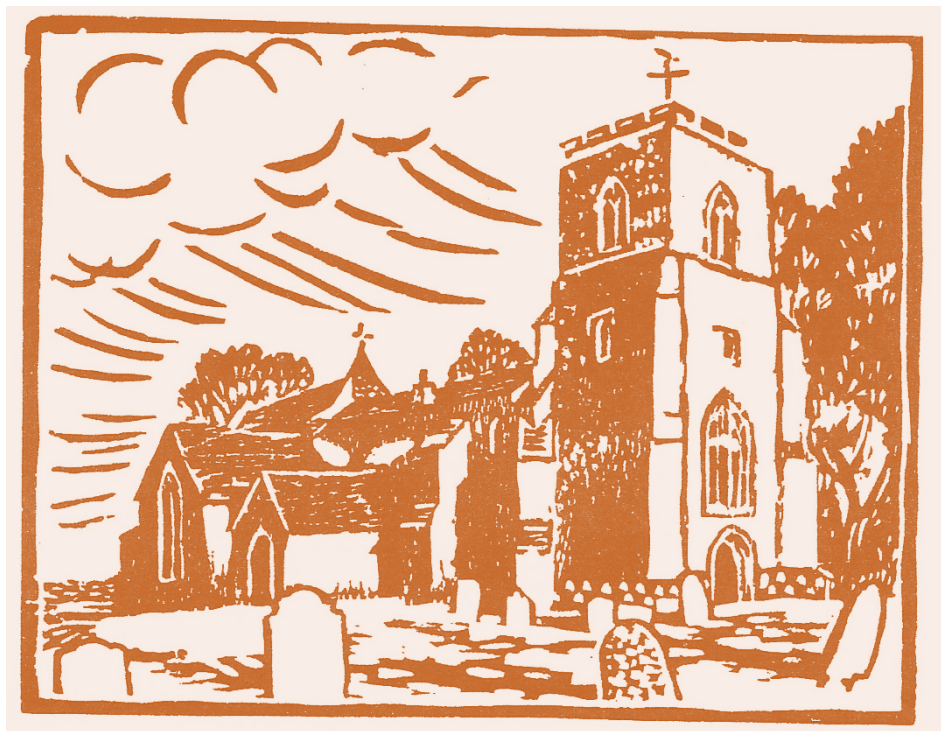


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Beginnings - Editors Page

Dear Readers

Hello, and I hope you like the tiny daffodils. In honour of St David's Day and to brighten up yours.



For those of you who haven't seen it before the picture on the front of the Magazine is a wood cut made by Elizabeth Bruno. (Does anyone know who she was or where she lived?) The picture is on the cover of an old Hadstock Magazine from 1977. I like it so use it from time to time., in different colours. The content of this Sept/Oct 1977 magazine is also very interesting. It has a report on the 'It's a Knockout' competition Hadstock had reached the Uttlesford District final competing against Felsted, Farnham and Chrishall. I won't tell you who won yet but I can say that Tony Cropper, still a Hadstock resident, was 'Captain for the day' Any memories of this event from anyone? Please send them in to hadstockmag@btinternet.com (note new email for the magazine) or call and tell me about them. Remember that you can send things in that you would like to share with the village to be put in the magazine: - photos, memories, wildlife, recommendations, recipes, pictures of your favourite doors (that's my thing), special cars, the night sky, walks, bike rides, the weather, how you cook your toast (just an idea). See what you can do for next month please. Meanwhile watch out for the Mad March Hares and the post box being unblocked. Enjoy the month and see you in April.

Best wishes

Sue

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Parish Church of St Botolph's
March 2024



Jeremy writes...

The point of Lent is not denial.

But for a long time, I thought it was. Everything I heard about Lent revolved around the acts of self-denial. It was all about what object or habit one would give up and how hard it was to deny oneself of that thing. Of course, that denial was meant to help one think about God and Christ's sacrifice, but in truth the focus was always on the act of denial itself. The question always is, "what are you giving up for Lent?" as if that is what the season is about.

