

Hadstock Magazine



Village Pond



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Beginnings – Editors Page

Dear Readers,

September already!

What can I say? The sun has put his hat on and is off down the road to OZ. The nights are drawing in and the tortoise is looking for somewhere to spend his winter sleep. In fact, ssh (don't tell him) but he always sleeps in the same box. Ssh

Lots to read and events to go to this month to or put in your diary this month to go to next month. A very special Lunch of Soup and a Pudding in the village hall on Thursday 24th of October for the women and children of Gaza who have nothing and are pushed around by the necessity to move to keep out of the way of the bombs and missiles aimed at Gaza.

Then there is Brendan's lovely peaceful walk through the Essex and Hertfordshire countryside – you could attempt part of it if you want no need to get all the way in one go.

Hope you enjoy the Mag.

Until next month, -take care

Best wishes,

Sue

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The Friends of St Botolph's Church

Helping to maintain and preserve our Grade 1 listed Church and the Church grounds.

Over the summer "The Friends" are pleased to have been able to contribute £2,250 towards the new Belfry bird screens in the church Bell Tower, and £5,000 towards the resurfacing of the Church Path. I'm sure that many of you will have used the new path and agree that it's a great improvement for access to the Church, the Village Hall, walkers and everyone in the village. A big THANK YOU to our existing donors!

The Church is open daily for anyone who might like to visit and it is in regular use on a weekly basis and for weddings, funerals, christenings and concerts. We are lucky to have a group of enthusiastic bell ringers. I have been involved with "The Friends" for 10 years, and in this time we have had two unexpected major church repair projects that we have helped to fund: a new nave ceiling, and more recently a new roof on the Chancel.

At present, the Friends of St Botolph's main revenue is from regular donations from villagers, past and present. These regular donations enable us to help the PCC with smaller projects that are needed in the Church and Churchyard on an ongoing basis, while reducing the need to organise fund raising events.

If anyone in the village, new or old, is interested in helping to keep this visual and central area of our village in good repair and fit for use please contact Lou on 07806 557654 or louisa@camprop.co.uk for more details of how you could help.

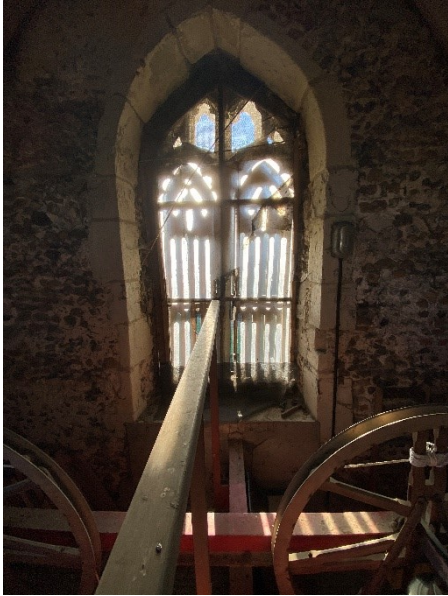
We are a registered charity so any donations are eligible for Gift Aid.

Charity number 1096540.

Lou Symes Thompson

Bird Screens in St Botolph's Tower

Before – damaged screens!



After -- birds cannot access the tower cause damage and die.



Work carried out - Thanks to the Friends of St Botolph's

Birds in the Belfry

A few years ago, a number of pigeons found their way into the Belfry (that is the room at the top of the tower where the bells are hung) but not out again. When discovered, the resultant mess required specialist cleaners to make good and sanitise the space. The Belfry has openings on all four sides protected by louvres. To stop birds getting in mesh of various sorts and bits of Perspex had been installed on the inside of the louvres. Over the years these had come loose and various ways of securing them including odd bits of wood and bamboo canes had been used. It was decided that this year a proper, long lasting solution was needed. We now have new mesh and nice new wooden frames. You can't see any of this, but the pigeons know it is there.....

Rick

SERVICES AT ST BOTOLPH'S SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday service this month are at 10.30am
for 1st September and
9.00am for 15th September



Sunday 1st September

Holy Communion
Led by Chris Bishop

Sunday 8th September

No Service in St Botolph's

Sunday 15th September

Home Team
Led by Tim and Martin

Sunday 22nd September

No Service in St Botolph's

Sunday 29th September

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.

**ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING on
FRIDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 7.00-8.00pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**A Talk and demonstration will be given by Ari a Hadstock resident.
Learn how to help save a Life**

Hadstock - News, - Events, - Happenings, Reports



Hadstock Village Hall 100 Club

August Winners 2024 -

No.53 Mel and Jim Abbiss £25.00

No.98 Jenny Foster £25.00

Congratulations!

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 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-Reybold

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 Chance to meet up with your friends!

Next one **Friday 27 September**

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES and Fun in 2024

BIN COLLECTIONS – Weds 4th & 18th September for **Black & Brown** bins
Weds 11th and 25th September 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). **7th then 21st September**

Hadstock Parish Council

Next meeting in the village hall on Thursday 26th September 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 hadstocksociety21@gmail.com

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 Silver Band meets on Tuesdays at the Village Hall for practice

Contact: Lesley Jenkinson 07766 54092 *Listen out for them*

Bell Ringing practice night at St Botolph's on Thursdays. Contact: Gilbert
Rowlandson 01223 892882 or Janice Snell 01223 892338 – **You can't miss them**

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

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



Kemi Badenoch MP

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

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

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FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Hadstock Parish Council were invited, and attended a briefing of the new draft local plan at UDC offices in Saffron Walden. The draft new local plan is now out for consultation to the public with the link below.

Submissions will close at 5pm on 03 October 2024.

<https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/reg-19-consultation:->

You are invited to comment on the latest version of a draft local plan for the district which will guide where homes and employment sites will go, as well as the infrastructure that is needed to support it. The consultation opens 10am Thursday 8 August and closes 5pm Thursday 3 October 2024.

www.uttlesford.gov.uk

Public events are also being held to provide residents and businesses with information to help them make informed comments on the draft plan during the consultation.

1. Monday 02 September 2024 5pm-8pm - Stansted & Elsenham Public Event - [Ugley Village Hall](#)
2. Wednesday 04 September 2024 5pm-8pm - Dunmow Public Event - [Foakes Hall, Great Dunmow](#)
3. Monday 09 September 2024 5pm-8pm - Saffron Walden Public Event - [Saffron Walden Town Hall](#)
4. Tuesday 10 September 2024 5pm-8pm - Takeley Public Event - [Priors Green Community Hall](#)

CLlr Nuttall [Keith] has paper copies of various documents which he is happy to share for those that would prefer to view them away from a laptop. Contact details are available <https://www.hadstock.org.uk/about-the-parish-council/parish-council-members/>

- 1) A set of maps of Uttlesford with each parish etc shown separately indicating where development is planned (none for Hadstock)
- 2) The full Local Plan Regulation 19 Version
- 3) Local Plan appendices
- 4) Appendix 2-4 Site Development Templates
- 5) Local plan - a short guide

Recreation Ground - Large Goal Posts

The large goal posts have been much loved and used for a number of years but now they are looking a little tired and identified by a recent Inspection as needing to be removed or refurbished to remain in situ. **Hadstock Parish Council would like to know your thoughts please**

[a] remove permanently

[b] retain and refurbish [cost not known at this stage]

Please email your thoughts to

hadstockparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk Subject GOAL POSTS

Have you sent in your comment yet? There is still time. – Sue Ed



photo_Tom Albrow

Church Roadway Repair

Over the years the roadway from Beam Ends to the Church and Village Hall, through constant use, has slowly been breaking down. During the last twenty years occasional “make do and mend” repairs were undertaken by Hamish McIlwrick and this kept the surface manageable.

Latterly, the surface was becoming difficult to negotiate, both by vehicles and pedestrians and was in a potentially dangerous state. As a result, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) members agreed that some serious repair and re-instatement work was required.

Roadwork contractors were invited to provide a price to achieve a robust, long-lasting improvement to the surface and make it fit for purpose. Once a price was established (over £10,000) the next question was “How would the cost of this work be funded?”

Discussions took place with the Village Hall Management Committee and they have agreed to provide £2,500 payable over four years. The Friends of St Botolph and they, have provided a grant of £5,000. For both these generous gestures the PCC records its heartfelt thanks.

