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Beginnings – Editors Page

Dear Readers,

Isn't it good having all these sunny days to enjoy and no rain or cold wind to bother us. Those of you who have been walking around the village may have noticed a brand-new bench seat has been put in the churchyard. This is the memorial bench for Hamish McIlwrick, who died last year. Full story and pictures next month but you can try it out before then.

The Village and surroundings are looking really pretty at the moment with the Blackthorne blossom now out and still lots of daffodils and spring flowers around like these bluebells which seem to appear from nowhere each Spring at the front of our house. It is all such a contrast to the pictures we see daily of the war in Ukraine and Gaza and now the earthquake in Myanmar. What can we do? Any ideas?



I wish a Happy Easter to you all.

Sue

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Parish Church of St Botolph's April 2025

Jeremy writes: -

This year Easter is late, which means a long spring term for the schools, followed by a slightly-shorter but-still-oh-so-long summer term. Will teachers and children survive these lengthy stretches? The date of

Easter varies so much because it is tied to a lunar calendar which functions quite differently from the solar one, we are more used to. Sorry if this variable date for Easter causes you problems. Sadly, this is not something we can blame on people half way around the world, as the current way of calculating the date of Easter was settled at no less an august place as Whitby, North Yorkshire, in the late seventh century. The arguments thrown about at the time as to when this holiest of festivals should be celebrated had little to do with piety and humble religion, and a great deal to do with politics. Mind you, the very first Easter had more to do with politics than religion. The people who campaigned for the death of Jesus did so, not because they had tested his claims against the teachings of their faith and found him wanting, but because they feared the political fallout if he turned out to be who he claimed to be.

"When people tell me that Christianity is not political, I ask them which version of the Bible they have been reading," said Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Christianity has been politically active for all its two thousand years; whether that has been as a political movement, campaigning for the abolition of slavery and the relief of the poor; or, as a tool of the power brokers in the campaigns of the crusading popes and kings and in examples such as Northern Ireland, Israel/Palestine and Ukraine today.
see next page

Jeremy continues

To say that religion and politics do not mix is to say that either politics is not concerned with the fundamental needs of people, or that religion is other worldly, and only that. Jesus demonstrated that God was willing to get into his world and get his hands dirty. He was not afraid to be bloodied in order to make a point and broker a solution concerning the greatest of human problems – our guilt and loneliness. Christian churches light a new candle each Easter because it reminds us that God's light shone through our darkest act – the murder of an innocent man. The difference that event makes is far from other worldly. And so is Christianity.

Best wishes Jeremy

Jeremy Trew is Team Rector for Saffron Walden and Villages Team



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You can read more of Jeremy's Trew's past letters on the St Mary's website www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org where there are other interesting items too.

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.



SERVICES AT ST BOTOLPH'S
April 2025

Sunday services this month are at
9.00am



Sunday 6 th April	Holy Communion Led by Lynda Sebbage
Sunday 13 th April	No Service in St Botolph's
Sunday 20 th April	EASTER DAY Led by Andy Colebrooke
Sunday 27 th April	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 9.00 am and 4.00 pm for private prayer.

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.

Hadstock - News, - Events, - Happenings, Reports



Hadstock Village Hall 100 Club

Here are the MARCH 100 CLUB Winners 2025-

No.29 Malcolm Seward £25

No.99 Gill Boyden £25

Congratulations! to you both and....

A very 'Big Thank You' to all the Village Hall 100 Club members for their subscriptions for the coming year's Draw from the Village Hall Committee

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
Ashdon School Head:Ms Reynecke-Reybould**

Hadstock Village Gets Together on Pub Nights on the last Friday each month 6.00-11.00pm at the Village Hall with a bar, 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!

Next one is on [Friday 25 April - Nethergate 'Good Elf 'ale'](#)

Might see you there....