On one hand it's understandable that we miss the point of Lent. In our religious traditions rituals and legalism are far easier to promote, understand, and implement than spirituality and faith. We can grasp rules. It is far easier to tell kids to obey rules than to explain to them why they should desire to act rightly. They then end up following the rules simply because the rules exist. When it comes to Lent we often do the same – denying ourselves something for the sake of denial. We give up chocolate thinking that act of denial is the purpose of Lent. And we end up missing the point.

But Lent isn't about denial, it is about transformation. It is the season in which we prepare to encounter Christ's sacrifice by endeavouring to become more Christ like ourselves. Transformation is about letting ourselves be filled with God's presence so that we can be shaped by God's grace. Our acts of kenosis – denying ourselves in order to empty ourselves enough to allow God to fill us – are means to an end. They are disciplines that prepare us to be transformed. We deny ourselves so that we can be reborn as new creations – to live more fully as the Kingdom citizens God desires us to be.

So I am very tentative in choosing what disciplines I will follow during Lent to open myself up to God's transforming power. I've discovered that for me personally, legalistic denial for the sake of denial often achieves the opposite purpose.

Giving up coffee doesn't make me a better follower of Christ, it just makes me more irritable. Such disciplines don't assist me in emptying myself in order to let God in; they simply fill me with more of me.

I've come to learn that in order to become more fully the person God wants me to be, I instead need to make sacrifices that actually allow me to achieve those ends. Often those sacrifices are less about personal denial, and more about following disciplines that encourage me to love others more. In the past I've attempted to eat more ethically or shop fairly – which of course required discipline and sacrifice on my part (and a bit of denial as well), but the outcome of these outwardly focused changes was far more personally transformative than if I had just eliminated something from my life for forty days.

So for me the question for Lent is not “what am I giving up?” but instead “what can I do to allow God to transform me this season?” The answers to those questions might be the same for some people, for me changing the question shifted how I observed Lent. Whatever the case, I think it is important to understand what the ultimate purpose is behind why we engage in certain disciplines unless we miss their very point

Best wishes

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

SERVICES AT ST BOTOLPH'S MARCH 2024

Sunday services this month are 9.00am except
Easter Day which will be 10.30am



Sunday 3rd March 9am

Holy Communion

Led by Jeremy Trew

Sunday 10th March

No Service at St Botolph's
(Mothering Sunday)

Sunday 17th March 9am

Home Team Service

Led by Charli and Martin

Sunday 24th March

No Service at St Botolph's

Sunday 31st March 10.30 am

Easter Day Service

Led by Andy Colebrooke

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.

Are you coming to Quiz night?

See the back page for details

Hadstock - News, - Events, - Happenings, Reports



Hadstock Village Hall 100 Club

Winners for February 2024

No.51 Sharon and Steve Elve £25.00

No.52 Susan Cole £25.00

Congratulations to you all!

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 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

Hadstock Village Hall 100 Club

Please act soon!

THANK YOU, 100 Club members, for your loyal support for this very important Annual Fund - Raising effort for the Village Hall.

The money raised is vital to help us pay for the increasing costs of running the Hall each year.

We hope that you will be happy to continue being a member by paying the £20 subscription. It would be a great help if you could pay via online banking before 25th March.

Payments must be in before the end of March.

Thank you to everyone who has now paid for the year ahead.

Hadstock Village Hall

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Sarah Lockton

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Tel 892987

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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

Another 'Thank you' to everyone who helped to make the Hadstock Pantomime such a success. The new hob and fridge, purchased from the proceeds are now installed and the kitchen looks much refreshed. Hadstock Village Hall Committee.



Note from Sue – The Ed

Rest Assured that neither the Village Hall kitchen nor the hob or fridge are as **WONKY** as they look in the picture!

They are ready for anyone hiring the hall to use, (without having to stand on one leg.)

Take care of them please so they will last a good while.

Thank you.

