

Hadstock Magazine



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Beginnings - Editors Page

Dear Readers

I hope you had a Happy Easter and are now enjoying the extra hour of daylight. Later on in the magazine you will see a piece by Hadstock resident Tony Cropper, giving an exciting account of the Village teams entry into the 'It's a Knockout' competition in the 1970's! Also other Village events. Tony mentioned,

'There used to be a photo of the team hanging on the wall on the left-hand side of the Village Hall as you face the stage.'

Does anyone have an idea where this might be? It would be fun to publish it.

I have to say that I really like the work of Edward Bawden and Eric Ravillious and can't wait to go back to the Fry Art gallery in Saffron Walden to see some of their work again. It reopens from its winter break on April 7th. Might see you there.

With best wishes

Sue

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Parish Church of St Botolph's

APRIL 2024



Jeremy writes...

By the time you are reading this we will have celebrated Easter, the clocks will have gone forward lengthening our evenings, and Spring will most definitely be in the air. So, I'd like to take this opportunity to mention our Annual Parochial Church Meetings. Meetings for each Parish will take place around this time of year. These meetings are a chance to hear reports on the life of our church communities, ask questions, and to elect people to help with the leadership of the church for the following year. They are an important part of the churches year and I encourage you to come along and take your part.

My grateful thanks go to all who have so capably steered our churches through this past year. I recognise that, with clergy vacancies, this is not an easy task. It's not necessarily easy with clergy in post either, to be honest. However, it is a task that needs doing if we are to fulfil our task to "proclaim afresh the Gospel in each generation." This is also a time to thank all those who labour, often behind the scenes, in caring for our church buildings and ensuring they continue to run and be available to their communities. Thank you all.

There is a lot that goes in to the proper leading of a church. The Vicar is paid to play a part in that admittedly, but there's just no way a Vicar can carry out that leadership effectively without the help of a committed group of people; that's the Parochial Church Council. Anyone who's on the Electoral Roll can become a member of the PCC, either as a general member or as a churchwarden, secretary, treasurer or Deanery Synod representative.

Each role requires a different commitment but offers a different reward. With shared responsibility no one role need become too onerous, and there's always support on offer from the Diocesan Office.

I would like each person who is on the electoral role of our churches to consider and pray whether they ought to become involved in the PCC in a particular role. I am available to explain what each role entails and how you could be supported in it.

It was at that first Easter that Jesus handed over responsibility to his followers and made their success possible. For reasons known only to God he did not choose experts, nor those who together would make the perfect team. He chose ordinary people, plus a few troublemakers, and did something extraordinary through them. He still works that way it seems.

Yours Jeremy

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

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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
APRIL 2024

Sunday services this month are at
9.00am



Sunday 7th April

Holy Communion

Led by Jeremy Trew

Sunday 14th April

No Service in St Botolph's

Sunday 21st April

Home Team Service

Led by Janice and Rob

Sunday 28th 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 9am and 4pm for private prayer.

Read the whole of the Easter sermon on the Archbishop of Canterbury's website - archbishopofcanterbury.org

A poem for Hadstock from Jill O'Dwyer

I'd never heard of Hadstock, but now it's clear to me
There's nowhere else at all that I would rather be
The friendly folk of Hadstock are welcoming and kind
Better neighbours you will never find
A cheery smile, a cup of tea
A daily chat, a glass of wine
They mean so much to me
So thank you all,
forgive the verse, and rhyme
It could be worse. ...
Could sign you up for the pantomime

[The Uttlesford Foodbank](#) are having a stall at the boot sale on Saffron Walden common on [Sunday 21st April \(9-12pm\)](#).

If anyone has anything they would like to donate for us to sell, please drop it off with me or call and I will collect.

Many thanks in advance

Lynne Smith 4 Moules Lane

07707766197

Hadstock - News, - Events, - Happenings, Reports



Hadstock Village Hall 100 Club

Winners for March 2024

No.26 Will Albrow £25.00

No.39 Tina Plumridge £25.00

Congratulations to you two!

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

Ashdon School has a new Head Ms Reynecke more next month.

