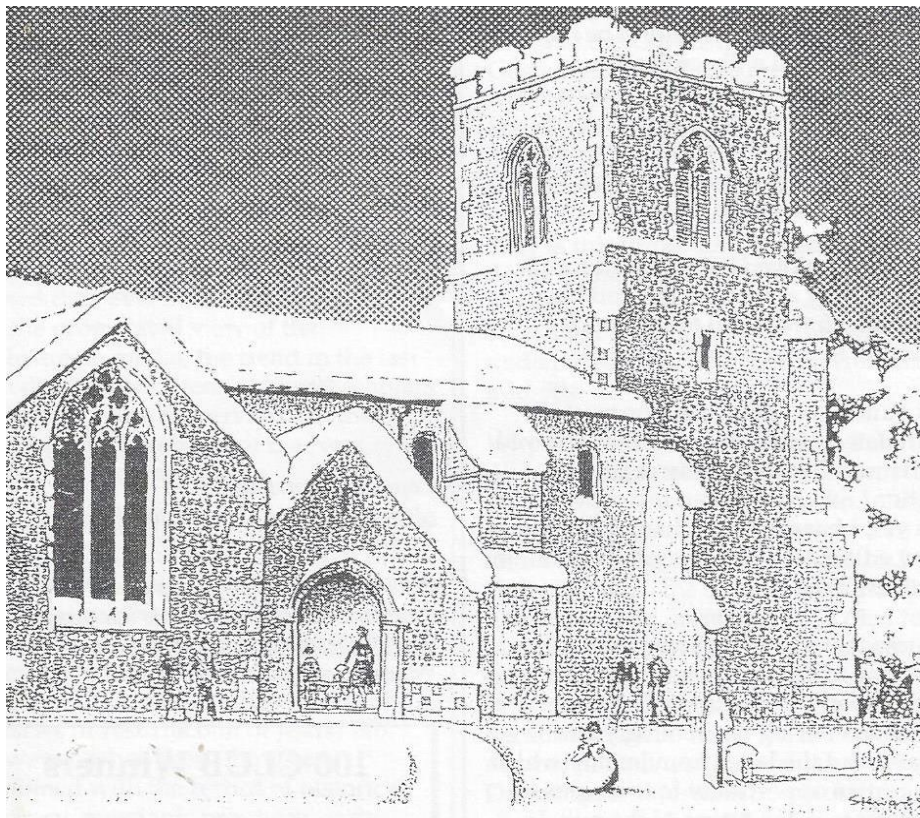


Hadstock Magazine



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DECEMBER 2021-JANUARY 2022

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Beginnings – Editors Page

Dear Readers,

I am writing this just as the details of more restrictions are being re-introduced to protect against the new Covid variant That is all I am going to say about it. It is what it is and if our Christmas gets more complicated, we will deal with it. -Won't we?! So what have you been doing these last few weeks, since we last talked in the magazine.? Some of you I know have not been well and some had surgery – I hope you all are getting better now. Others of you will have been planning for Christmas. Making lists? Well, I have been visiting friends in York and seeing the Minster and Jorvik museum. (Vikings again) Brilliant. Then making lists. Removing cobwebs Talking to spiders to try to persuade them to leave. (I failed). Making more lists of things I have to make a list for. You know what I mean. Its that time of year. Then last Saturday we went to a Pantomime, Red Riding Hood at the Theatre Royal Stratford East. Wow -it was wonderful. Bright and cheerful. Funny and then Red Riding hood and her friends managed to save the Seasons Tree which had been dying as no one was listening to it or each other anymore. And probably changed the world for the better just a little. It was so great to just 'be in the moment' and believe it – No lists, planning or spiders to deal with. I can recommend it. So I'm going to try to listen more to family, friends and the natural world to see if it makes some difference. How about you?

With my best wishes to you for Christmas and the New Year.

Sue

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Parish Church of St Botolph's

DECEMBER 2021/JANUARY 2022

Caroline writes:

Marks and Spencer are urging us to 'make the season anything but ordinary' by buying our food and gifts from them. What, I wonder, will make **Christmas** 'anything but ordinary' for you?