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES and Fun in 2025

BIN COLLECTIONS – Weds 2nd, 16th and 30th April for Black & Brown bins and Weds 9th and 23rd 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/Brown bin collection, so 5th then 19th April

Hadstock Parish Council

Next meeting in the village hall on Friday 25th April at 6.30 to 7.30. This is the Annual Parish Meeting 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.co.uk

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

Hadstock Silver Band meets on Tuesdays at the Village Hall for practice Contact:

Bell Ringing practice at St Botolph's is Thursdays. Contact: Gilbert Rowlandson 01223 892882 or Janice Snell 01223 892338 –[Listen out](#)

CLOSE BY

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.CO

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/how-to-get-](https://uttlesford.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/how-to-get-help/)

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phone 07531 436335. Local contact Lynne Smith - 4 Moules Lane, [Tel:07707](tel:07707766197)

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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

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 50916

Hadstock Parish Council - Hadstock Litter Pick - Sunday 16th March

Thank you very much to everyone who helped out, clearing up the rubbish on the village roadsides. A good turn-out of people ensured a good (sic) collection of rubbish - amounting to 15 bin bags full and a roll of underlay. We have also reported the fly-tipping at the junction with Chalky Lane to Uttlesford Waste Services. A special mention to Ines for the fabulous 'work of art' poster highlighting the session - thank you!

The village roadsides look much better - and we hope they stay that way



Some of the Litter Pickers

The Spoils



Well Done Everyone!

Calling all **table tennis** players.....The village hall owns a super table tennis table that is for hire inside the village hall. If you have a family or friends gathering coming up, or as an idea to keep the children occupied during the school holidays, it is available for just the cost of hiring the village hall, £12 per hour for village residents, £15 for non-residents. To book log onto the village hall website and use the booking form. So hadstock.org.uk and then click in the Village Hall link. If anybody is interested in re-starting a weekly table tennis club, or would like to play/hire the hall for occasional games of table tennis, please contact Jane Jennings Tel 01223 891963

Hadstock Community Pub



Steve, Peter and Derek

Three of the many Barmen and Barwomen who serve the drinks at the Pub nights, modelling their new 'Hadstock Community Pub' Aprons.

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL. MARCH 2025

Many of you will have seen the repair, painting and double glazing of the windows in the village Hall. It's easy to forget what a bad state of the Victorian metal windows so here are some before and after



photographs plus one of the intrepid workmen who bleached, scraped, washed, repaired, sealed and repainted the windows before the double glazing was fitted.



The intrepid workmen

Exterior window cleaning, repairing and repainting will start when the weather is better.

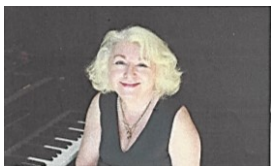
More news on the next page

Exciting news!

We were informed last week that the Zero Carbon Grant has been approved in full and VH will receive £17,234 towards the installation of solar panels and the associated support infrastructure. The VH is expecting to contribute £1500 to the project.

More updates to follow, as the process takes shape.

Hadstock Village Hall Committee.



Claire Vane wrote

**Join us for a piano recital in aid of
Melanoma Focus.**

I am playing for the malignant melanoma charity, **Melanoma Focus**, on **Saturday 26th April** with a

wonderful young pianist, Zak Cebon. We are going to perform some two pianos repertoire – Mozart's one and only Piano Sonata for two Pianos K.448 and the Saint-Saens Variations on a Theme by Beethoven, which is not often played but is lovely. Chrishall Church is a lovely concert environment. We are arranging wine and soft drinks during the interval and all the funds we make will be sent to the charity for this very worthy cause.

There is a huge amount of ignorance about the skin. Animesh Patel, Consultant Plastic Surgeon, at Addenbrookes, will be talking for a few minutes at the start of the concert on preventing melanoma and how to react to skin changes. Huge thanks to Animesh. 1066 Pianos have kindly given us a second piano for the evening which we hugely appreciate.

