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St Botolph's entrance Hadstock



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Beginnings – Editors Page

**Dear Readers,
I am sure many of you
will be looking forward
to the arrival of Romey
Poston as the new priest
for Ashdon and
Hadstock and will look
forward to meeting her.
Details of her installation
on the back page**



All Saints Church Ashdon

With best wishes

Sue

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Parish Church of St Botolph's August/September 2025

Jeremy writes: -



“Tradition” is a funny word. For some it is associated with quality, skill and care; an echo of the “good old days”. For others it is what we did last time and we liked it. Claiming to be “traditional” is often like claiming the moral high ground in an argument – it must be right because it is our tradition. We all have our traditions. When I lived in Nottingham my postman was an avid “Forest” supporter, worshipping from the terraces every Saturday afternoon. He wore the same pair of socks to every match. He always put them on in the same order, and he always turned completely around before leaving the house and sitting on the doorstep to put his shoes on. You see, if he did this his team won! It was his tradition – and a fairly ineffectual one at that. Likewise, at various times in my early days in this parish I asked people about how certain events had been run in the past. I received back a number of versions of our parochial tradition. Unfortunately, it was impossible for all of them to be true given the number of contradictions between them, yet they each made the claim to the infallibility of tradition. The Church of England is often described as being traditional. I’m not too sure what that means. Our services today follow a format used by Christians for nearly 1900 years. A temporary departure from this tradition in the Church of England was in the form of the Book of Common Prayer – the book preferred by “traditionalists” today. The “traditional” hymns we sing were once lambasted as profane ditties sung to common dance tunes – no change there then. A tradition is of no value simply because it is a tradition, however quaint and charming it may be. Tradition only has value when it roots us into something which has been tried and tested, like the roots of a tree tapping into bedrock. It can then give us security through the storms and tribulations of life.

We need tradition because we need security. In a more and more rapidly changing world, the need for tradition grows. This need is reflected in nostalgia. A society that is secure and confident in itself is never particularly nostalgic. . In a more and more rapidly changing world the need for tradition grows. This need is reflected in nostalgia. A society that is secure and confident in itself is never particularly nostalgic. 5 Parish News: August-September 2025 Here is a challenge to Christians. We are called to hold onto our traditions, the system of faith passed down to us. Yet above this we are called to be a pilgrim people; our faith should be “on the move”. It’s not easy to go on pilgrimage carrying a heavy load. So maybe we should not be surprised that many who want to explore faith and spirituality have abandoned the baggage associated with traditional religion. Yet this often means discarding much that is rich and well tested. The answer is, I think, to evaluate the traditions we hold dear and be honest: Which do we hold on to because they are essential to a vibrant faith, and which are merely things we like, for there is nothing wrong with simply liking something for itself? Then we have to recognise there may come a point when we need to discard the latter as it has become a burden encumbering our further progress. Then we can go on, knowing that our pack now contains only those traditions essential to our faith, tried and tested by the saints who have travelled this way before.

Best Wishes Jeremy



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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.

SERVICES AT ST BOTOLPH'S

August 2025

Sunday services this month are at 9.00am



Sunday 3rd August Holy Communion Led by Andy Colebrooke

Sunday 10th August

No Service in St Botolph's

Sunday 17th August

No Home Team Service

Sunday 24th August

No Service in St Botolph's

Sunday 31st August

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.

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.

Hadstock Fete 2025

The report by Lou Symes Thompson -Chair of the Fete Organising committee

Thank you to everyone for contributing to such a fantastic Fete - from those setting up and clearing up before and on the day, the Green Team, the Stallholders, the Puppeteers, the Tea room, the children from Ashdon School, Keith with his chat and Tim as Auctioneer and far too many more to mention..! And, of course all those who came on the day to support the Village.

A very special thank you to Sarah Lockton, who is standing down from Fete organising, after 10 years. Sarah has masterminded the Auction for many years, and has been an invaluable member of the Fete Team.

Tim Boyden has crunched the numbers and together we have raised £7248.04. Both the Village Hall and the PCC have already received £2,500 and there will be a final payment once the accounts have been examined. Thank you, Tim.

