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Dear Readers,

What a Hot summer we are having!!

I hope you are enjoying it but also keeping cool.

It's easy to overheat when we see so much sun, when normally it is a rare treat. Now we almost expect it every day.

Keeping cool is hard. What seems to work for us is keeping some curtains closed and some windows open. Not going for walks in the middle of the day

Wearing a hat or one each should I say....

Drinking more water and walking in the shade.

One really cool place in Hadstock is St Botolph's. Why not take a gentle walk up there and sit in the cool old building for a while, then the sun when you come outside again is another treat.

Enjoy the summer.

With best wishes

Sue

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Parish Church of St Botolph's July 2025

Jeremy writes: -

Psalm 23 (the one that begins, "The Lord is my shepherd...") is one I often use at funerals, but it's a good'un for many occasions. The writer is David. He's no ordinary man. The youngest of several brothers, he was initially overlooked when Samuel visited the family, guided by God, to find and anoint a new King over Israel to replace Saul who had once looked so promising but was now most certainly failing to deliver. David had been out looking after the flocks of sheep that made his one of the prominent families of the region. Unlike his elder brothers, and unlike Saul when he was chosen, David does not look like kingly material. However, the story goes on: David is anointed. He eventually succeeds to the throne. His rule is successful, finally neutralising the constant Philistine threat, and establishing a golden age, albeit briefly, for the nation of Israel. But, just as with Saul, the rot eventually sets in. David is distracted and his rule begins to suffer. Discontented family members find a frustrated populace will listen to them. And, more than once, David is forced to flee and regroup his supporters, as one son or another briefly usurps his throne. Tradition has it that, during one of these mini-exiles, David is sheltering in a cave in the wilderness. He looks back on his childhood when his greatest concerns were the safety of his father's sheep, and nothing more, and he writes this Psalm: "The Lord is my shepherd..." I would suggest that, unless you are a very young reader (or possibly a far older one who has learnt more wisdom than most), life gradually gets more complex and therefore troublesome the older we get. The simple black and white of childhood becomes muddled by the many shades of grey that complicate life's decisions.

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Of course, there are many who seem determined to keep to the simplicity of right and wrong in the face of the nuances of life. Delusional thinking is always attractive. At Theological College we studied Ethics. One of our tutors was an absolute pain in the backside. He would present us with a scenario and require us to discuss the rights and wrongs, the merits, of the situation, and include in our discussion what our Christian faith had to say on the matter. Debates were always heated. Strongly held convictions and understandings. But, as we began to move towards consensus, proud of our ability to rationalise and carefully consider, he would throw in another piece of information about the scenario – something that subtly changed how we might view the situation and the people involved in it – and off we would go again. He repeated this, until our two hours was up. The lesson was that life is complex – to each and every problem there is an answer that is short, simple, and easily found, and it is invariably wrong. Whilst there is outright war in elsewhere, in the West there is more of a grumbling discontent. Too many people are too unhappy with their lot, and many have reason to be so. Populism offers easy answers, usually involving pointing the finger at “others”. “They” are not like “us” so “they” must be the problem.

Let us resist the temptation of easy answers, they rarely serve well. Instead, we must do the hard work of understanding the complex and convoluted challenges facing our world today.

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

July 2025

Sunday services this month are at
9.00am



Sunday 6th July

Holy Communion

Led by Andy Colebrooke

Sunday 13th July

No Service in St Botolph's

Sunday 20th July

Home Team Service

Led by Janice and Martin

Sunday 27th July

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 FETE !

What a fantastic day we had for the Fete this year.!

It certainly drew the crowds, who enjoyed all that we had to offer.

New this year was the Puppet Show in Beam End Gardens, masterminded by Jill O'Dwyer. It was very popular, as was the Pimm's Stall next door...

Also new this year was Sheep Shearing and a Tug of War, to round off the afternoon.

All the stall holders were busy for the whole afternoon and I'm pleased to say we have raised over £7,000 for the Village Hall and the Church building Fund.

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing help and enthusiasm on and before the day - without you the Fete wouldn't happen!

From all of the Fete Team,

Lou, Nick, Lynne, Sarah and Tor

P.S. Look out for Photos and more in next month's magazine.

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.

A BIG THANK YOU for all the delicious cakes, jams, marmalade and other produce which was donated to the cake stall on Fete Day.

We made over £400

A huge THANK YOU also to Linton Kitchen who donated a wonderful cake for the competition.



The winner was Hadstock resident Matt photographed here with Charlotte and Lily.

And the cake!