Claire Vane Piano Concert *continued*

We will be playing some much-loved solo repertoire (much loved by us, but also probably by the audience)

Some of you have already bought tickets; many thanks. For those who have not, the concert is on 26th April and the details are below. The address of the Church is **Chrishall Holy Trinity Church, Royston, SG8 8QU** and there is plenty of parking.

For those of you who cannot come, you might want to buy tickets and we will stream or send you a recording.

For those of you who prefer, donations can be made at this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/mf-recital>

For those of you who would like to come and have not yet bought tickets, all you have to do is drop me a note on clairevanepersonal@gmail.com telling me how many tickets you would like and I will add you to the list.

The bank details for remitting funds, in advance, please are:

Ms CL Vane

Sort code 20-32-00

Account 50088390

We do hope to see you there.

All best wishes,

Claire

The Green Team – tackling the Recreation Ground

The **Hadstock Green Team** is a term used for activities improving our nature environment across the Village – from clearing paths, to dredging ponds, to planting new hedges and trees.

Anyone can get involved – we use HadstockInfo, the Hadstock Magazine and emails to let people know what is going on. So please keep a look out or contact Alan Wells or John Lockton.



We have plans to increase the biodiversity of the Rec through larger wildflower areas, planting more trees and hedges, encouraging Owls, introducing a nature area - whilst maintaining the space for Village events.

On a Sunday morning, a Green Team started clearing areas of the Rec that haven't been touched for many years – lots of cutting back brambles, clearing overgrown areas and collecting together lots of fallen branches.

Thanks to an international team of: Stacey, Conrad, Sue, Susan, Jane, Peter, Will, Alan and John.

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

Contact John Lockton (07802 751922) or Alan Wells (07704 186802) to add yourself to our volunteer Village Green Team!

See the **Sustainable Hadstock website** for more information and pictures.

Thanks

John & Alan

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Commented [SA1]:

Many of us have walked from Moules Lane, through the Recreation Ground and then along the ridge path to the high point of Hawes Hill, which overlooks Linton. For many months of the year, the hill is a great spot to listen for skylarks.

Two hundred years ago the field layout on and around Hawes Hill looked very different. In 1800, the area between the Linton and Bartlow roads was divided into shots, each with a name and containing a series of parallel strips, Figure 1.

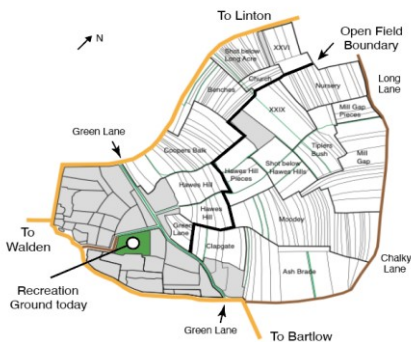


Fig 1. Land between the Linton and Bartlow roads in 1800AD, showing 8 named shots to the west (part of Townsend Field) and 10 shots to the east (part of Middle Field).

There were 51 shots and 520 strips in the Parish spread across three large open fields, located mainly in the north half of the Parish where the soil was more easily ploughed. The Parish had a 3-field crop rotation system with one fallow each year.

The strips were typically 15-25m wide, with an average area of 1.4 acres and were usually aligned with the local land slope. In those days, an ox team was capable of ploughing around an acre a day.

Around 20 individuals, both resident in Hadstock but also living in Linton and elsewhere, owned or rented the 520 strips. Most had 10-15 strips in each of the 3 fields of the Parish.

Hawes Hill appears to have been named after the Hawes family which, around 1800, lived in Mallyons Cottage, Bartlow Road, but oddly, the censuses of the time show that the Hawes were a relatively small landowner.

Access to the shots and strips around Hawes Hill for the plough teams was via a series of tracks and lanes (green lines) which are also shown in Fig 1. Green Lane looks to have been a key route for the main farms involved, as was the central track running from Green Lane to Chalky Lane.