A List of our sponsors and details of takings on stalls etc follows :-

Hadstock Fete -- 14th June 2025			
Stall	Net Take	Deduct Costs	Surplus
STALL:			
AUCTION	£ 1,065.95	£ -	£ 1,065.95
BEER TENT	£ 722.42	£ -	£ 722.42
BOOKS	£ 118.31	£ -	£ 118.31
BOTTLE TOMBOLA	£ 308.35	£ 36.53	£ 271.82
BRIC A BRAC	£ 245.81	£ -	£ 245.81
BURGERS	£ 677.21	£ 316.40	£ 360.81
CAKES	£ 402.90	£ -	£ 402.90
DOG SHOW	£ 57.85	£ -	£ 57.85
DRAW TICKETS	£ 820.00	£ 250.00	£ 570.00
EVENING EVENT	£ 670.58	£ 395.80	£ 274.78
FACE PAINTING	£ 25.00	£ -	£ 25.00
FIELD EVENTS	£ 534.98	£ -	£ 534.98
FISHES-TEDDY TOMBOLA	£ 128.40	£ -	£ 128.40
ICE CREAM	£ 500.46	£ 326.80	£ 173.66
LAURA'S STALL	£ 179.30	£ -	£ 179.30
LOLLY TOMBOLA	£ 86.50	£ -	£ 86.50
PIMMS	£ 874.03	£ 85.73	£ 788.30
PLANTS	£ 705.05	£ -	£ 705.05
TEAS	£ 863.14	£ -	£ 863.14
WHACK A RAT	£ -	£ -	£ -
FEE PAYING STALL:			
ASHDON PTA	£ 10.00	£ -	£ 10.00
TRIAL OF STRENGTH	£ 30.00	£ -	£ 30.00
JACQ & WILLS	£ 50.00	£ -	£ 50.00
JEWELLERY (Phyllis Baptie)	£ 25.00	£ -	£ 25.00
TOR - JEWELLERY	£ 30.00	£ -	£ 30.00
- CREAMS, ETC	£ 30.00	£ -	£ 30.00
ADVERTISING/DONATIONS:			
GARRETT TRANSPORT	£ 100.00	£ -	£ 100.00
HOCKEYS	£ 300.00	£ -	£ 300.00
COSTS:			
HADSTOCK SILVER BAND	£ -	£ 250.00	-£ 250.00
MATERIALS	£ -	£ 123.58	-£ 123.58
DRAW LOTTERY COSTS	£ -	£ 63.20	-£ 63.20
PARKING COSTS	£ -	£ 180.00	-£ 180.00
DONKEYS	£ -	£ 30.00	-£ 30.00
BOUNCY CASTLE	£ -	£ 190.00	-£ 190.00
DISBURSEMENT:			
HADSTOCK PCC	£ -	£ 2,500.00	-£ 2,500.00
HADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL	£ -	£ 2,500.00	-£ 2,500.00
	£ 9,561.24	£ 7,248.04	£ 2,313.20

Many Thanks to our Hadstock Fete 2025

Sponsors

Hockeys

- **Burtons Butchers** -

Linton Fitness - **Igennus.-.**

The Crown Linton.-.

Garret Transport.-

.Nethergate Brewery. -.

SUP Cambridge.-. **MHG -**

Audley End Train .-.

Saffron Grange.- **.Trinity Care.**

Linton Kitchen.-.

Wylde Skye

Flourish.-.

Lots of 2025 Fete Photos

Thank you to Jack, Camilla and Nick for their photos”



The Puppet Show



Ashdon School Dancers on the Village Green



Sheep Shearing



**Tim -the
Auctioneer**



St Botolph's from the 'Pimms' Garden



The Donkeys

Fete SUPPER in the Village Hall



Hadstock - News, - Events, - Happenings, Reports

Hadstock Village Hall 100 Club

August and September winners will be published next month. They will get their prize money before then though.



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

Sara Beckett, Clerk to Hadstock Parish Council Tel: 07841343413 reminds us that to contact our County Councillor Martin Foley you can email him at cllr.martin.foley@essex.gov.uk

Thank you Sara.

There is no Parish council Meeting in August next one is

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES and Fun in 2025

BIN COLLECTIONS – Weds 6th and 20th August for Black & Brown bins and Weds 13th and 27th of August for Green & Brown bins.

The Green Skip:- 11.45 to 12.45 First 15 mins at Bilberry End then the Village Green 45mins. **The Green Skip** collection will be on the Saturday after the Black/Brown bin collection, so Sat 9th and 23rd August

Hadstock Parish Council

Next meeting in the village hall on Thursday 25th September at 7.45pm (NO HPC in August)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 Village ‘Gets Together’ at Pub Nights, 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 29th August, 6.00 ‘til 11.00pm bar open as usual.

Garden available, to use and we Welcome dogs on leads into the garden. (Please bring your own bags to clear up after your dog and remember to take any bags home with you to dispose of as there are no refuse collections from the hall). Look forward to seeing you with your poochy friends.