Perhaps it will be the return – after a year without them – of the things we used to take for granted, like seeing friends and family, and gathering socially

or even in church for carol services. Prior to 2020, we perhaps saw those things as ordinary, but were reminded by their absence how very special they are.

Boots tell us that this Christmas is about 'bags of joy'. Their Christmas video has a 'Mary Poppins-like' bottomless bag of gifts, including some perfume which a daughter gives to her mother with the words 'this is what love smells like'. Well, I don't know what love SMELLS like, but I do believe I know what love LOOKS like, because this is precisely what Jesus came to show us.

'Joy to the world – the Lord is come' are the words at the start of one of our carols. Christmas in church is certainly about joy: the joy of the shepherds and the joy that the birth of Jesus brought into the world by showing us what real love looks like, and assuring us that we are endlessly loved by God. We are brought to new life by the example and actions of Jesus whose birth we are going to be celebrating. And that new life can make every day anything but ordinary.

We would love to welcome you to St Botolph's over the Christmas season to catch a glimpse of can make every Christmas special – even at times that are otherwise dark and full of sadness. It has been such a hard year for many people, and celebrating together will be joyful in itself. We will be holding the traditional service of light on Christmas Eve and then meeting again in the morning at 9.30 am. We anticipate that the church may be full on Christmas Eve – I do hope so.

You will find details of all our services in December and in January elsewhere in the magazine, plus the suggestion that for services where the church is full, we are advising the use of face coverings, and also setting aside the chapel for those wishing to be extra careful. Let's try to stay safe whilst we celebrate.

May this Christmas indeed be anything but ordinary for you and for your family, and a time of lasting joy

with very best wishes

Caroline

SAVE THE DATE:-

SATURDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2022

There will be a

BACON BUTTY BREAKFAST

in the Village Hall to raise money for the
Church Roof.

Please look out for further information.

Lou.

Friends of St Botolph's

SERVICES AT ST BOTOLPH'S - December 2021

Sunday services this month are at 9.30am. Christmas Eve service will be at 6pm. Christmas Day service will be at 9.30am

Sunday 5th December

Sunday Service – 9.30am

Led by Alan Currer

Sunday 12th December

No Service

Sunday 19th December

Holy Communion 9.30am

Common Worship - Led by Caroline Currer.

Friday 24th December

Light of the World Service – 6pm

Led by Caroline Currer.*

Saturday 25th December

Christmas Day Service – 9.30am

Led by Caroline Currer.

***Please note we are strongly encouraging people to wear a mask for the Christmas Eve Service.**

We are hoping the Church will be full. However, as COVID is still circulating we think it is a sensible precaution if as many people as possible can wear masks. A small supply of masks will be at the door in case anyone needs one.

There will also be an area set aside in the chapel for anyone wishing to social distance. This will be on a first come first served basis.

Morning Prayer takes place in the church each Tuesday at 8.30 am.

The church is now fully open every day between 9am and 4pm for private prayer.

To receive the weekly email Worship Bulletin with details of service sheets, please contact Caroline on 01799 584839 or Email: c.currer@btinternet.com

SERVICES AT ST BOTOLPH'S - January 2022

All services this month are at 9.30am.

Sunday 2nd January

Sunday Service – 9.30am

Led by Alan Currer

Sunday 9th January

No Service

Sunday 16th January

Holy Communion – 9.30am

Common Worship - Led by Caroline Currer.

Sunday 23rd January

No Service

Sunday 30th January

No Service

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The Friends of St Botolph's Church

1001 CHALLENGE

Please support this appeal to raise money for repairs to the Church Roof.

Please help us to raise £1001.

You could simply make a donation.

Alternatively, you may wish to organise a small fundraising event such as a sponsored bike ride, host a lunch or a tea party.....

If you would like to make a donation or have raised some money, please send it by BACS:

Account name THE FRIENDS OF ST BOTOPH'S CHURCH, HADSTOCK. Sort code 20-74-05

Account number 10256560 (Please use the reference "1001", followed by your name).

If you prefer, you can deliver money to Robin Betser at Waylands, The Green (please mark envelope "1001 Challenge").

