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Beginnings – Editors Page

Dear Readers, Happy New Year 2025! -

Well, I hope you are Readers not just households who have the Magazine but never open it except perhaps to check which bins to put out.

Sorry I'm not really shouting, but it does take quite a lot of blood sweat and tears to produce the Magazine each month and for it to be printed by Oliver Plumridge (when I send it in late) and for the deliverers who kindly distribute it through your doors when they have other things to do as well. It would be great if some more of you could send in some articles, photos, poems or comments, ideas, book reviews? cuddly toys even. Tell me/ us what you think about what's going on in the world or in Saffron Walden or Cambridge or even Hadstock. Just maybe share something with the village.

Thanks and have a happy month. With best wishes

Sue

Next month there will be something about Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPAs)

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Parish Church of St Botolph's February 2025



Jeremy writes: - February is often one of those nondescript months, falling as it does between the holidays of Christmas and Easter, between the depths of winter and the hopes of spring. Thankfully, then, there is St. Valentine's Day. A day to celebrate love and relationships; a day to say, "I love you."

It's also the date by which our Team Wedding Preparation Day has occurred. We invite all the couples who have booked weddings across the Team for the year; updating them on details; reminding them of things still to be sorted; and, most importantly, helping them to prepare as a couple and spiritually, for this great occasion. Weddings are one of the parts of my role I enjoy the most. They're times of excitement and hope, when a huge commitment is made, with the determination that it will be made to work. Of course, I'm not naïve, and I have been a priest long enough to know of couples I have helped marry who are now divorced. A Bible reading often chosen by couples for their wedding is from the First letter to the Corinthians, chapter 13. This reading speaks of the nature of love; its cost, its reward, its constancy in times good and bad. It recognises that love is not easy, nor automatic, but that it is nevertheless life enhancing and ultimately fulfilling for those who will nurture its growth.

Weddings are fun, but they're only a step along a journey which may see love grow to its full maturity. The love a couple have on their wedding day is very rarely a mature love. It is full of naïve expectations. There's nothing wrong with that, so long as the couple do not confuse the growth and maturing of their love over the coming years with merely a loss of that first joy, for joy and love are two quite different things. Joy, as with sadness, comes for a moment, and then is gone. Love is long term and must be nurtured if it is to grow.

So, if you are going to celebrate in some way on St. Valentine's Day; whether it is with your spouse, your partner, or if you are at the *(continued on next page)*

Rector's letter continued

beginnings of relationship which may lead... who knows where... enjoy your celebration; enjoy the joy; and also pledge yourselves afresh in whatever commitment you have made to the labour of love which is the nurturing of love.

The Church also offers support, including a service to renew marriage vows, which some couples find helpful in growing their relationship further or in helping restore something that has been lost. Give me a call if you would like to know more. Love, like faith, is a journey. As Christians, we journey with the one who is perfect love.

Best wishes Jeremy

Jeremy Trew is Team Rector for Saffron Walden and Villages Team Area Dean for Saffron Walden, part of the Diocese of Chelmsford His address is:-

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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.

Meeting Dates Thursday 27 February at 7.45pm Thursday 27 March at 7.45pm

All Parish Council Meetings in the Village Hall.

The public are always welcome and have the opportunity to raise any issue with the Council.



SERVICES AT ST BOTOLPH'S February 2025

Sunday service this month is at 9.00am



Sunday 2nd February

Sunday 9th February

Sunday 16th February

Holy Communion Led by Andy Colebrooke No Service in St Botolph's Home Team Service Led by Tim and Rob No Service in St Botolph's

Sunday 23rd February

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.

The Friends of St Botolph's Church is a registered charity so any donations are eligible for Gift Aid. **Charity number 1096540.** Lou Symes Thompson, Chair

St. Botolph's Our village church.

How nice it was to see so many people in church for our Light of the World service on Christmas Eve. The church was full, showing that the village, does enjoy a Christmas Service bringing us altogether to start our Christmas celebrations. Up until fifteen



minutes before the service began there was doubt how many would attend! Then the doors opened, and a stream of people came in, quickly filling the pews.

Our church has been in place for over 1000 years and has seen many milestones in our history. Below is an abbreviated timeline of events during our church's lifetime.