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES and Fun in 2024

BIN COLLECTIONS – Weds, 6th & 20th March for **Black & Brown** bins
Weds 13th & 27 March for **Green & Brown** bins
Green Skip:- 11.45 to 12.45 First 15mins at Bilberry End then Village Green 45 mins
The **Green** skip collection will be on the Saturday after the Black /Grey bin collection (so every 2 weeks). Scheduled to start on **Saturday 23 March**

Hadstock Parish Council

Next meeting **in the village hall** on **7th March and 28th March 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 old 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 *Can you hear them?*

Bell Ringing practice night at St Botolph's on Thursdays. Contact: Gilbert Rowlandson 01223 892882 or Janice Snell 01223 892338 - *Yes you can and the bells 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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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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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)

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Videos and podcasts in the Community Archive

We have a growing number of great videos in the Community Archive. You will find them at hadstock.org.uk. Click on 'Community Archive', then find the section on 'Other Media'.

Two of the more recent ones uploaded were recorded at the Crocky evenings held last year, the 50th anniversary of the Hadstock Society. She entertained us with stories of village life, houses and their residents during her first 50 years in the village. Capturing the social history of our community this way is an important part of the remit of the Society and online videos of such events are an excellent way of achieving this.



*A second evening with Crocky
– the video from 15th
November 2023*

If you would like to see village life in Hadstock 40 years ago, you can do no better than viewing the award-winning film by Donald Stewart, 'Environment in Danger'. This was produced for showing to the 1981 Stansted Inquiry on passenger expansion and is a lovely record of people, events and places in Hadstock at that time. Do check it out.

In 2020, we celebrated 1000 years of heritage since the consecration of our wonderful St Botolph's church. We believe this happened in 1020 and that King Cnut was present. There were many events and outputs from this year of celebration.

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These are described in an introductory video by Paula Griffiths and include three excellent sound podcasts created by young people of the Parish, in which they interview residents and share their own views on living in a rural village. There are 17 poems too, from Chaucer to modern times, each read by a village resident, a collection chosen to reflect rural life by Maggie Hartley.

Should you want to learn about beekeeping, Tony Handley explains his hobby to us, and if you have an interest in archaeology, you will enjoy the video of our famous St Botolph's north door being removed for dating by dendrochronology in 2003.



*'Picnic on the Green'
– the video celebrating the
coronation of
King Charles III,
7th May 2023.*

There are also short videos of two Hadstock street parties held to commemorate Royal events. These are William and Kate's wedding in 2011 and Charles's coronation last year. Both are great examples of videos which captured the party atmosphere of the village on such occasions.

So, if you have time to spare, don't want to watch TV and have your tablet or phone with you, just visit the archive and try some of these videos and sound podcasts. You will learn a lot about Hadstock, its history and its people.

Richard Dolby
Hadstock Society

Book Club Report

Home from Home - by George Alagiah

This is a reflective autobiography by the much-loved BBC journalist George Alagiah. It is a journey of a young boy from Sri Lanka who moved to Ghana then went to an English boarding school for his education.

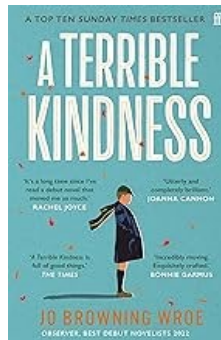
He gives his personal experience of being part of a multi-cultural society in the early 2000's. It is an observation that looks at segregation, integration, racism and race relations from both sides. He talks about how he felt very English in a foreign land.

On his return to Sri Lanka to visit his extended family he felt very detached amongst them, feeling like an immigrant in his own country, as he had indoctrinated himself into British culture and Britain felt more like his home.

An enjoyable easy read.

