 6 feet tall, while today's modern farming methods produce shorter-stemmed wheat and this has weakened the straw and its longevity. Now specialist growers produce taller-stemmed varieties, grown especially for thatching.



There is some debate about the longevity of a thatched roof. To some extent, life expectancy relates to the material used, but it is also dependent on factors such as pitch, orientation and air circulation. A good thatch will typically last from 20 to 50 years, providing excellent insulation. The ridge, along the top of the roof, will last between 10 and 20 years, so requires more frequent attention.



Traditionally a new layer of material is laid over the seasoned roof; this is called “spar coating”. The bundles of straw taken up onto the roof are called “yelms”. Twisted hazel sticks known as “spars” or “gads” are used to secure the thatch in place. A thatcher may mark his work by placing a distinctive straw finial on the ridge.

Thatch appears not only on houses. There are several thatched pubs, a thatched church at Duddenhoe End in the parish of Elmdon, and a partly-thatched village hall in Ashdon.
Ken McDonald, Secretary

- 1 Ickleton: long straw being secured by local master thatcher, Mark Treadwell.
- 2: Rickling Green – work in progress.
- 3: Little Hadham – Thatched Cottage
- 4: Nuthampstead – Woodman pub.
- 5: Elmdon – Hamlet Church.



Hadstock Golf Day - 1st September

Nine teams of four competed for the prestigious Hadstock Trophy over 18 holes at the Barkway Park Golf Course. After coffee and a bacon roll and teams ventured onto the course with the first three holes proving to be a challenge (for most that is). All agreed that this was a great venue for our golf day with the course in excellent condition. One team however found it all rather easy and won by a mile, so much so that the other scores were quietly forgotten.

Results: Winners and recipients of the *Hadstock Trophy* were Phil Doel, Freddie Doel, Jo Farnell, and Stella Parker.



The Doels had to leave early leaving the ladies to the glory of receiving the trophy from organiser Tim Plumridge



Golf Day :- Other Winners:-

Longest Drive:-

Olliver Plumridge

The 18th hole is 337yds long and Olliver drove only 10 yds short of this!

Nearest the Pin:-

Charles Bradford

Ball ended only 18 ins from the hole.

Other stats: The winning team were 10 under Par – Gross.

And were 5 shots ahead of the team who came 2nd who were:-

Tim Plumridge, Oliver Plumridge,

Geoff Morland and Charles Bradford

Thank you to Tim Plumridge for organising the day. All are looking forward to next year which will also be at Barkway Park on a date in early September.

If you are interested in joining the golf day as part of a team of 4 You will be very welcome. Please contact Tim Plumridge :-plumridges@gmail.com

Greg Walker

People in Hadstock were saddened to hear of the passing of Greg Walker on the 22 August. Greg had lived in Hadstock with his wife Sue since 1988. and had 2 children Anthony and Claire. Latterly Greg had run an investment club in the village advising friends how to invest wisely, which was much appreciated.

Many from the village joined family members at a service in St Botolph's Church, Hadstock on 19 September to celebrate Greg's life. The service was led by Judith Hasler from St Mary's Saffron Walden and Gill Boyden played the organ.

Greg had left details of the hymns and poems he would like at his service and also a very touching tribute to his wife Sue. Anthony and Clare spoke of their Dads' 'enthusiasms' including for 'Wind in the Willows' Numbers and Sailing and most of all for his family and family life. There were two poems reflecting Gregs love of sailing, 'The Voyage' by Christy Moore and then 'Crossing the Bar' by Alfred, Lord Tennyson. There were tributes from his friends and 'Hey Mister Tambourine Man' by Bob Dylan and the closing music 'Something to cheer everyone up' was 'My Generation' by The Who.

The family had been supported in the final week of Greg's life by the Arthur Rank Hospice, Home team and donations in Greg's memory can be made by going to: www.peasgoodandskeates.co.uk/donate-in-memory

A play called 'Democracy'

If you had been listening to Radio 4 on Sunday afternoon 17 September you would have heard a play by Sarah Woods, who lives in Hadstock. Her play came after a programme called 'Opening Lines' to which Sarah also contributed.



The 'Opening Lines' were from the two - volume book 'Democracy in America', written by the French man Alexis de Tocqueville after his visit to America with his friend Gustave de Beaumont in 1830. They wanted to find out about Democracy which they thought would come to all of Europe.

The two travelled 7,000 miles over 271 days visiting 17 states, using horseback, canoe, stagecoach and steamer encountering many difficulties along the way. They met dignitaries and ordinary folk in the places they visited and Alexis kept notes about his meetings. Back home in France he wrote 2 volumes about Democracy in America. The young men were impressed by America. -De Tocqueville was struck by the 'equality of social conditions' Where with there being more equality people can change their positions more easily. He said that any American can prosper by working hard and learning a trade. But having money changes things and makes for inequalities.



Drama-documentary by Sarah Woods, inspired by Alexis de Tocqueville's influential survey of democracy, transposed to the UK of today and featuring members of the British public

In Sarah's play the main character and elderly man set out to find out what people in different places

in the UK thought about Democracy. How he did this I will not tell you in case you would like to listen to it on the BBC Sounds app.

I can recommend the play. It was really interesting and thought provoking and I really liked the main character. We are lucky to have such talented people living in Hadstock. Well done, Sarah not least for reading the 2-volume book before writing your play!

Sue - Ed

A PANTOMIME! *Beauty and The Beast* IN HADSTOCK

Rehearsals for a Christmas Pantomime the Village Hall are already underway

Beauty and the Beast a version written for Hadstock by Jessamy, the daughter of Laura and Felix Corob Cooke is being performed in aid of the Village Hall funds on 21st December 2023 - Please 'Keep the date Free'

A very successful meeting was held on Saturday 16 September in the garden of the Director Jill Odwyer to get the Panto under way, with such a lot of enthusiastic people.

Can you contribute by helping make sets, props, costumes, tech etc. delivering leaflets or help on the night.

If you would like to be involved, please get in touch with Laura or Jill.

Laura corobcook@btinternet.com

07973 630761

and Jill jill.odwyer@gmail.com

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How Exciting !!!

Oh no it isn't

Oh yes it is!!

More details next month

Sue - Ed

Essex Libraries

October is approaching, which means we'll be celebrating Black History Month again in our libraries!

This year's theme is **Saluting Our Sisters**, so we'll be focusing on the achievements of Black women. We'll be highlighting some of our great books about Black history and by Black authors along this theme.

Check out your local library to explore some great new reads, and keep an eye out on our website and social media for the full booklists!



Now your child has started school, what do you need to know? Our Helping Your School Starter sessions, for parents only, will unpack how you feel and the reality and expectations of the reception year!

[Book a place on a Help Your School Starter session](#)



Harvest Festival Bring and Share Feast

On Sunday October 1st 2023
in
Hadstock Village Hall at 6pm

Everyone welcome, especially new families and
children, the more the merrier ...

Please let us know what **hot** savory food you can bring from this
list,
or your own ideas even better!

Roast chicken, pork, lamb, beef - Vegetarian option - Roast potatoes
Carrots - parsnips - peas - cauliflower cheese - Mashed potato -
swede - Gravy - stuffing, mint
sauce

(We already have enough offers
of pudding - fresh fruit - cream -
custard - cheeseboard)

Bring your own drinks.

Email me at soniavilliers@icloud.com

also

Any offers of help setting up or
clearing up after - greatly appreciated!



Sonia xx