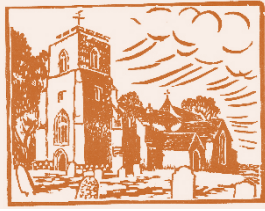


The Hadstock Archive website

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



More about Elizabeth Bruno
Janey Devlin wrote in to say that,
“Elizabeth Bruno grew up in Hadstock. Her
mother was Maisie Bruno who lived at Barn
Cottage and then had The Barn next door
converted into the house it is now. I guess

Elizabeth and her brother David probably grew up in Barn Cottage.
Elizabeth moved into some kind of sheltered housing in Cambridge
where I think she worked as an artist – (Crocky would probably
know more detail.) Maisie must have moved into Barn Cottage during
or immediately after the war and lived here for almost 40 years.
David Bruno became a vicar and moved to South Africa, returning
just before Maisie died. It must be almost 10 years since Elizabeth
died and she is in the graveyard (I think) with Maisie, on the left of
the church path about half way up.”

*Thanks Janey – It is good to know more about the artist who made the woodcut that I
use for the front cover sometimes. Sue - Ed. I will investigate more.*

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EVENTS, ACTIVITIES and Fun in 2024

BIN COLLECTIONS – Weds, 3rd & 17th April for **Black & Brown** bins
Weds 10th & 24th April 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). This month **6th and 20th April**

Hadstock Parish Council

Next meeting **in the village hall** on **Thursday 25th April** 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

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.
Card machine available Chance to meet up with your friends!



Children's Writing Competition

The Hadstock Society will be holding an exhibition inside St Botolph's Church at this year's Village Fête on 15th June.

We are also launching a children's writing competition linked to the Community Archive website. There are three entry categories

- Ages 5-7, 7-9, and 9-11.

We would like the children to choose their favourite photo with the theme of 'People' and explain why it is their favourite and how they think life for the person or people in the photo may have been different to their own lives today.

The entries should be no longer than one side of A4 and be handwritten. The winners will be announced at the fête and the deadline to receive the entries is 24th May. Entries can be emailed to:-

hadstocksociety21@gmail.com

Ashdon School, which is attended by several children from Hadstock, is very pleased to support with this, as one of the requirements of the English National Curriculum, is for children to be given opportunities to link their writing to other areas of the curriculum. In this case it will be a link to local history through the means of technology. This is an opportunity for the village to support the school and pupils.

We hope very much that families will enjoy exploring the website together. The Community 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.

This competition is open to all Primary School children in the local area and beyond.

Maggie Hartley
Secretary Hadstock Society

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Hadstock's Local District Councillor - Ashdon Ward:

Councillor John Moran of the Conservative Party

Contact :-cllrmoran@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

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Website: reachhaverhill.org.uk – for more information



The Annual Hadstock Litter Pick



- to clean up the detritus deposited on village roads and areas by passing and loitering vehicles - took place on Sunday the 17th of March in (surprise) overcast and showery conditions. This, thankfully, did not deter an excellent turn-out

of 16 people, the initial cohort shown in the attached photo, who spread out, and in under an hour and a half, collected the pictured 20 bags of rubbish plus one tyre.

It's always surprising how much dross there is on the roadsides - particularly the Walden road - thrown out of car windows or simply dumped (why?) in two or three locations on the outer fringes of the village. So, thank you very much to all the volunteers for their efforts - Hadstock looks much better as a result “

Keith Nuttall - Chair
Hadstock Parish Council



NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

Hadstock Quiz, held on Saturday 23rd March was an enjoyable, good-humoured evening as usual. Robin Plumridge set the questions. Seven teams, with a total of 53 participants, competed keenly, resulting in a tie for first place between two teams: Only Here for the Food and Hadstock Harriers. There was a raffle with a prize of a signed Jamie Oliver recipe book, sauté pan plus salt and pepper grinders.

The evening raised an amazing £640.
Thank you to everyone involved.

Wine and nibbles will welcome you to

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH

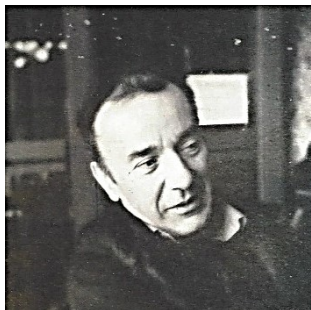
To be held on **THURSDAY 18 APRIL 2024** commencing at 7.30pm

in Hadstock Village Hall

This is the meeting for the residents of the village and an opportunity to raise any issues or concerns relevant to the Parish, as well as an opportunity to ask questions of the Parish Council.

This is not a Parish Council meeting and is open to all electors to participate, so please do come along and discuss matters that are important to you.