Denise Wells

Our next book is **A Terrible Kindness** by Jo Browning Wroe





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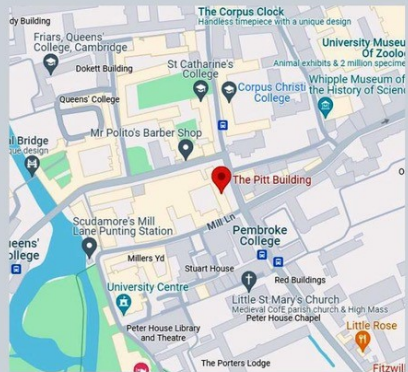
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Hamish McIlwrick

Hamish McIlwrick bought his house in The Row in 1969, while working for Cambridge University Press. He worked for them in New York from 1970 - 1972. Before moving into his house in 1975 Hamish spent plenty of time in Hadstock and so began 50 years involvement in Hadstock village life. Hamish became one of the most well-known and respected people in Hadstock, devoting a huge amount of his time and energy to very many aspects of life here, as well as in Saffron Walden and beyond.



Back in the 1970's, the pond between St. Botolph's and the Walden Road was completely overgrown. One of Hamish's first projects was to help clear it out and restore it to being an attractive village pond. He was proud of this and especially so, when flowers appeared on the water.

Hamish was a great walker and was a member of the Ramblers' Association. He loved being outdoors and walked miles along the various footpaths in and around Hadstock and further afield. He could often be seen, with a hook or secateurs in hand, keeping these footpaths clear and accessible for other walkers to enjoy. Hamish many times led the Parish Boundaries walk. The tradition of a 'Beating the Bounds' walk, every 10 years, dates back to at least Anglo-Saxon times. Hamish also enjoyed holidays when he walked international paths.

Another outdoor project that Hamish was tirelessly involved with for years was promoting the Essex County Council Flint - Walling courses. He worked very closely with other villagers in renovating the churchyard wall, as well as walls further down at Beam Ends Cottage and Hadstock Hall. His work has been described by Tim Boyden as being 'quietly undertaken' when he cleared large areas and then involved himself in the renovations. Hamish was a member of the Friends of St Botolph's Church Committee for many years.

Hamish took a leading part in the 2005 archaeological dig in Banton's Field in the search for evidence of a medieval village next to St. Botolph's. He organised several annual field walks and the finds, plus those found in 2005, have been sorted and catalogued.

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Hamish was associated with the Hadstock Society for 41 years, during which time, he was twice Chair for over 10 years. Richard Dolby, the current Chair, paid tribute to his meticulous note - keeping skills due, no doubt, to his time at Cambridge University Press. These notes are now recorded in the village historical documents. During this time, Hamish led a symposium on *The Battle of Assandun*, which remains an ongoing project.

Hamish was on the Parish Council for a number of years, twice as Chairman, and was involved in very many projects, including construction of the beautiful Hadstock Sign on the Village Green in 2005 and the extensions to the children's play area on the Recreation Ground in 2007. Hamish was expert in finding grant money from the District and County Councils.

In another project he and others recorded the inscriptions on the headstones in the graveyard and the memorials inside St Botolph's. (This document is still available on the Village website for people researching their family history). His 2015 Register of Members' Interests, noted that Hamish worked with 13 Institutions or Associations! One of these was his membership of the Hadstock Village Hall Management Committee. Amongst other duties for this, he quietly carried out many maintenance jobs.

Hamish undertook a lot of supportive work for Saffron Walden Museum and the Historical Society, the Town Library Society and he was Chair of Saffron Walden Archive Society. Hamish was a supporter of *Sustainable Uttlesford*.

Further afield, Hamish was also a supporter of *Friends of the Earth* and *Global Justice Now*. Perhaps unknown to many, Hamish was a great supporter of the charity *Emmaus*, a charity supporting homeless and former homeless people. Locally based in Green End, Waterbeach, Cambridge, where there is accommodation, a workshop and shop and a café – where homeless people can find a place to live and the confidence to work.

Next time we are on a Hadstock footpath, let us remember Hamish taking his hook and secateurs with him on a walk and making the pathways easier for the rest of us. Hamish made such a huge contribution to our Hadstock community and others, in so many ways, for so many years, in his own quiet way.

Hadstock Magazine – ‘The Price Rise’ in 2 Episodes

Episode 1 – The Decision! Dah Dahh Daahh....!