The work has now been completed and the finished product looks splendid and adds very much to the appearance of the approach to both the Church and the Village Hall. This, we very much hope, will give us all many years of useful service. If you have not yet seen it, I suggest you spare a few minutes to have a look. **Tim Boyden**

See Photos on next page.

The New Road



Looking up the road to the Church and Village Hall



From the front of the Village Hall



Looking down the road



Sustainable Hadstock News

September 24

A Century of Surveys returned – thanks to all.

Survey

Thanks to everyone who completed their Surveys – and to all the team that delivered and collected them.

We now have over 100 forms back – more than 70% of the households in the Parish. This is really fantastic and way above the experience of other villages doing similar surveys.

Our task is now to review, analyse and most importantly, understand what areas you would like the initiative to focus on over the Autumn/Winter.

To give you feedback and what happens next we will:

- Organise a session at the end of September to present the findings and discuss the next steps with you
(Friday 27 Sept, Village Hall, 6.30pm-7.30pm)
- Give a summary of the main findings and actions going forward in the next Hadstock October Magazine
- Contact those of you who asked about Home Energy Assessments (EPC/Retrofit Analysis) and use of a thermal imaging camera to discuss the practicalities.

Autumn/Winter Events

Based on the results of the Survey we will be organising presentations and discussions on Energy and Nature topics from October. Watch this space and HadstockInfo . ***continued on next page***



Biodiversity & Nature

We have started looking at the habitat maps for the Parish to identify where changes could be made to improve biodiversity across the Parish.

Broadly, the Parish has three main habitat areas – the arable farmland, our gardens and the Parish amenity land. All have their own opportunities.

If you would like to join the working group looking at our opportunities in Biodiversity & Nature please contact one of the team through the website or by email.

Thanks.

The Sustainable Hadstock Team

www.hadstock.org.uk/sustainablehadstock/

sustainablehadstock@gmail.com



Parish Church of St Botolph's August/September 2024

The Revd. Jeremy Trew wrote a piece for the Magazine which could be used in either August or September's edition. It was in our August one.

It will also be the Hadstock Magazine's part of the Hadstock Village website shortly if you missed it.

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

The Rectory, 17 Borough Lane, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB11 4AG
01799 500947

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.



**INNER WHEEL CLUB OF SAFFRON WALDEN
International Committee**



**Hosting a Soup and Pudding Lunch
on
Thursday 24th October, 12.30pm
Raising Funds for**



Emergency Appeal:GAZA

**Tickets: £10.00 per person
Venue: Hadstock Village Hall, CB21 4PH
For Bookings
Please contact: Irene on 01223 891 385**

PLUS RAFFLE!

SAVE THE DATE

SAVE THE DATE

[UN Women](#) has condemned the attacks on civilians, loss of life and suffering in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory. We are deeply alarmed by the devastating impact on civilians, including on women and girls.

Since the escalation of violence in Gaza, thousands of civilians have been killed or injured, and countless others have been exposed to the violence. Women and their families in Gaza are in desperate and immediate need of food, water, electricity, medicine and safe access to and protection of essential civilian infrastructure including hospitals.

We call for an immediate ceasefire and humanitarian access to provide aid to the most affected. We join the Secretary General's call for the immediate release of hostages.

UN Women has been supporting Palestinian women since 1997 to achieve their social, economic, and political rights. We remain present on the ground to provide support and assistance and will do so for as long as it takes.

We have started an emergency fund to support UN Women's projects for the benefit of women, girls and their families. [Please donate](#) today to protect and support women and their families in the Gaza crisis.

**[SAVE THE DATE](#) fundraising event in Hadstock,
at the Village hall on Thursday 24th October
run by the Inner Wheel Club of Saffron Walden – International
Committee.**

Hadstock organiser Irene Stapleton, 01223 891 385

[Phone Irene to book a place or table](#)



Emergency Appeal for GAZA

Icknield Way Westwards.

One of the many advantages of living in Hadstock is being only a few hundred yards away from the historic Icknield Way long-distance footpath that runs from North of London in one direction, and to Norfolk in the other. During CV19 lockdown I walked some of the path towards Bury St Edmunds; Here's a brief description of my ramble two years ago heading in the other direction, south-west towards Baldock.