Is Green Lane visible today? No, but there is a portion which passes through the small copse near the Bartlow Road. However, when we examine laser images of today's landscape, the line of the original Green Lane is revealed, Fig 2. It is about 50 metres from northern edge of the recreation ground, leading west to the Linton Road and East to the Bartlow Road.

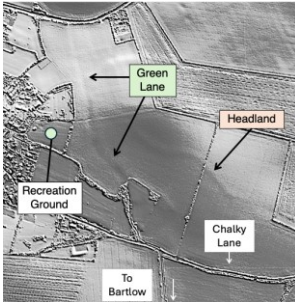


Fig 2. A LiDAR image of Hawes Hill area, showing the original track of Green Lane and its location relative to our Recreation Ground. Another linear feature to note is the low ridge (headland) created when ploughs and oxen turned on

You can find the illustrated story of Hadstock's open fields and their inclosure in 1805, in the Community Archive on the Parish website under Landscape/Farming (Landscape History of Hadstock Parish, Part 3:The 1801 Hadstock Inclosure Act).



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 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 :- cllrjmoran@uttlesford.gov.uk or tel. 07496006467

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

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– Last Reminder – Thanks to all who have already paid.



Looking Ahead to Hadstock Fete

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at 3.15pm

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Please DO contact me!

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SATURDAY 14TH JUNE 2025

2pm – 5pm

with

Wellie Wanging

Stalls and games

Tea and cake

Beer and Pimms

Hadstock Silver Band

Sheep shearing

Tug of War

The Auction and loads more

The Fete Team have been busy making plans for this year's Fete.

PLEASE DO GET IN TOUCH IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANYWAY

contact Lou on 07806 557654

Lou, Lynne, Sarah, Nick and Victoria



SUSTAINABLE HADSTOCK NEWS

April 25

February Event on green technologies

was a great success – thanks

This Event within the Community Pub Evening attracted over 30 people to hear Alicia and Will of Home Energy Innovation (alicia@energyhi.co.uk) discuss and answer questions on green technology – solar panels, batteries and heat pumps.

Many from the village shared their personal views and experiences which was really informative.

We are lucky that in the village we have examples of all these technologies with people willing to show you and have a chat. Drop a note to the Sustainable Hadstock email or on the web site and we can connect you.

We will be putting on the web site suppliers who have delivered successfully in Hadstock.

April Event: the Sustainable year review within the Hadstock Parish Council annual report

It is a chance to celebrate what we have achieved over the last year in both the Home&Energy and Biodiversity&Nature areas – and to get your views on what you would like us to focus on in 2025.

This will be part of the annual Hadstock Parish Council report – a great opportunity to hear what your Parish Council has been focusing on in 2024 and to let the Council know what is important for you in 2025.

Our domestic thermal imaging camera is still available to borrow.

The thermal imaging camera is still making its way around the village. If you would like to borrow it please contact Ian Jennings or PeterJarritt through our web site or email (sustainablehadstock@gmail.com).

The Sustainable Hadstock Team www.hadstock.org.uk/sustainablehadstock/



April Event

Sustainable Hadstock will be celebrating what the Village has achieved in the past year...and asking for your views on the coming year.

This is part of the Annual Hadstock Parish Meeting

Friday April 25th in the Village Hall (6.30 – 7.30pm)

Sustainable Hadstock was set-up by the Parish Council in March 2024 with significant support from the Zero Carbon UDC initiative, the Hadstock Society, the Village Hall and Community Energy South.

80% of the Village completed our initial 'What is Important for You' Survey.

Thanks to everyone who participated and, of course, the survey team.

This gave the direction for our Home& Energy and Biodiversity & Nature activities in 2024 – now is the time to show you what has been achieved.

Hadstock is now being held up as an example for other small Villages by the UDC Climate Group on what can be achieved in such an initiative.

Please come along and join us - there will be celebratory refreshments!!

This event will be run at the **25th April Community Pub** evening – a chance to meet and chat. Please 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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