See you there! Woof Woof

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 Silver Band meets on Tuesdays at the Village Hall for practice
Contact - Sorry I'm not sure who this is now

Hadstock Society – Community, History and Heritage.

Secretary: Maggie Hartley at hadstockociety21@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

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

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

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.com Now on the Summer break and will start again in September.

Hadstock Parish Council – May/June 2025 Highlights

At the Annual Meeting, we welcomed Cllr Denise Wells as our new Chair and Cllr David Johnson as Vice Chair for 2025/26—both were unanimously elected and warmly thanked fellow councillors for their support.

Village Updates

- The much-loved red telephone box will soon get a fresh coat of paint, generously donated by the British Coatings Federation Ltd.
- A proposal to enhance local footpath maps with historical info was supported, with funding being sought from the Hundred Parishes Society.
- The Village Hall will be nominated for the 2025 Rural Community Awards—fingers crossed!

Finance & Governance

- The Council approved its Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for 2024/25. Public inspection of accounts runs from 11 June to 22 July.

Planning & Communication

- Planning application UTT/25/0871/FUL (redevelopment of the car repair site) was discussed in depth, with a range of views shared by residents.
- Cllr Gosling is working on improving how we share planning information—ideas include a dedicated page on the website, downloadable documents, and helpful links to related services.

Footpaths & Safety

- A fallen ash tree on Footpath 25 (behind the Village Hall) has been cleared, but a hanging branch and bee nest remain. Warning signs are in place, and the issue has been reported to Highways.
- A wasps' nest on Arnolds Lane has also been taped off—please take care.
- Overgrown hedges on Bartlow and Walden Roads are being addressed, with letters going out to residents and possible volunteer help being considered.

Speed Watch

- Speed Watch continues every two weeks—10 drivers were reported in the last session. Thank you to our volunteers for keeping our roads safer!

 **Join the Parish Council!** Hadstock Parish Council is currently looking to co-opt a new councillor. If you care about the village and want to help shape its future, we'd love to hear from you! A suitable person is someone who:

- Is over 18 and lives in or near Hadstock
- Is passionate about the community
- Can attend monthly meetings and contribute ideas No prior experience is needed—just a willingness to get involved. If you're interested, please contact the Clerk 07841343413 hadstockparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk or any current councillor for a chat.

Keith Nuttall

Cllr. Denise Wells the new Chair of the Parish Council says that the all the Parish Council would like to thank Keith Nuttall for his long service and work on the Parish Council over a number of years. Keith has now retired from the HPC and he (and Lynn) will be spending more time with their grandchildren.

Sustainable Hadstock News

Footpaths:-What can be done?

If you see any footpaths in the Hadstock parish that need some work done to keep them accessible – for instance if they become overgrown with brambles and nettles, blocked with a fallen branch or if a bridge or stile needs repairing, please report it using the following email address: greenteam@hadstockvh.org
If you are able to help with occasional working parties to do local footpath maintenance, please contact Brendan Burchell bb101@cam.ac.uk , Alan Wells alan.wells7@btopenworld.com or Councillor John Lockton cllrjohnlockton@gmail.com .

Brendan Burchell, David Johnson.
Sustainable Hadstock



There is plenty to do on Sustainable Hadstock in the coming year. We all hope you can get involved in some of our activities. You can always contact the Team to learn more.

Russell Hollinshead **For The Sustainable Hadstock Team**

www.hadstock.org.uk/sustainablehadstock/



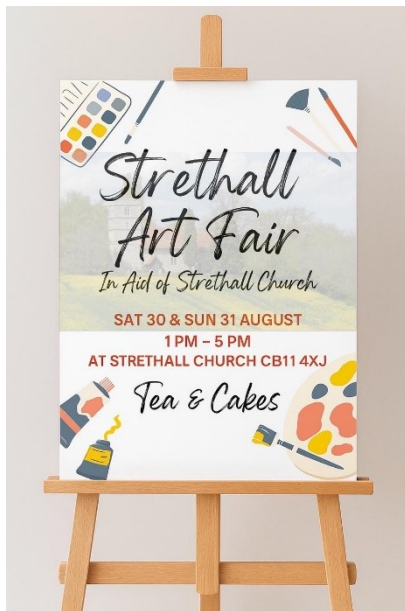
Children's
Art Competition
at
**Strethall
Art Fair**
In Aid of Strethall Church