- 1020 : Cnut's minster consecrated 1065 : Westminster Abbey consecrated 1066 : Battle of Hastings 1085 : Domesday Book Commissioned 1092 : Lincoln Cathedral Consecrated 1093 : Winchester Cathedral Dedicated 1215 : Magna Carta Signed 1535 : Henry VIII becomes Head of Church in England, 1535 : 1st English Translation of the Bible printed 1559 : Elizabeth I crowned 1580 : Drake completes the first circumnavigation of the globe 1588 : Spanish Armada defeated 1603 : Elizabeth I dies 1605 : The Gunpowder Plot 1603 : James VI of Scotland crowned James I of England. 1649 : Cromwell Declares England a Commonwealth 1653 : Oliver Cromwell becomes 'Lord Protector' 1665 : Great Plague of London 1666 : Great Fire of London begins 1697 : Wren's St Pauls' Opens 1745 : British national anthem 'God Save The King' sung for the first time
- 1770 : Captain Cook lands in Australia 1787 : First convicts sent to Australia 1803 : The First Public Railway Opens 1804 : First Steam Locomotive Runs 1805 : Battle of Trafalgar 1815 : Battle of Waterloo 1837 : Victoria becomes Queen 1842 : Victoria - First Sovereign to take the train 1876 : Alexander Graham Bell makes 1st telephone call 1896 : First Modern Olympics **1901** : Marconi sends 1st transatlantic wireless message 1901 : Queen Victoria dies 1903 : Wright Brothers first flight 1912 : Scott reaches the South Pole 1914 : Start of World War I 1916 : First Day of the Somme 1917 : Russian Revolution **1918** : Women get the Vote 1918 : R A F Founded 1918 : Tsar Nicholas and Family Killed 1918 : End of the First World War 1918 : Women Can Vote in General Election 1922 : BBC Formed 1924 : First Broadcast by British Monarch 1926 : First 2-Way Transatlantic Phone Call

1928 : The discovery of penicillin 1953 : Hillary climbs Everest 1929 : BBC begins TV Transmissions 1957 : Sputnik Launched 1936 : Edward VIII abdicates 1961 : First Man in Space 1939 : Britain declares War on Germany -1969 : Concorde Flies for first time WWII begins **1971** : Decimal currency is launched in **1940** : The Battle of Britain and the Blitz Britain **1945** : Nazi Germany surrenders - VE Day 1990 : Channel Tunnel opens 1948 : National Health Service established **1991** : End of the Soviet Union **1950** : First Non-Stop Transatlantic Jet 2003 : Last Commercial Concorde Flight Flight 2022 : Queen Elizabeth II died **1952** : Elizabeth II becomes Queen 2023 : King Charles III crowned

Obviously, there are many more important dates that could be mentioned, not forgetting family occasions. Perhaps others would like to fill in the gaps? From King Cnut to the present-day King Charles III Our church has seen the reigns of 44 rulers.

Even if you do not have any religious callings, please help us to keep our village church alive. We do need help, not just financially (the village fete helps so much to bring in much needed funds) but we are always looking for new ideas to raise more. The Friends of St. Botolph's are very generous to our needs.

At the present time the church is struggling. We do not have a priest of our own, the team ministry of Saffron Walden provides us with a Priest on the first Sunday of each month to conduct a communion service. The third Sunday of the month we have a home team service which is taken by people from the village.

Everyone is always welcome.



The church is open daily from 8.00am until dusk please come in and just sit and enjoy the quiet serenity of so much history in one building. You may hear the church bells on a Thursday, usually in the evening but during the winter months we have been practicing in the afternoon. New ringers are welcome. Volunteers for flower arranging and cleaning the church are always required. You do not need to attend our services to be a part of these much-needed teams. When walking to and from the church look up at the magnificent building and think of all the historical events that have happened during the life span of St. Botolph's. We need to look after this for our future generations. Janice

Church Electoral Roll

This must be renewed every six years and a renewal is due in 2025. A renewal requires a fresh application from each person who wishes to be on the roll. The envisaged process for this is:

Early February – An enrolment form will be delivered to each person presently on the roll.

