

Hadstock Magazine



Christmas and New Year Edition

DECEMBER 2023 – JANUARY 2024

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Beginnings - Editors Page

Dear Readers

Christmas will soon be here and so will the Hadstock Panto - 'Beauty and the Beast' which is being rehearsed in the village hall any time it is not booked for other events. It should be great fun with lots of local references.

The Panto, written by local Jessamy Corob Cook, is on Wednesday 20 December at 7.00pm. – (this a 3rd performance added due to demand for tickets,) then Thursday 21st

December. There are 2 performances on that day, a Matinee at 2.30 and the Evening performance at 7.30,

Each performance will have an interval with mulled wine and other refreshments.

Tickets are all gone I'm afraid but you can enquire from Lynn Nuttall in case there are any returns. Prices:-Adults £8.00, Children under 5 free and those 5 to 14 - £4.00.You can email lynn50@hotmail.com NOTE there are 3 'n's in Lynn's email address.



There is no Mag in January so see you in February.

Best wishes for a very Happy Christmas.

Sue

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Parish Church of St Botolph's

DECEMBER 2023/JANUARY 2024



Jeremy writes...

Christmas arrives at the end of this month – you didn't need me to tell you that! If you have children then it has probably been arriving since late September, and even if you don't you couldn't escape the presence of cards and decorations in the shops interestingly juxtaposed with Halloween tat.

Preparing for Christmas can be both harrowing and demanding. There's so much to do, so many lists to check. And then it's Christmas Eve, and half of it not done. A final gargantuan effort!... and then you can flop onto the sofa to watch the last half of the "Sound of Music" and try and work out just how many you've got for lunch the next day.

Christmas requires precisely 10% more preparation than we are able to give to it. But it's worth it, because it is just about the only occasion in the year when we are likely to meet up with so many of our family and friends and take time to spend more than just a few minutes with them. It might seem stressful at times, but normally we conclude it has all been worth it. Preparing well for Christmas is worth it. That's why we have the season of Advent just prior. It is the time when we hear the stories that provide the background to why God bothered to take the not inconsiderable risk of sending his Son into a world that could be brutal and dangerous. Preparation is always an important time, because it allows us to make sense of the celebration that follows.

I once read a psychiatrist's advice on how to survive Christmas, and I pass it on to you as something we have found helpful: Don't overdo the housework – low lighting and candles can hide a multitude of sins (and dust). Get out for some fresh air, even five minutes – it clears your head, reduces tension, and leads to fewer arguments. And remember, if you're the one doing all the entertaining this Christmas, you deserve a break too – get someone else to do the washing-up and relax by spending ten minutes guessing what possessed Auntie Beryl to buy you that ghastly jumper.

Finally, before I close, three ancient laws that are still on the statute books: It is illegal not to go to church at Christmas; It is illegal to drive or ride to church on Christmas Day; It is illegal to have more than three courses for your Christmas dinner. Go on... break the last two, I won't tell! But if you'd like to keep the first you would be most welcome.

Have a very special Christmas.

Jeremy

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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*

Littlebury Christmas Tree Festival
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Saturday, 9 and Sunday 10 December
11.00 - 4pm - free admission

All day refreshments including soup lunches
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Janice Rust



SERVICES AT ST BOTOLPH'S DECEMBER 2023

Sunday services this month are 6.00pm on the
3 December and Christmas Eve and
9.00am on 17th December



- Sunday 3rd December Holy Communion 9.00am Priest Led
- Sunday 10th December Home Team Service 9.00am Led by Rob
- Sunday 24th December Light of the World Service 6pm Led by Chris Bishop
- Sunday 31st December No Service in St Botolph's

JANUARY 2024

Both Sunday services this month are at 9.00 am

- Sunday 7th January Holy Communion 9.00am Priest Led
- Sunday 14th January No Service at St Botolph's
- Sunday 21st January Home Team Service 9.00am
- Sunday 28th January 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 for November 2023 were: -

No.28 John Cambridge £25.00

No.50 Pat Cropper £25.00

Congratulations to you both!

CANASTA

The Canasta Group in Hadstock are back in action now!

If you are interested in joining 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 Hadstock Society AGM is on
Wednesday 6th December at 7.30pm in the
village hall.

Refreshments will be served and All are Welcome. Maggie Hartley

The Hadstock Archive website

The archive 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.

Richard Dolby, Hadstock Society



Rotary

Rotary Big Breakfast – Thank You

Saffron Walden

On behalf of Rotary Saffron Walden, I would like to thank all of you from Hadstock and beyond who came to the Village Hall and gave us such support on Friday 27th October from the moment we opened at 6.30am until we took our last orders shortly before 2pm.