Theme – 'My Family and other animals'
Age Groups: Under 7, 8-11, 12-16.
Entries submitted by Friday 29th August
(A3 or smaller, name, age & contact number on back)
Contact Liz Stott 07801496707 / lizstott13@gmail.com



Tea, Cakes and Prizes

Strethall Church
CB11 4XJ
Sat30/Sun31st
August
1-5pm



**Strethall
Art Fair**
In Aid of Strethall Church

SAT 30 & SUN 31 AUGUST
1 PM – 5 PM
AT STRETHALL CHURCH CB11 4XJ

Tea & Cakes

Children's Art Competition

Another Concert in Hildersham Church

HARP CHAMBER MUSIC

with

TRIO OURANIO

**Holy Trinity Church
Hildersham CB21 6BZ
Monday 29th September
at 7.30pm**

**Haydn – Bach – Faure
Debussy - Rachmaninov**

Lisa Nelsen – Flute

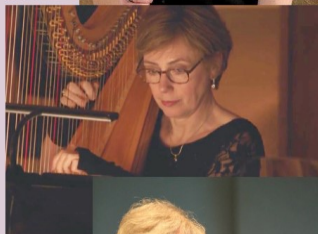
*Artist for Yamaha Music International,
Professor of Flute, Junior Guildhall
School of Music and Drama*

Sue Blair – Harp

Julian Metzger – Cello

**Tickets £15 available from
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1542169844519?aff=oddttdtcreator>
or at the door**

Email huntcam2015@gmail.com



Linton Library

Congratulations to all those who completed the **Summer Reading Challenge**, our Presentation Ceremony will be at 11am on Saturday 20th August. If you're not around, don't worry, pop in sometime after to pick up your medal and certificate. The official end is on the 6th, so if you haven't quite finished: get reading!!

We will have a Nearly New Adults **Booksale** running in the library, come and discover your new favourite author.

Rhyme then Duplo: Tuesday mornings 10-11am for 0-4 years. We would love to see you and your little ones there!

Lego/Duplo: Friday 10-11am, weekly (every 1st, 2nd & 4th Friday). Come along and entertain your 0-4 year old.

Games Afternoon: weekly, Thursday 2-4pm. Come and meet new people, board/card games provided or bring your favourite to share.

IT Drop In: every Wednesday 5-7pm, knowledgeable volunteers are here to offer help with Information Technology, including how to use the Addenbrookes MyChart patient management software.

Knit and Natter: every Tuesday, 2pm – 4pm. Bring along any craft project you're working on.

Vicky Anandraj and Ann King,

Community Library Assistants, Linton Library

Opening hours: Tuesday 10am-5pm; Wednesday 4-7pm; Thursday 2-5pm;

Friday 10am-5pm; Saturday 10am-1pm

Customer Services: 0345 045 5225

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

A WONDERFUL ART INSTALLATION AT THE VILLAGE

HALL



The Village Hall is very lucky to have been given a beautiful mosaic by Linton artist Jim Anderson, photographed recently at the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition.

This mosaic, depicting Boxing Hares, is now displayed on the front wall of the hall. Jim produced the piece during the last two fetes, with fete goers given the opportunity to insert pieces into the picture. A true community piece of art.

Thank you Jim, and all who took part in the project.

Kirsty and Village Hall Committee

? OF THE MONTH

Is it a bird? Is it a plane?

Is it a Moth ? OR

Is it a butterfly?

Both pictures sent in by Sonia Villiers

The one below also sent in or should I say handed over to me by Rick Albrow



Can you identify one or both?.....There may be a prize to be given
Send your answers to hadstockmaq@btinternet.com

The Revd Romey Poston – Installation 2nd September

In April via the Hadstock Info messaging facility the appointment of Romey as the new priest for Hadstock and Ashdon was announced.

The official installation of Romey into her new post will take place at All Saints Church, Ashdon on the 2nd September at 7:30 pm. officiated over by The Bishop of Chelmsford and The Archdeacon of Stansted.

We do hope that as many people as are able from the village will attend the service and have the opportunity of supporting Romey and meeting her after.

Although already circulated in April, Romey's background for your information is that she comes to us from Oxford Diocese where she has served as the curate in the Langtree Ministry Team. Romey comes with a huge passion for ministry and pastoral care as well as extensive international experience. She worked as a foreign correspondent in the Indian Subcontinent, before becoming Executive Director of an NGO establishing cross border aid programmes to Afghanistan. Romey later married a senior diplomat and has three grown children. She also has a keen interest in Art and history and loves walking her dog.

Hadstock PCC Members