There will be reports on Council activity in the last year and an introduction to an initiative to promote 'Sustainable Hadstock '



Harry Villiers 28.4.59 - 19.2.24

Harry lived in Hadstock from 2002 - 2013. He decided he wanted to live here in June 2001, when he took our daughter Zoe to a birthday party in Hadstock village hall when she was 5!

Harry and his two brothers Tim and Hugo moved their international bespoke furniture-making business Villiers Brothers, to Bowers Lane from Fyfield around 2004.

Harry moved to Cambridge and enjoyed collecting and selling antiques and blues and jazz rare vinyl. He had been unwell since hospitalisation for pneumonia in January 2023, and will be sadly missed by his children Felix, Zoe and Teddy, and myself.

Sonia

Book Club

We met on 25 March at the Village Hall to discuss Lynn's choice of 'A Terrible Kindness' by Jo Browning Wroe. This book dealt with 2 difficult subjects. The Aberfan disaster and the life of a young man who we first encountered when he had only just completed his training as an embalmer and volunteered to help out there dealing with the young children who had died in the disaster. Some of us felt frustration with the young man, William, who was the main character because, - if things went wrong for him in his life he never tried to put the things right and consequently his world closed down, when he could have tried to fix things.

Opinion was divided as to the style of the writing but most who had finished the book enjoyed it.

Our next book is LANDLINES by Raynor Winn chosen by Alyson. Sue

Last month in my Editor's page I asked if anyone knew anymore about the 'It's a Knockout' competition which a Hadstock Village team entered. Well, Tony Cropper does know more. He sent this in to the Mag.

'IT'S A KNOCKOUT'

As part of the celebration of the Queen's twenty fifth Anniversary in 1977, the Uttlesford District Council organised an "Its a Knockout" Competition and invited villages from all over the area to form teams and enter. The competition was based on a popular TV programme at the time.

Hadstock formed a team as follows:-

ANTHEA EDGAR	believed to have competed at Junior Wimbledon
JENNY GODDARD	a County Hockey player.
PAT MERCER	All Rounder
ASHLEY EDGAR	Fly Half for Eastern Counties
JOHN RYAN	Part Time professional Footballer and Manager of Saffron Walden F.C
DAVID DEAKIN	All Rounder
NED NEDJINSKI	All Rounder
TONY CROPPER	Provider of Brawn but little Brainpower.

All the above lived in the Village at the time except Jenny Goddard from Little Walden and Pat Mercer from Saffron Walden

The races included: -

Filling a receptacle by carrying Tea Spoons of water.

A race with the Ladies carried on the Men's shoulders

Various other events no longer part of the Olympic Games.

A full Coach left Hadstock for a Sports Hall in Braintree. There we competed with teams from all over Essex.

AMAZINGLY WE WON!!!!!!

I have been trying to take all the credit ever since!

Thank you, Tony Cropper

More from Tony Cropper

CRICKET MATCH

In addition to Its a Knockout, Hadstock organised a Cricket Match between Upper Hadstock and Lower Hadstock. This involved a lot of work to create an almost safe wicket (accompanied by Speed Restrictions) on the Recreation Ground. Virtually everyone played including Lettice Dawson who hit Ray Cooper for a six. Upper Hadstock won convincingly OR was it the other way round?

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TUG OF WAR

At the time it was a tradition that on Fete Day, that Hadstock competed against Little Walden in a "Best of Three Tug of War". This was taken very seriously by both sides involving training for several weeks before the event. If you have never tried it, it is the most strenuous event in which I have ever participated.

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NEW YEARS DAY FOOTBALL MATCH

For about twenty years a football match took place on New Years Day between Hadstock and CIBA GEIGY a chemical business based in Duxford. Its raison d'etre has been lost in the mists of time. Suffice it to say it was enormously popular with both teams comprising Seventeen a Side or more. This avoided those embarrassing gaps in mid field. It was finally terminated in 1989 when, as we aged, one of the CIBA team brought a Defibrillator just in case !!

Thanks again Tony.

Hadstock Church – Nature Notes _____ Late on the day of 11th

November I was in the church changing the altar frontals – the coverings – on the mobile altar at the Chancel steps to red for the Remembrance service. I was just about to lift off the front covering when something plopped lightly at my feet. I at first thought it was a piece of mud I had brought in on my shoes until I bent down to pick it up and saw the faintest of movement. Looking closely, I could see what I immediately thought was a



pipistrelle bat.