It was non-stop throughout. There was such a strong social atmosphere as people ate and chatted and we had a real cross section demographic from a walking group of twelve to single individuals.

As a result, Rotary has been able to pass **a donation of £2,500 to Prostate cancer UK**, all through the generous donations that our visitors made.

All of this came through a real team effort plus financial support from **Burtens Butchers** for the meat products, **Boswell Bakeries** for the bread and ready cooperation from the **Village Hall Committee**.

Rotary in action in Hadstock.

Tim Boyden



There is kindling wood for sale on our drive.

In aid of the Red Cross

(Suggested donation of £2 per bag)

Thank you.

Jacob Smith - 4 Moules Lane, Hadstock.

The Hadstock Society – A Big Thank You

The Hadstock Society would like to thank all those who attended 'A Second Evening with Crocky' on 15th November.

It was a very enjoyable evening with Crocky talking about many of the oldest houses in the village and her memories of some of their past occupants. We all marvelled at Crocky's in-depth knowledge and enjoyed her amusing anecdotes. Thank you Crocky!

Richard Dolby
introducing
'A Second
Evening with
Crocky'



Crocky talking about the
House on the screen



Some of the Audience
in the Village Hall

If anyone attended, who is not already a member, and would like to join the Hadstock Society then please contact us on hadstocksociety21@gmail.com

Maggie Hartley Secretary Hadstock Society

Elf Mail returns to Hadstock



Elf Mail is back for Christmas 2023.

Drop your cards off to us in Hillingdon House, Linton Road and we will deliver them around the village for you, saving you time and energy. If you wish to make a donation for this service, all donations will go to the NICU at the Rosie Hospital to help sick and premature babies and their families.

Please drop your cards off any time in December – last drop off date 22nd December (but the earlier the better please).

Thank you, as always, for your amazing support

Matt, Isabel, Daniel and Harry – the Hadstock Elves

890924/thefishes94@gmail.com

CHURCH FLOWERS –

- Is taking up a new hobby one of your New Year's Resolutions?

Throughout the year, a rota of villagers keeps our beautiful village church filled with fresh flowers. We would like some extra volunteers to join the team in 2024. You don't need to be an expert flower arranger or spend a fortune on it – garden flowers, hedgerow foraging or a bunch from the supermarket are all absolutely fine. Whether you are new to the village, have done it before but dropped off the list or just fancy giving it a go, please get in touch.

Isabel

thefishes94@gmail.com

Where is Assandun?

A talk by Richard Dolby on Wednesday 6th December 2023

After the AGM of the Hadstock Society which starts at 7.30pm



Invasions of England started around 800AD, and for the next 200 years, armies from Denmark created death and destruction across most regions. In 1016AD, the Danes invaded once more, intent on taking the English crown. The Danish King, Cnut (Canute), succeeded and became King of England, reigning successfully for 19 years. His decisive battle with England's Edmund Ironside, the Battle of Assandun, took place on October 18th somewhere in Essex. The battle site location is the subject of a current Essex wide project supported by Battlefields Trust of Britain. Progress was presented at a public meeting in Chelmsford in October and this talk is a summary. 40,000 Danes settled in the England in the C11th. Do we all have Viking DNA in our blood?

Come and learn the answer.

Linton and District Historical Society December 19, meeting in Linton Village hall, is 'Stories and Songs from the 60's and 70's' with David Caulfield – a history of his career in the music scene. All welcome.

Foodbank thanks Hadstock



We here at Uttlesford Foodbank would like to thank everyone from Hadstock for the tremendous food collection which weighed

160.3kg. This is enough to provide around **350 meals** and will also give much needed hope and comfort to those in need.

Every month we hand out on average 5 tonnes of food and without the support of people and organisations like yourselves and our amazing community, we couldn't do the work that we do. Harvest donations are becoming increasingly important to help refill our shelves after a busy summer and keep us going until the Christmas rush.

This year with the cost-of-living crisis we have seen a continual increase in the need for our services.

We have been overwhelmed by the level of generosity, and with the food you have given us it will go a long way to making the lives of those living in poverty that little bit more bearable.

Once again thank you so much for your generous donation.

Best wishes from everyone at Uttlesford Food Bank.

Uttlesford Foodbank, Stansted House, Shire Hill, CB11 3AQ
07531 436335, info@uttlesford.foodbank.org.uk

The food collection above was made by Lynne Smith of Moules Lane, on the weekend of the 18/19 November. Lynne has done this for a number of years now and I for one, want to thank her for doing this (she won't like being thanked) and for keeping the need for Foodbank donations in all our minds throughout the year.