Any help will be gratefully received. Thank you. **Lou**
Also

The Friends will be holding a Raffle at the Christmas Portable Pint on Saturday 11th December, so please do support us there.

Lou

Elf Mail 2021



The Elves will be back once again to deliver your Hadstock Christmas Cards. Please drop your village cards off to us in plenty of time (cut-off date 21st December) and we will deliver them to your friends and neighbours, saving you time and energy.

Donations gratefully accepted and will be given to NICU at the Rosie Hospital.

This is our 10th year of doing Elf Mail and we have raised £1245 over the years, all of which has helped support premature and sick babies and their families.

Thank you for your support

The Hadstock Elves

(Matt, Isabel, Dan and Harry - Hillingdon House, Linton Road
890924/mattisa@waitrose.com)

WHY NOT? - BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR

There is still a casual vacancy for someone to join the Parish Council.

With Jude Hannam joining earlier this year we are up to 5 councillors but still need one more. Although it can sometimes be mundane and often frustrating to get things done this is a worthwhile way to help our community. If you are interested in finding out more then speak to Sara Beckett, Parish Clerk, hadstockparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk or any of the councillors.

Rick Albrow, Chairman.

Hadstock - News, - Events, - Happenings, Reports



Hadstock Village Hall 100 Club winners

Winners for November

No 65 Pat Croxton Smith £25

No 74 Tom and Joan Pickford £25

Congratulations !



HADSTOCK BOOK CLUB

November's book club read was Isabel Allende's 'A Long Petal of the Sea', chosen by Gill. It's an epic historical narrative following the lives of Vincent and Roser, and those close to them, from the end of the Spanish Civil War. They flee to France, only to be interned in appalling conditions, and just before the outbreak of WWII gain passage on a ship commissioned by the poet Pablo Neruda to bring Spanish refugees to Chile. Their story continues in exile in Chile, a country they come to love, through the repressive Pinochet regime to the 1990s.

In discussing the book, it was considered to be an interesting read about a period of history and a region (Chile and S America) that wasn't so well known to us. Some felt the characters were not as well explored as they might be because of the focus on the historical events, the pace and the amount of detail covered, but on the whole it was felt to be an informative and enjoyable read. Gill

HADSTOCK INFO is an information and news service for Hadstock village.

It is operated for us by Isabel Fish.

Join by sending your email address to the address below and asking to join the list, and then you can send information round the village by sending it to: -

hadstockinfo@gmail.com

OUR NEW ARCHIVE WEBSITE at

archive.hadstock.org.uk

The third main collection from 'Browse the Archive' to be introduced in this series of articles, is entitled 'Memories'. The feature picture you need to click on shows the 1946 homecoming dinner for returning servicemen after the war. There are several posts to explore in a range of media, mostly referring to the last 100 years.

Glimpses: This post is a gallery of photographs that show how Hadstock has changed since the turn of the century.

The oldest photos are especially intriguing: such as that of Marcus Barker in the 1900s with his harvest piled



high in sacks on a huge waggon pulled by a steam engine. One's thoughts turn to health and safety issues as one notes the children on and close to the steam engine and the men on top of the sacks.

One of my favourites is taken outside the Queen's Head pub. It shows three women, dressed in their best, black outfits with two children, squeezed into a tiny trap, rather precariously to my mind. At least the pony standing between the shafts looks well-behaved. Where are they going and where is the driver? Has he stopped off for a quick drink, or is he the person apparently making a delivery to the pub?

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Several posts are written articles taken from Crocky's *Memoirs* collection in "Hadstock Through the Centuries". If you haven't already read Reg Woods' account of village life, you have missed a treat! The icon shows him at work in the village shop, which he kept after the war. He knew most of the inhabitants of the village during his years here and tells many a tale about them. You may learn something of previous inhabitants of *your*

home!

Jock Dawson's impact on Hadstock villagers in the mid-20th century is made evident in Paul Young's and Crocky's posts, whilst Hilda Peck, born in 1892, gives us a wonderful insight into growing up in Hadstock more than a hundred years ago.