Kirsty, Amanda, Alison and Janey

Hadstock - News, - Events, - Happenings, Reports

Hadstock Village Hall 100 Club

Here are the **JUNE 100 CLUB** Winners 2025-

£25 Winners

No.47 Matt Walpole

No 69 Kevin Vallis

£75 Winners

No. 03 Rick Albrow

No.66 Brian Farley

JULY - £25 Winners are :

No.40 Jeremy Pearson

No.76 Jon Sparks



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.

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES and Fun in 2025

BIN COLLECTIONS – Weds 9th and 23rd July for Black & Brown bins and Weds 2nd and 16th and 30th July 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 12th and 26th July.

Hadstock Parish Council

Next meeting in the village hall on Thursday 31st July 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 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 25th July, 6.00 ‘til 11.00pm bar open as usual.

Garden available, to use and this month 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.

Maintaining Hadstock's footpaths

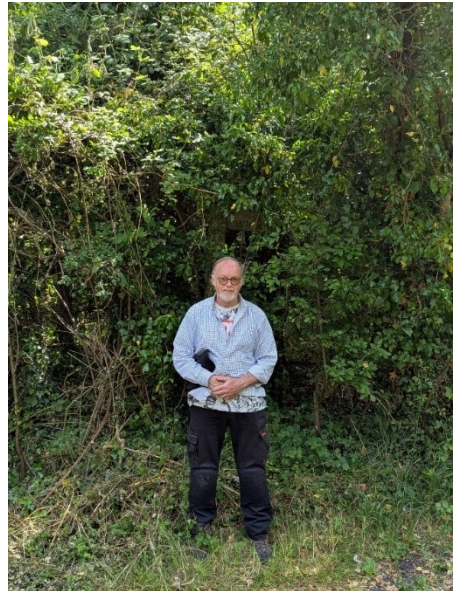


We're fortunate for the quality and quantity of footpaths around Hadstock, encouraging us to get outside and enjoy nature whilst also getting some exercise. However, they do need maintenance to ensure that they are walkable by cutting back the vegetation and maintaining the signage. Responsibility for doing that maintenance is shared between Essex Highways; a group of volunteers called the Uttlesford Working Group; the Parish Council; Hadstock-based

volunteers and walkers themselves. (A lot can be achieved by walkers carrying a pair of secateurs to trim back fast-growing spring brambles.)

Here's an example of some recent maintenance that took just one hour.

Where footpaths meet roads there is a requirement for finger posts. It looked like they were missing from some of the junctions on the Bartlow road...



We were about to order some new posts but thought we'd have one more search for the absent posts. Sure enough, they were there, just hidden behind several feet of bushes and a thick layer of ivy.

One hour later...



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



Now for something completely different....

My Cornish Walk on the Wild Side - Matt Walpole

As some will know, soon after we moved to Hadstock I found myself with a job at the Cornwall Wildlife Trust. As a result, I now divide my time between there and here. To make the most of being in the south-west, this year I have set myself the challenge of walking the Cornish coast path from end to end. It is entirely coincidental that Gillian Anderson has chosen to star in a movie doing pretty much the same thing at the same time! If you haven't read *The Salt Path*, on which the film is based, I do recommend it.

My walk is a sponsored event that I am tackling in stages over a number of months. Not everyone is as fortunate to be able to spend time in nature. At Cornwall Wildlife Trust, alongside our nature conservation efforts, we are working to ensure that as many people as possible can access, enjoy and benefit from nature, especially those who for whatever reason find it difficult to. The funds I raise during my 300-mile coast path walk will go towards this work.

Each leg of my walk is on average around 12 miles, depending on the size of the cliffs. I've learned a lot about coastal bus services to and from the trail each day. More than that, I've become very aware of how the landscape changes when you pass through it at a slower pace. A curious thing in Cornwall is how the material construction of its iconic hedgerows' changes from slate country in the north to granite country further west. And of course, the breathtaking mix of nature in that magical zone where land meets sea.

Continued

At the time of writing, I have just passed Land's End, which is pretty much the half-way point. Having walked all of the north, Atlantic coast of Cornwall, I have the somewhat less exposed south coast to go, taking in Mount's Bay, the Lizard Peninsula, the Fal and Helford Rivers, St Mawes and the Roseland Peninsula, and the long sweep around to the Tamar River that divides Cornwall from England (sorry, Devon). All being well, I will reach my finish point in late September.

For those who are interested or who would like to support me, there are more details, updates and photos on my JustGiving page – <https://www.justgiving.com/page/matt-walpole-walk-on-the-wild-side>

Matt Walpole (Morris House)



Good Luck Matt!

Summer is here – let the Summer Reading Challenge begin!