Thanks to you Lynne.

Sue - Ed

Hadstock Silver Band -

Annual Christmas Concert

will be on

Tuesday 19th December.

The concert will start at 7.30 in the church and then there will be refreshments in the village hall afterwards.

We look forward to playing for you

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

The quiz went well. We had fewer tables than normal, just 5, but that did not detract from the atmosphere. Robin had written a totally new quiz and the evening went well. Again, it was a close-run contest. The winners were Hadstock Harriers. The evening made just under £350 for Village Hall funds.

The big Breakfast, held by Saffron Walden rotary to raise money for prostate cancer, was very busy and successful. One thing it did highlight for us was our need to replace our tea towels! Kirsty has now purchased 20, 10 put in use and 10 held in reserve.

Pantomime rehearsals are continuing. Tickets for 2 performances, matinee and evening of 21 December were advertised via Hadstock info on Wednesday 1 November and all sold by Tuesday 7th. The cast has agreed to a further evening performance at 7pm on Wednesday 20th. but this too has almost sold out,

Thank you to John Lockton who has been doing an autumn clean of the garden.

Plans are going ahead for Hadstock pub evenings. More details in this magazine.

Lynn and Kirsty.

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES and Fun in 2023

BIN COLLECTIONS – Weds, 6th & 20th December for **Black & Brown** bins

Weds 13th December for **Green & Brown** bins

Green Skip:-.45 to 12.45 First 15mins at Bilberry End then Village Green 40 mins
No More Green Skips until the Spring

Hadstock Parish Council

Next meeting in the village hall on 25 JANUARY 2024 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.

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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

London Road, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 4ER

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Harry Fish

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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.** Local contact Lynne Smith - 4 Moules Lane, [Tel:07707 766197](tel:07707766197)

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



The Green Team – sorting another hedge!



THE GREEN TEAM were at it again earlier this month – November - clearing the hedge on the Bartlow Road – you can now see the 30mile sign and the salt box (ready for the winter).

Thanks to Rick, Alan, Brendan, David and Tim (the professional photographer!). Thanks to John Lockton too! -Sue - Ed

Why not get involved in helping with our Village environment? It's great exercise and always fun.

Contact John Lockton or Alan Wells to add yourself to our volunteer Village Green Team!

John Lockton m) 07802 751922

From Hadstock Parish Council

The Hadstock Parish Emergency Plan has now been published on the Hadstock Village Web Site under Parish Council.

Thank you for everyone's comments on the Draft.

Please go and have a look – you never know when we might need it!

John Lockton and Denise Wells for the Parish Council

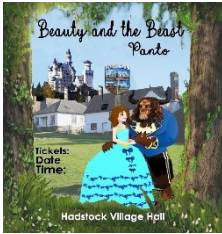
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Halloween Decorations delight in Bilberry End



**Stanley and Arthur's Halloween display in Bilberry End.
Well Done.!**

Sent in by Bill and Sally Richards.



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST - THE PANTO

NO MORE TICKETS AVAILABLE.

ALL 3 PERFORMANCES SOLD OUT

Tickets purchased will be delivered before the performances.

Please remember to bring them with you for proof of purchase.

[The tickets are numbered but the chairs are not!]

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Also please note we'll be celebrating our Christmas Late Night Opening on December 7th, together with **Jim Anderson** at **Linton Arts Studio** across the road and **Adrian Watts** at **Case Solved Wines**

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From the online Community Archive (archive.hadstock.org.uk)

Who Lived Here Before us?

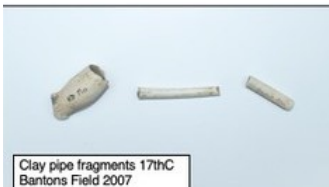
Most of us are interested in the people who lived in our homes before us, especially if we inhabit an old house, hence the enjoyment of Crocky's excellent, well-attended talk in mid-November. Even those of us living in newer homes are interested in our village's history. Crocky both informed and entertained us, not least us with nuggets such as that the last reputed witch of Hadstock, Mrs Mallows, lived in Beam Ends until she died, aged. It is no wonder that villagers were wary of going up The Causeway!

We have many clues about previous Hadstocians; how they lived and what they used, built or made and the Archaeology and Artefacts section of the Community Archive contains a wealth of such information. A number of posts show photographs of some of the pottery shards and objects either discovered in the 2005 archaeological dig or picked up during field walks on Bantons in 2007 and 2010.