I found the three episodes of Hadstock Histories fascinating and recommend you listen to them. These podcasts were made by a group of younger people in the village, who interviewed some long-time residents about their reminiscences. Tabby Hannam, Dylan Abbiss and Freddie Doyle, who were the interviewers, added their own insightful reflections as they compared their subjects' childhood with their own.

The overall impression is that Hadstock was a great place to be young in the 1960s, 70s and 80s. It seems that the youngsters all played together in or at their favourite gathering places: Hadstock House, the den behind the church, the recreation ground, and the village green. The telephone box also had a part to play.

There were cubs, scouts and a youth club as well as a flourishing football team. The roads were quiet enough for street activities.

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Our New Archive continued

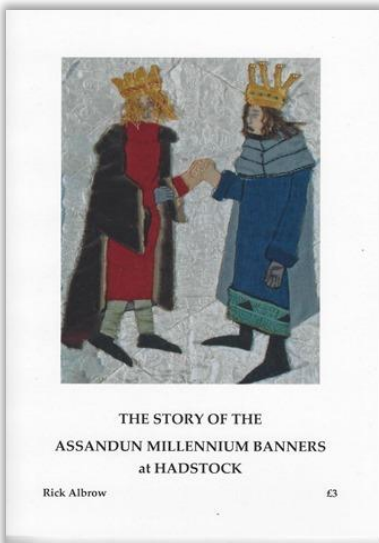
You can listen to Spike talking about some of these, including the pranks they played and learn from Crocky how the cub mistress disciplined her cubs.

There is so much more to enjoy in these podcasts, and I congratulate Tabby, Dylan and everyone else involved in their making.

We hope you enjoy browsing the Community Archive. If you have any Hadstock memories you would like to share for the archive then please send them to hadstockociety21@gmail.com

Lorna Mufty

THE ASSANDUN MILLENNIUM BANNERS



This booklet is a companion to the four banners which were made by the villagers of Hadstock in 2016 for the millennium celebrations of the Battle of Assandun and are now in St Botolph's church.

It describes some of the historical background to the images on the banners from the battle to the foundation of St Botolph's by King Cnut in 1020.

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ASHDON SCHOOL REPORT

It has been great to return to having all of the children back together, socialising with one another, after spending so many months apart in 'bubbles' as part of the Government's strategy for managing Covid-19. They enjoy spending break and lunch times together and having daily whole-school assemblies.

We have also been able to restart having parents into school-run events, such as our weekly Sharing Assembly, where our children proudly show some of their achievements from in and outside school. Parents have also been able to support Class 1's 'Safari', where the children walk around our village, focusing particularly on scientific and geographical features.

This term, we have welcomed a Roman into our school for Class 2, which helped the children learn about daily life in Roman times and the life in a Roman army, through a mixture of artifacts, storytelling and other activities.

Class 3 have also been studying a different period of world history and visited Duxford Air Museum to learn about its role in World War 2.



We continue to provide a range of different sporting activities and this term we have welcomed back Sarah Smith, a professional golfer, to work with Class 3 on their putting skills! Our school has been welcoming families of prospective pupils for September 2022 for a tour of our school.



If you know anyone who has a child who will be of school age next September, then it would be lovely to see them. Families who live in Hadstock, can apply for FREE minibus transport to/from our school each day, as Hadstock is part of our catchment area.

As winter sets in, on behalf of the school I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas when it arrives, and I hope that you and your families continue to be healthy and safe.

Simon Rance Headteacher

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Bank transfer is preferred but cash is also acceptable.

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Hadstock

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Jude

A good present for Christmas !

TABLE TENNIS – UPDATE – UPDATE – UPDATE - UPDATE

Table Tennis is on the second and last Mondays of each month, 7:30-9pm.

Just a reminder that everyone is welcome, all abilities, ages 14-94, £2 per head to cover the cost of renting the Village Hall.

There will be only minor changes to our procedures to maintain COVID safety. Meetings: - 13 December (only one meeting in December) and then 10th and 31st January 2022.

For queries or to express interest please email Brendan on bb101@cam.ac.uk
Brendan and Gill

THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

www.hundredparishes.org.uk



As 2021 enters its final month, we anticipate seasonal celebrations to brighten the shortest days of the year. The ancient tradition of decking our houses with garlands of fresh green holly branches reminds us of the continuity of life, bringing us cheer when the days are short.