Early MarchThe duly completed enrolment forms will be collected.Late MarchThe new electoral roll will be published.

Anybody requiring further information, or having interest in being included on the electoral roll, can contact me on <u>martin@hannam.de</u>

Martin Hannam Electoral Roll Officer of the PCC

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It is now the time of year to renew your subscription to the Village magazine. Thus will continue to be £15 for 11 issues and it would be appreciated if this can be by direct bank transfer. The account details as below

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Hadstock Village Hall 100 Club		
DECEMBER 2024 Winners		
No.81 Toni Coles	£25	
No.03 Sue & Rick Albrow	£25	
No.00 Lizzie Crawley	£75	
No.46 Derek Bushell	£75	

JANUARY 2025 Winners

No.12	Andrew Gittins	£25	
No.62	Barbara Bye	£25	Congratulations! to All

Hadstock Village 'Gets-Together'

on the last Friday each month in the Village hall.

Next one is February 28th

6.00-11.00pm at the Village Hall with a bar, with Nethergate Brewery ale, wine, spirits, soft drinks, crisps, nibbles and sometimes a food truck (watch Hadstock info for details)

Card machine available for payments (or cash) It's a chance to meet up with your neighbours and friends! Hope to see you there!

Art Classes in Hadstock for adults on Tuesday mornings and Friday mornings and afternoons in termtime; Sundays once a month, and children's' afterschool art during termtime on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact Sonia 07890 50916

Are you wanting help to get fitter this New Year?

Then, there is a <u>strength and balance</u> class in Linton at the Village hall there, as part of the 'Healthy You' programme. If you are interested call 0330050083 or <u>email</u> <u>Healthyyou@healthyyou.org.uk</u>

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES and Fun in 2024/25

BIN COLLECTIONS – Weds 5th February for <u>Black</u> &Brown bins Weds 12thand 26th February for <u>Green</u> & Brown bins <u>Green Skip:- No details as yet.</u>

Hadstock Parish Council

Next meeting is in the village hall on Thursday 27th February at 7.45pm 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 <u>hadstocksociety21@gmail.co.uk</u>

Hadstock Village Hall see ad in this magazine for how to hire it. And the video on the Hadstock Village website – <u>www.hadstock.org.uk</u> -Village Hall

Hadstock Silver Bandmeets on Tuesdays at the Village Hall for practiceContact: details of new contact asapYou can hear them!Bell Ringing practicenight at St Botolph's on Thursdays. Contact: GilbertRowlandson 01223 892882 or Janice Snell 01223 892338 -Listen out

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:Idhscambs@gmail.co

CANASTA	There is a Canasta Group in Hadstock and they are back in
action now!	If you are interested in joining then please call Irene on 01223
891 385.	Players and Beginners welcome.

ASHDON PRIMARY SCHOOL - Ashdon, Essex CB10 2HB - School Office - 01799 584219 - Website <u>www.ashdon.essex.sch.uk</u>. 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 Ashdon School has a new Head Ms Reynecke-Reybould

> <u>Saffron Walden Rotary</u> <u>Christmas Celebration – Military Wives Choir, Wimbish</u>

In the Magazine's last issue there was a notice of the evening's entertainment to be provided by the Choir on the 11th December. This was arranged by Saffron Walden Rotary and on behalf of them I wanted to thank all from the village who supported this event in the Church.

All there very much enjoyed listening to and joining in with the Choir as they sang a range of seasonal songs and carols. This all made for a firstrate prelude to the upcoming seasonal activities. **Tim Boyden**

Hadstock Elf Mail

Thank you, Hadstock, for your amazing generosity. We raised £400 which has been donated to the NICU at the Rosie Hospital.



Another fantastic year, and we really appreciate your support.

Back next year!

The Hadstock Elves - Matt, Isabel, Dan and Harry

'Thank You'

THANK YOU to everyone who joined in the Carol singing on the village Green and who contributed so generously. We made £170, to be shared between EACH and Duchenne UK.

Great work everyone!

Laura



Carol Singing on the village Green – Picture by Allyson Short from her window. Sent in by Amanda Davies. – Thanks Ladies.