If you were resident in 2005 you will remember the dig as a special event which involved both adult and child volunteers from the village. Some of the finds have been exhibited by the Hadstock Society at recent Fetes. They provide valuable information about our predecessors. There are worked flints and shards of pre-historic pottery. There are shards of fine-ware pots, a hypocaust and tiles from Roman times. So many pieces of

Roman tiles were unearthed that some of us sorting through the Field Walk finds more recently began to regard them as a nuisance rather than valuable evidence of a centrally heated, tiled roofed, Roman Farmstead belonging to a person of wealth and high status living in Hadstock almost 2000 years ago!



Other finds date from later periods and include horse shoes and fragments of a clay pipe. The clay pipe intrigued me. According to the archive it dated from the C17th. Clay pipes were in use from 1680 when tobacco was first brought to this country until the mid C20th. I wondered about the person who

smoked it. Not many Hadstock residents then would have been able to afford the pipe or the new tobacco to smoke in it. Perhaps the smoker lived in one of our oldest, better-quality houses, perhaps the manor, now Hadstock Hall.

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Who lived here before us? *Continued*

In the Landscape and Farming part of the Archive I could see which houses were possible homes for the clay pipe owner by browsing Part 4 “Houses and the Built Environment” of Richard Dolby’s marvellous landscape series.

Here you can view early maps which show houses in existence at different times. The earliest map dates from 1777 and many of the houses shown can be identified by their position, Beam Ends and Hadstock Hall among them.



Key to St Botolph's north door

We are fortunate to possess a wealth of historical evidence, both dug out of the ground or visible above it. Our Church, for example, is a treasure trove with its wealth of physical features displaying its pre-Conquest origins and archaeologists have discovered evidence of an even older stone church beneath it. You can find out more about their work and what they discovered in various posts in the Archaeology and

Artefacts section. To determine the age of the North Door, for example, (now known to be the oldest working door in England) dating by dendrochronology was required. You can view a short video showing the preparation for this process, including the removal of the door. The archaeologists concluded that the date lay between 1040 and 1070.

Also visible above ground are the many older village houses which still retain some of their original building materials, such as thatch and wattle and daub, and interior features such as old beams, period windows and inglenook fireplaces that we want to conserve. Now, when there is an urgent need to decarbonise the village to combat climate change, we have to work out how to effectively insulate our heritage homes without compromising on the necessary conservation rules protecting them.

Lorna Mufty

Hadstock Society

'Galeria Moderna' Winter Exhibition

- 'An amazing selection of its award winning artists'
until 23 December in the Grand Arcade Cambridge
Featuring Hadstock's own Sue Walker



Shown here in front of some of her paintings.

Hadstock Village Second Pub Night

Friday 15th December 2024

Hadstock Village Hall – 6.00 to 11.00 p.m.

Following the success of the Portable Pint nights we are holding some trial Pub Nights in the Village Hall on the last Friday of the month* so villagers and other locals can meet up in an informal atmosphere to keep in touch.

There will be some pub games and crisps & snacks will be available to purchase.

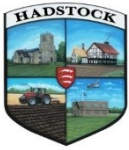
We look forward to seeing as many people as possible to get us off to a flying start!

We're sorry, but for these events this will be cash only. If they are a success, we will try to make arrangements to accept cards in future.

All proceeds to the Village Hall.

Derek Bushell (derek71246@aol.com 07971 413355)

***NB the next one is on Friday 15th December!**



Hadstock Celebrates Christmas 2023



Sunday 3rd December
6.00pm in St Botolph's

Advent Service

Followed by the Lighting of the Christmas tree on the Village Green accompanied by mulled wine, mince pies and nibbles.



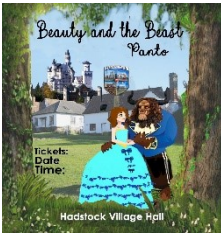
Tuesday 19 December in St Botolph's
Hadstock Silver Band Christmas Concert

at 7.30pm - **For all ages Free refreshments - Free raffle**

Come and join in the singing of favourite seasonal music.

The band will be playing carols and other well known sing along tunes for about one hour

The Hadstock Band perform this concert for the Village



Beauty and the Beast in the Village Hall on-
Wednesday 20 December at 7.00pm

Also

Thursday 21 December at 2.00pm and 7.30pm

Sorry all Tickets Sold Out !



Christmas Eve in St Botolph's
Light of the World Service – 6pm

with candles we light during the Service

The service revolves around carols that are familiar and for all the family, and some readings to celebrate this important period of the year in the Christian Calendar. See you there!

Merry Christmas from the Magazine team