On reaching the age of 20, female holly trees bear red berries on branches covered with prickly shiny green leaves which can be cut to make decorative wreaths. Such wreaths featured in midwinter Celtic and Roman celebrations as symbols of good fortune, a tradition that continues thanks to the intervention of a local man, William Winstanley (1628 – 1698).

During the Commonwealth which lasted from 1649 to 1660, the Puritans under Oliver Cromwell proclaimed that it was illegal to celebrate Christmas, banning frivolities and feasting on mince pies. Winstanley, who lived in Quendon, believed in celebrating Christmas as a time for sharing joy, fun and good fortune with others. After restoration of the monarchy in 1660, using his influence as a writer, he encouraged a return to the seasonal merrymaking which we still enjoy today.

Holly trees were frequently planted near houses to ward off a lightning strike; interestingly scientific research has revealed its spiky leaves can act as miniature lightning conductors! Holly also grows in hedges or as a shrub in woods where its berries provide nourishment for blackbirds, thrushes and wood mice. Its dense branches provide secure nesting sites. Deer and rabbits will eat its nutritious leaves.

Today, many homeowners plant variegated forms of holly to provide interest in their gardens and they can select a mixture of foliage to make seasonal decorations.



Yew is another evergreen with red coloured fruits (loved by birds and squirrels), but as its leaves are poisonous it is less suitable for indoor decorations.

Tricia Moxey, Trustee

Yew

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES and Fu

BIN COLLECTIONS – Weds 8th December for Black and Brown bins

Weds 1st and 15th December for Green and Brown bins

Green Skip:- Saturday 4 December 10.30 to 11.30 Collection from Bilberry End (15 mins), then Village Green (40 mins) **Last One This Year!**

Hadstock Parish Council

Next meeting in the village hall on Thursday 20 January at 7.30pm. (no meeting in December) 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 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 hadstockociety21@gmail.com

Hadstock Village Hall see ad in this magazine for how to hire **OPEN FOR HIRE**

Hadstock Silver Band meets again on Tuesdays at the V. hall for practice

Contact: Lesley Jenkinson 07766 54092 **Have you heard them??**

Bell Ringing practice night at St Botolph's on Thursdays. Contact: Gilbert Rowlandson 01223 892882 or Janice Snell 01223 892338 **Now Restarted You can hear them too!**

Bridge Club meets Weds at the V. hall contact: Lyn Faulkner on 01223 890815

Table Tennis 7.30 -9.00, meets at the V hall on 2nd and last Monday each month.

Contact: Peter Jarritt 01223 897886 Next sessions December 13th Then 10th and 31st Jan.

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.

Contact Margaret Creek 01223 893915 or email: ldscams@pobroadband.co.uk for detail

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Councillor James De Vries of Residents for Uttlesford

email: cllrdevries@uttlesford.gov.uk or write to c/o Uttlesford District Council

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Hadstock Magazine

The past 18 months have been difficult due to covid, but some things continued almost as normal.

Yes, the Hadstock Magazine came out as scheduled each month, and we must say a very big thankyou to Sue Albrow who produces and edits the magazine. (well let's be honest, sorry but it was late a few times in that period) Sue the Ed so I should know!

From the middle of 2021, the magazine has been delivered by the following:-

Janey Devlin	Walden Road
Crocky/Isobel Fish	Linton Road and Yew Tree Place
Barbara Bye	Village Green, Back Hill and Bartlow Road (part of)
Webb Family	Orchard Pightle and Billberry End
Sonia Villiers	Moules Lane
Lou Symes-Thompson	Bartlow Road (part of)
Robin Betser	Postal and Bowers
Many thanks for their support of the Magazine	
Robin Betser	

Thank you very much to you Robin for your part in parcelling up the mags and delivering to the deliverers, and keeping tabs on how it's all going.

AS WELL AS THE ABOVE.

We must thank those who helped with the delivering during the lockdown periods.