Uttlesford Foodbank

https://uttlesford.foodbank.org.uk/ Uttlesford Foodbank provides emergency food and care parcels to individuals and families during times of crisis. It operates out of a warehouse in Shire Hill Saffron Walden. They are



always looking for donations of food or money and volunteers. Most of the Supermarkets in S.Walden and Haverhill have a food donations box If you need help look at https://uttlesford.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/ or

phone 07531 436335.Local contact Lynne Smith - 4 Moules Lane, <u>Tel:07707</u> <u>766197</u>

<u>Haverhill food bank</u> 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: <u>info@reachhaverhill.org.uk</u>

Website: reachhaverhill.org.uk - for more information



Kemi Badenoch MP and Leader of the Opposition

holds regular advice surgeries offering help and support for local residents. If you would like to contact Kemi, you can email <u>kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk</u> or call 0207 219 1943

Hadstock's Local District Councillor - Ashdon Ward: Councillor John Moran of the Conservative Party Contact :-<u>cllrmoran@uttlesford.gov.uk</u> or tel. 07496006467 or you can write to him c/o Uttlesford District Council London Road, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 4ER

Speedwatch update

Speedwatch has been operating in Hadstock for over 10 years with a team of volunteers, some of whom have been contributing since the start. We are under no illusions that our presence will, at a stroke, stop drivers speeding through the village - there is unfortunately no magic wand that can do this - but our view is that having these sessions is better than doing nothing - and it is clear that drivers certainly slow down once they know we are there. We hope also that regular appearances will make drivers more cautious when transiting the village. The new PCSO in Saffron Walden has additionally already conducted a speed check on the road (and several drivers were caught speeding) and he has promised me that these spot checks will continue. I have looked at the data for 2024 and it seems we had 21 sessions where speeders were recorded and a total of 136 vehicles were recorded as exceeding 35 mph (the police recommended level for action) and information about such vehicles was then sent to the police co-ordinator for official warning letters to be sent to the miscreants.

I'd like to thank all the Speedwatch volunteers for their time and efforts in 2024 - in a variety of weathers - new members to boost numbers are always welcome !

Keith

Cllr Keith R Nuttall Chair, Hadstock Parish Council

Thank you to all the Hadstock Speedwatchers for helping keep us safe Sue -Ed



Sustainability and the role of Bees

The Hadstock Society Community Archive, which is accessible from the Hadstock Village website, is a

rich source of information on the people, places and events in the Parish. With its historic documents, memories of local people of times gone-by, and a variety of parish records, it provides valuable information that generates a sense of pride in our community.

With the important theme of Sustainability which is very much a village focus at present, it is instructive to research the archive to seek out relevant documents which may indicate some of our history and experience of this theme. In so doing I quickly found an interesting article and video of one of our residents, Dr Tony Handley, and an account of his long experience of bee keeping in the village. I enjoyed talking to Tony, having originally met him and his wife, Jennie, at his excellent display of bee-keeping at the Hadstock village fete, and looking at the possibilities for increasing the village's support for bees. Why are bees important in the ecosystem?



Without them the whole ecosystem would collapse. Bees pollinate our wild trees, which then support other insects, which then support birds, bats, mammals and everything up the food chain *continued* with food and shelter. Their collection of nectar from flowers pollinates many valuable crops, such as oil seed rape, beans, fruit trees and soft fruit in our area. They thereby contribute to the agricultural economy.

It is not only hive bees which are vital for the pollination of trees and crops. The UK has some 250 different species of solitary, non-colonial bees, as well as social bees which form small colonies of only a few individuals. The latter include the different species of Bumble bees which are common in Hadstock in the summer.

One of the best ways in which a household can support the bee population is by planting bee-friendly flowers in gardens. The Cambridge University Botanic Gardens has an extended 'Bee Border' adjacent to the greenhouses, where a variety of flowering plants have been planted. Bees forage from early spring to the first frosts so the Bee Border has been planted to give a long season of interest and provide bees with a succession of food sources. Plants such as borage, foxglove, geranium varieties, salvias, asters, sedums, lavender etc. There is a free booklet provided which gives a comprehensive list of the flowering plants for gardens that are bee friendly.

https://www.botanic.cam.ac.uk/the-garden/gardens-plantings/bee-borders-2/

It is not only garden flowering plants that come under the theme of sustainability. Trees produce large amounts of nectar and pollen. The European Lime is one of the best, producing a pale-green honey, the Indian Horse chestnut, Buddleia varieties, Willows, wild cherry and plum are good. These are spring and summer flowering plants, but Ivy is popular with bees in the autumn. There are many more.