The **Summer Reading Challenge** encourages children to keep reading through the holidays. This year's theme is Story Garden – adventures in nature and the great outdoors. Developed by The Reading Agency, the annual challenge is for pre-school and primary school aged children of all reading abilities. It's free to take part. Children should: **1,sign** up at the library to receive a collector's folder and book mark. **2,read** six library books of their choice during the holidays **and 3, collect** a sticker for each book read

On finishing they'll receive a certificate and medal (under-3s receive a special sticker medal). Sign up from **Saturday 5 July**.

For all children who sign up at the Linton Library on Saturday 5th July, Scotsdales Garden Centre will be generously providing a free gift to get the gardening for the Story Garden started!

Once the holidays start, collect stickers any time the library is open. Each Saturday in holidays we will be running a free craft activity, 11-12.30pm. Parents and Carers to stay with their children.

Adults, we hope you'll keep reading all summer too! Choose from our shelves, or travel light on holiday by downloading free eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines and eNewspapers onto your device. For more details, visit our website or ask library staff.

We are pleased to announce that local author, **Mel Symonds**, will be launching her new book for children on Saturday 19th July, 11-12.30pm. Come and meet her and try the themed activity!

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

Sustainable Hadstock News



July 2025

Bird Survey

The bird survey is part of a suite of annual surveys including bird, butterflies and wild flowers to help us better understand biodiversity changes in the village.

The bird survey work covers 3 specific routes through the village. To ensure consistency the routes covered and the timing of the surveys are the same each year. However, to increase coverage we added two new survey areas this year – Hadstock wood and The Rec – and we plan to include these areas in future years.

In total 40 species were recorded this year compared to 36 last year. Of particular note this year were first sightings of Marsh tit and Corn bunting (birds currently listed as Red on the UK's Birds of Conservation Concern list - indicating a bird that has experienced a significant population decline). Also spotted was a Goshawk (a buzzard sized raptor) a species that was persecuted almost to extinction in the UK but has made a gradual recovery due to reintroductions and natural population growth.

Of possible concern were a few “common” birds that were noticeably absent including House sparrow and Starling. However, the surveys are undertaken over a couple of hours early in the morning so it is possible that species are missed. This is why it is important that the surveys are undertaken annually to highlight underlying trends.

A big thank-you to the volunteers from Uttlesford EWT and the spotters from the village (Rick, Amanda, Sue, Russell and John) for helping complete these early morning surveys.

The results of all the surveys will be posted on the Hadstock website shortly.

Some images from across our other activities

Preparations for Hadstock Fete

Green Teams

A number of 'Green Teams' cleared areas around the Village ready for the Fete – including the Village Hall garden, the 'PIMMS' garden and the annual clear up of the Linton Road path.

Thanks to the team of: Rick, Keith, Tim and Peter for their valiant work in clearing the path.



If you have any requests for the Green Team please contact them using their **NEW** email address greenteam@hadstockvh.org.

Fete Day

Sustainable Hadstock also had a stall at the village fete to let people know about the work that has been done over the last year from both an energy and biodiversity perspective. Also very popular was the wildlife quiz – see picture below.

Thanks to John, Peter and Russell for putting this together and a big thank-you to Lily and Charlotte for managing the quiz and their fantastic work encouraging people around the fete to take part.



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/

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-help/> or

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



[A new book by Paula Griffiths:-](#)

[‘The Mystery of John’ Reflections on the Fourth Gospel](#) was due for publication on 20 June. All the author’s personal proceeds will be divided between the churches of the Saffron Walden and Villages Team Ministry. Two events were held in Saffron Walden to launch the book: Wednesday 25 June, Hart’s Bookshop, 24 King Street, 6.30-8pm Andy Colebrooke interviewed Paula about the book, and all enjoyed an evening in Hart’s, with a free drink. Also Wednesday 2 July, St Mary’s Church, 6.30-8pm there was another opportunity to hear Andy and Paula talk about the book. Drinks were available at no charge, but donations were welcome towards the Lighting Project. Copies were available to buy and for signing at both events, but there was no obligation to buy



FAREWELL ROXY

On the 24 June we were all very sorry to learn that Crocky's lovely pet, 'Roxy' had died. Roxy had been unwell and had been at the vets. Crocky, had a phone call from the vet to say that too much fluid had collected on Roxy's lungs and her heart could not cope with it and she had died.

It has been a very sad time for Crocky.

Here are they both in happier times when in 2019 Roxy won the prize for the 'Prettiest bitch' in the dog show at the Fete that year.- Roxy proudly in her pink Rosette!

There may soon be some good news soon about a new companion for Crocky, but Roxy who was very sweet natured will be missed by all of us who met her! xxxxx



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or call 0207 219 1943

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Councillor John Moran, Contact :- cllrjmoran@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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**Some recent Flower
Arrangements in
Hadstock Church**

**Photos by Isabel
and Matt Fish**