I left Hadstock at first light, just before 7am, and headed towards Penn Farm and up onto the signposted Icknield Way beyond the farmhouse, and then off past Burton Farm, across the main road to skirt Great Chesterford and over a footbridge high above the M11.

I'd bought an excellent guide book to the whole of the path, but it's also easy to download a GPX file onto one's phone. The walk is reasonably well signposted, but there are occasional turns that could be missed.



The path becomes scenic walking around and across fields and some welcome well-laden apple trees on the verges before walking past the picturesque church in Strethall.

More attractive countryside and welcome sunshine took me to Elmdon; by now it was warming up nicely, and a welcome change to walk through a village. The bench opposite the bus stop provided was a good stop for a second breakfast.

Inverted sign on one of many woodlands before Elmdon



The footpath continued on through wide open spaces and past woodlands. By this time, I was going through some pretty remote countryside and I walked several miles between seeing anyone – usually dog walkers near towns (Some say that the south-east of England is overcrowded!).

Miles of long, straight, deserted footpaths before Royston

Eventually the ancient footpath approaches Royston, and less pleasant walking within earshot of main roads. In Royston I came across the first shops of the day. It was now lunchtime and some fish

and chips before the second half of the walk. I was hoping to have a pint in a pub as I left Royston but before I knew it, I was beyond civilisation again and walking across the historic chalk downs.

Chalklands beyond Royston



The path continues to Baldock. The terrain kept changing, and after 19 miles I saw my first herds of livestock; first goats then cattle.

I was running low on liquids and wished that I'd filled up on coffee or water at Royston. There wasn't a single shop on the path between Royston and Baldock. I struck lucky when I stuck my head into the old church at Sandon (the footpath went through the graveyard) and there was a bottle of drinking (not holy) water for thirsty walkers.



Sandon Church, with a welcome bottle of water for thirsty strangers

The next village, Wallington, was perhaps the most interesting en route; it was here that George Orwell wrote *Animal Farm*, got married, went to fight in the Spanish civil war, and ran a sweet shop.

By this point my feet were starting to feel the 28 miles since leaving Hadstock and the sun was setting so took a shortcut directly to Baldock on the country roads rather than doing another few miles on the ancient path. I crossed the bypass and got into Baldock station as it was getting dark. The train to Cambridge and bus to the Grip then lift from Gill meant I got back home at about 8:30pm.

Walking south-west on the Icknield Way from Hadstock has one big advantage over heading out in the opposite direction; you can get public transport back from either Royston (16 miles) or Baldock (30 miles). The Icknield Way is less well known than other long-distance paths but still a fabulous way to enjoy our local biodiversity for a few hours or a few days. If it was on Tripadvisor I'd give it five stars!

Brendan Burchell, Bardsfield, Walden Rd.

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For More Information.

Also see next month.



All Saints
Church, Ashdon
Friday, 18th
October 2024
7pm

£10*
incl.
refresh-
ments

Paths to Salvation
Walden's Wayside
Crosses - six crosses,
two saints and a battle
by Simon Coxall, landscape archaeologist

Welcome Simon
back for a follow-up
to last year's wildly
successful
presentation.

The talk will take us
on a journey across
Walden and Ashdon
in a quest for holy
paths, 'sacred'
crosses and two
'lost' saints that
perhaps provide
clues to the battle
of Assandun

*All proceeds go towards maintaining the fabric of the church building

The Friends of the Parish Church of All Saints, Ashdon

Charity Registration Number: 1099038

Another Interesting event you can attend close to Hadstock!
All proceeds to the fabric of Ashdon Church building.

Harvest Festival Bring and Share Feast

on Sunday October 6th 2024 in
Hadstock Village Hall at 12 noon

Everyone welcome, especially new
families and children, the more the
merrier ...

Please let us know what **hot** savoury food you can bring from this list,
or your own ideas even better!

Roast chicken, pork, lamb, beef - Vegetarian option - Roast potatoes
Carrots - parsnips - peas - cauliflower cheese - Mashed potato - swede - Gravy -
stuffing, mint sauce
(We already have enough offers of pudding - fresh fruit - cream - custard - cheeseboard)
Bring your own drinks

email me at soniavilliers@icloud.com -

also any offers of help setting up or clearing up after greatly appreciated

Sonia xx