Jude Hannam and family, Katrina Gittins and family, Isabel Fish, Emma Webb, Dave Short and Rick Albrow

A big thank you also to Oliver Plumridge for no matter how late I got the Mag to him he managed to turn it round and print it and get it back either to my house or Robin's in an instant. Thanks Sue – Ed

Collection for the Food Bank at Christmas

- A Gentle Reminder

Just a gentle reminder that a house-to-house collection for the food bank will take place during the weekend of the **4th and 5th of December**. Donations can be left at Designer Drapes (during working hours) or at 4 Moules Lane (anytime) from the 1st December for 2 weeks.

As usual, any dried, packets, tinned or long-life food, along with general toiletries are always needed, but the Trussell Trust have asked specifically for the following ...

Non-Christmas:

Sugar, sponge pudding, custard, tinned potatoes, coffee, toiletries

Christmas:

Sweets, chocolate, biscuits (sweet or savoury), cakes

Thank you in advance for your generosity
Lynne & Lesley

SAVE THE DATE!

FRIDAY 3RD JUNE

Watch this space!

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee is **Friday 3rd June** and a number of village events are being planned. A family picnic and games on the Recreation Ground during the afternoon and a barn dance in the evening. Volunteers are needed to help or if you have any other ideas contact Jude Hannam, cllrjhannam@gmail.com.

The Portable Pint an appreciation...

The village hall was alive with conversation, chat and gossip on Friday 12 November when The Portable Pint transported itself once more to Hadstock. The beer this time was from the Burwell Brewery, the cider was from Wicken plus wine and soft drinks. It was supported this time by the BoHo food van from Newport which cooked to order and on demand throughout the evening with excellent food.



Backed by CAMRA, the Portable Pint is a real ale micro pub which is doing a great job supporting communities in North Essex. It certainly provides a traditional focus for villages which don't have a pub.

Although not quite so well attended this time it has become a lovely village event which brings together old friends and neighbours and provides an opportunity to forge new friendships as well.

Do make a note of Saturday 11 December with LOLS PIZZAS which will be their next visit.

David Barrs

+++++

From the V H committee

Please note

*Pre-ordering your Pizza is very strongly advised. You can pre-order @lolspizza on Facebook or by emailing Lolspizzas@gmail.com. The menu will be available in the week before the event.

* A limited number of pizzas may be available to purchase on the night from 6pm, only on a 'First Come, First Served' basis.

* A raffle is being held by The Friends of St Botolph's Church to go towards the Roof repairs. Your support would be much appreciated. Please bring cash for this.



'Light and Shade'
in St Botolph's last week.

photo taken by Will Albrow

Hadstock Christmas tree

photo : Rick Albrow

(keep a close eye on it)

More about this story in
the February Mag.



Special commemorative Hadstock St. Botolph's greetings and Christmas cards (with, or without Christmas greetings inside)

Artworks specially painted for our festival by 28 different local artists have been put together on A6 greetings cards.

They are available from Sonia at £6 per pack of 10 with envelopes, £2 per pack goes to St. Botolph's roof repair fund.

[email soniavilliers@icloud.com](mailto:soniavilliers@icloud.com) to reserve yours, free delivery!



News of something to do on 31st of December

The Thurlow Point to Point at Horseheath

First Race at 11.00 am.

Food trucks, Bar, Trade stalls

Includes a Family dog show

Entry: £12.00 per head Children under 16 free

Services and events in St Botolph's for Christmas 2021

The Christmas tree on the Village Green has been lit on
Sunday 28 November after the **Advent Carol Service** –

We have started getting ready for Christmas.

Then, also the **Advent Candle** began its journey around the village.

'Longing for the Light, we wait in darkness...'

Sunday 19 December Holy Communion at 9.30 am

'Good Christians all, rejoice!'

Tuesday 21 December Hadstock Silver Band concert in church 7.30pm

****Christmas music, Carols, and refreshments all in Church, no charge****

Then

****Friday 24 December Light of the World service at 6.00pm****

'O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie'

Celebrate the wonder of the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World.

Saturday 25 December **Christmas Day Service 9.30am**

'He came down to earth from Heaven

Who is God and Lord of all.

And his shelter was a stable

And his cradle was a

stall'



Happy Christmas!

**** Please wear a mask to protect yourself and others****
at these events.