I carefully found a rigid card so I could lift it off the floor and placed it on the piano. As I continued to change the frontals I noticed some slight movement and then the ears began to open and you can see those in the two photos I took. It was clearly not the

variety I had first thought

My intention was to place this bat somewhere quiet.

As I was moving back to the altar with the candles, I looked at the piano just as the bat suddenly took flight with, what to me was, a huge wingspan of around 25 cm and disappeared into the Lady Chapel.

Arriving home, good old Google came to the rescue. Checking out British varieties it seems clear that it was a brown long-eared bat which has a wingspan of 23-28 cm. Crocky may have other ideas! Tim Boyden



THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

The Society's logo is a wood-cut by the late
Eric Ravilious.



Eric Ravilious and Edward Bawden were both Royal College of Art students when, on a cycling holiday, they happened upon Great Bardfield in Essex. There, they rented Brick House, starting a fascinating period for the village. Over the next two decades, numerous artists came to live there; they became known as The Bardfield Artists.

In 1932 Bawden married fellow student Charlotte Epton, a potter, and his father bought Brick House as a wedding present for them. In the same year Ravilious married Tirzah Garwood, an artist and engraver, and they lodged for a while with the Bawdens at Brick House.

Bawden's work can be seen today on three Victoria Line stations - Victoria, Tottenham Hale and Highbury & Islington - for which he designed the logos.

Another artist, John Aldridge, bought Place House in Great Bardfield in 1933 and soon became friends with Bawden. They produced Bardfield Wallpaper together for the company Cole & Sons to distribute.

In 1952, painter Stanley Clifford-Smith moved into Bucks House and later to the Old Bakehouse. He was very involved in Open House exhibitions that were held in the 1950s when the public could view and buy art in the studios and homes where it had been created.

Marianne Straub, a textile designer, moved to Great Bardfield in 1953, buying Trinity Cottage. She was the senior designer for Warner & Sons of Braintree

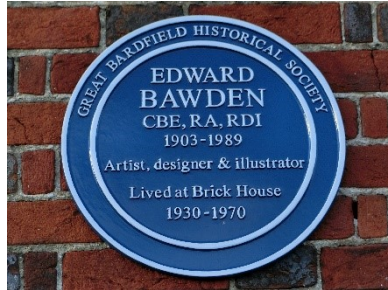
Other Bardfield Artists included Kenneth Rowntree, Michael Rothenstein and Walter Hoyle.

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THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY continued

A good selection of the Barfield Artists' work can be seen at Fry Art Gallery in Saffron Walden – **it reopens on April 7th** – see <https://fryartgallery.org/> for opening hours. In Great Bardfield, books and other information about the artists can be purchased at the new premises of 'Between The Lines' bookshop. Ken McDonald, Secretary
Photos

1: Brick House, Great Bardfield

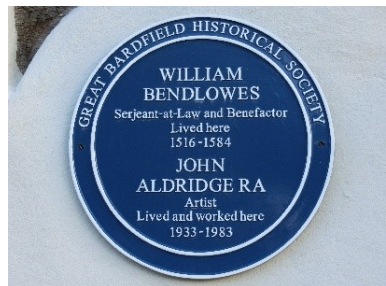


2: Blue plaque on Brick House, Great Bardfield

3: Place House, Great Bardfield



4: Blue plaque on Place House, Great Bardfield



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THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY continued



5: Edward Bawden's logo at Tottenham Hale Station

6: Edward Bawden's logo at Highbury & Islington Station





SAVE THE DATE FOR HADSTOCK FETE!

The 2024 Hadstock Fete will be on: -

SATURDAY 15th JUNE

2pm -5pm

with

Crazy Kitchen,
Stalls and games,
Tea and Cake,
Beer and Pimms,
Hadstock Silver Band

The Auction and loads more

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Or Lynne Smith, on 07707 766197

Hadstock Village Pub Nights

the next one

Friday 26th April 2024

in

Hadstock Village Hall

6.00 to 11.00 p.m.

**Tom's Pizza trailer will again be selling delicious
Pizza's, cakes and coffee**

Following the success of our Village Pub nights we are holding our next event so villagers and other locals can meet up in an informal atmosphere to keep in touch.

There will be our usual pub games. Crisps & snacks will be available to purchase, along with beer, wine and soft drinks. Payment by CARD MACHINE, or cash.

On this occasion one FREE beer, wine or soft drink for any Hadstock residents attending for the first time!

Contact Derek Bushell for more information: -
derek71246@aol.com or 07971 413355