It was a dark and stormy night when the HPCC met at Glebe House. The Committee of 6 sat around the table by candlelight. (No don't be melodramatic, - they did have a torch)

It was time for the magazine to be discussed. The Treasurer said " It's costing us a lot. It's no good - It will have to go up!"

There was a sharp intake of breath and then they all said, "It will have to go up" "It will have to go up" in turn. So that was it. It will have to go up. From £10.00 for 11 issues to £15.00 for 11 issues. Payment by the end of April please.

Episode 1.5- The Thinking

It was a dark and gloomy day (we have had a lot of those recently, haven't we?) in the Editors office, the Editor was thinking. What was she thinking you might ask? Well, "How Much has the Mag gone up in the 10 years since I started being the Ed?" It was a tough ask as no one was listening.

Episode 1.75 – The Calculating

In 2014 the Mag cost £5.00.for 11 issues. In 2015,16,17,18,19, and 2020 it cost £7.00, still for 11 issues. Then in 2021,22 and 2023 the Mag cost £10.00 for 11 issues still. Now in 2024 the PCC needs the price to go up to £15.00, yes still for 11 issues. So, in the whole 10 years since I started the editing the Magazine the price has gone up by £10.00 so is that the equivalent of it going up a £1 each year in that time? (Can you tell I listen to 'More or Less' on the Radio 4 ?) Well I think it does mean that and still for 11 issues. That doesn't seem so bad, does it?

Episode 2 – The Next Decision – is yours.

Over to you we will let you know the future of the Mag as soon as we know. Thanks for Listening (No this is not the Radio – Doh!) Sue – Ed

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Chilly conditions often greet us as we step outside in the early months of the year. The old saying - "When the wind is out of the East, tis never good for man nor beast" - certainly rings true. Before the advent of broadcast weather forecasts, people had to rely on checking nearby weathervanes for the wind direction. These were usually found on tall buildings such as church spires, while Audley End House has gilded weathervanes mounted on eight corner turrets. Today, a variety of designs can be seen.

Robert McFarlane's books of old words include about fifty that describe winds, storms or clouds. One Essex term he mentions is *aigrish*, used to describe a sharp cutting wind. The East Anglian word for a strong sudden gust is *gussock*, or *twitchy* for an unsteady wind.

Forecasting the weather for those who till the soil is helpful as weeks of westerly winds can bring relentless rain causing waterlogging of the ground, while cold easterly winds dry out the soil and retard growth.

Currently, the UK Meteorological Office operates over 200 official automated sites, each recording accurate measurements of temperature, wind speed and direction, and the amount of precipitation. These readings are processed by powerful computers and the results enable forecasters to make predictions about future weather conditions. Local recording sites include the Cambridge Botanic Gardens and Stansted Airport. By searching the Met Office website <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk> you can check the local weather forecast to help plan your day.

Many individuals or schools are interested in operating a personal weather station and the Met Office is keen to enhance the weather observations network; it asks those who have a personal weather station, manual or automatic, to send data to its Weather Observations Website, WOW, at <https://wow.metoffice.gov.uk>. Tricia Moxey,

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Some Information from the Police.

When and how to contact the Police

We're offering more ways of reporting non-emergency crime and anti-social behaviour through the digital 101 service on our [website](#).

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Is this helpful? Let me know what you think please. Sue - Ed
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Looking Forward to the Summer??



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Don't Forget the Litter Pick

Hadstocks' Spring Clean

On Sunday 17 March

Meet at 10.00 am on the Village Green

Please put a note in your diaries to help with the annual litter pick on Sunday 17th March at 10.00 hrs – meet on the Village Green.

This well- established (and very satisfying) event has volunteers walking along the verges of the village roads collecting the detritus deposited by passing motorists – to help maintain Hadstock in a neat and clean condition.

The more people we have, the quicker we finish!

Picking grabbers and large plastic bags will be provided (and we have some Hi Viz jackets available – but please bring your own if you have some) Protective gloves are also advisable.

Thank You – we hope to see you then.

Keith

Cllr. Keith Nuttall

Chair, Hadstock Parish Council

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