The autumn is the best time to plant trees. The final death of a tree provides a habitat for many beetles, woodpeckers and other species, so conserving nature in the wild. Pollination of trees by bees is clearly an integral part of this process and an important contributor to sustainability.

Peter Wiles

February Grape Hyacinths





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Hadstock Silver Band – Christmas Concert



Once again, our own Village Silver Band held a Christmas themed concert in the Church on the evening of Tuesday 17th December. The concert lasted well over an hour, after

which refreshments were available in the Village Hall all provided by members of the Band. This included a free raffle for prizes also provided by the Band members.

The concert was very well supported and enjoyed by villagers who rocked in their pews to the the playing of the Band. They are an accomplished group of players and very well worth supporting.



The Band in Christmas attire.



They make an amazing sound - enhanced by the acoustics of



St.Botolph's church. One or two solo players were able to demonstrate their talents with individual pieces. In between they play carols for us all to join in. The Band obviously enjoy this opportunity to play for the Village It was a very joyous start to the Christmas Season.

Look forward to it again next year. Thank you Hadstock Silver Band Sue-Ed

Sonare Choir in Hildersham Church

On Saturday 22nd March at 7.30pm is our third concert in support of the Friends of Holy Trinity Church, Hildersham.

This will be the professional vocal ensemble Sonare Choir, with one voice to a part, Soprano, Mezzo-Soprano, Tenor and Bass, singing un-accompanied. The title of their programme is `Elements` and includes works by Mozart and Britten as well as more popular and folk songs such as Linden Lea.



For more information contact Athene Hunt

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huntcam2015@gmail.com



Sustainable Hadstock News

January 25

Final call for Home Energy Surveys....and a great time to search out those cold spots and draughts with our thermal imaging camera

Winter activities Home Energy Surveys/EPC (Energy Performance Certificate)

Adrian, our Home Energy Champion, has completed over 25 Home Energy EPC+ surveys with very positive feedback. We are arranging more based on those who have requested one. If you would like one and haven't put in a request, please contact the Home & Energy Team (Ian Jennings, Peter Jarritt, John Lockton and see the website).

Jonathan Ashe has also carried out two 'traditional house' retrofit surveys. We will organise a session focused on what can be done to old/listed buildings.

Our thermal imaging camera The thermal imaging camera is now making its way around the village. If you would like to borrow the thermal imaging camera please contact Peter Jarritt or the team through our web site or email (<u>sustainablehadstock@gmail.com</u>)

February Event: Everything you wanted to know about solar panels, home batteries and solar panels.

We are holding a Sustainable Hadstock session at the start of the Community Pub Evening on February 28, 6.30 to 7.30pm.Come along and explore if solar panels, a home battery and a heat pump are for you – and ask all your questions.We will have green technology experts to provide the current state of these technologies and also you will hear first hand experience from Hadstock residents.

There will be plenty of time to ask your questions on any of your Home Energy issues. The Sustainable Hadstock Team

www.hadstock.org.uk/sustainablehadstock



February Event Everything you wanted to know about Solar Panels, Home Batteries and Heat Pumps

Hear from renewable energy engineers and your neighbours' experiences

February 28th in the Village Hall (6.30 – 7.30pm)

We have had many questions about the new technologies which support our home energy needs and reduce costs.

What are they? How do they work? How much do they cost? How do I implement them? What have other people experienced?

This is your chance to ask all those questions – and to hear first hand experiences from householders in Hadstock.

We are delighted that two renewable energy engineers, Alicia Moersdorf and William Rouse of Home Energy Innovations, are joining to give us their personal views and in-depth experience of installing integrated home energy solutions.

The event will be run alongside the Community Pub evening -so come along and have a drink and a chat . Look out for future events – in the Hadstock Magazine, on Hadstockinfo and on our website

https://www.hadstock.org.uk/sustainablehadstock/

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