

Hadstock Magazine



***HARVEST TIME - A painting of farmer, the late John
Crawley of Penn Farm by Sonia Villiers a few years ago***

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Beginnings – Editors Page

[Well I'm sorry this is a very late October Magazine](#) . Some months it's harder than others. But I decided that you'd probably rather have the Mag late than not at all so here it is and guess what? I've already started to make the November Magazine.

So send in your articles and photos and comments. Thanks

Sue - Ed

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St Botolph's Hadstock

A painting by Lynn Nuttall



All Saints - Ashdon



The Rector's Letter from The Rev'd Jeremy Trew

Jeremy writes... About the time this edition of the parish magazine is published, the church remembers one of its most famous saints – Francis of Assisi. He was, by any account, an extraordinary young man, who abandoned a privileged lifestyle in medieval Europe, to live out a peculiar and itinerant vocation that caused a remarkable revolution within the life of the church. Francis was born into an affluent family, and had the opportunity to enjoy riches, and a lifestyle that went with such assets – but renounced them completely to pursue a ministry that was, at the time, so radical as to verge on the subversive. He took with him a handful of followers, and renounced not merely ownership of any possessions at all, but also any sense of home or base. He saw the joy of God the creator in every aspect of life – and indeed death – and was a guileless and loving champion for the Good News of God in Christ. His most remarkable - and, perhaps, most naïve - venture was to call on the Sultan of Egypt in 1219, in a single-handed attempt to end the crusades, and bring peace to the Holy Land. The life of Francis is well-documented, although often his life is reduced to a nonsensical simplicity that portrays him as being little more than a Dr Dolittle figure that knew how to 'speak to the animals'. Much less documented are two of the twelve apostles, whose feast day falls very near the end of October – the two apostles who were known as Simon (but not Simon Peter!), and Jude (who is not Judas Iscariot). While Jude probably rejoices in not being his infamous namesake, most people would find it galling simply to be remembered for being not someone considerably more famous. Almost nothing is known about either of these apostles – almost nothing save that Jesus saw in them both something so special as to call them away from their regular life in Galilee, to spend some three years in his company learning first-hand about the excitement of

the in-breaking Kingdom of God.

And while we are very unclear about any personal details in the lives of these two members of The Twelve, we will recognize that the call to follow Jesus as an apostle was radical, costly and ultimately dangerous, and we assume that a martyr's death marked the end of the earthly life of both Jude and Simon. Taken as a 'job lot' that mark the beginning and end of October, Francis, Simon and Jude make a strange little group. One is remarkably famous, and the other two curiously obscure (at least for two people who were personal friends of the earthly Jesus). But they are united in the embrace of a totally radical claim on their life, which turned it upside down, and saw them give up any notion of home, family, or security. Perhaps, as this month progresses, we should all pray for the gift of a life similarly stood on its head.

Best Wishes Jeremy

**Jeremy Trew is Team Rector for Saffron Walden and Villages Team
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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

OCTOBER 2025

'Harvest Festival was on

Sunday 5th October at 11.00am

Led by Rev.Romey Poston and afterwards there was a 'Bring and Share' Lunch at the Village Hall



After the Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall 5/10/25, photo :- Jim Abiss

Next services

Sunday 19th October at 9.00am Home Team Service Led by
Janice and Martin

Sunday 24th October No Service in St Botolph's

Sunday 31st October No Service in St Botolph's

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

The church is open every day between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm for private prayer.



The Friends of St Botolph's Church is a registered charity so any donations are eligible for Gift Aid.

Charity number 1096540.

Lou Symes Thompson, Chair.

Coffee Morning for Literacy Box Charity

An AMAZING over £700

was raised at the Coffee Morning held on 13th September in the United Reformed Church in Abbey Lane, Saffron Walden and was organised by Irene Stapleton from Hadstock as a member of the Inner Wheel Club of Saffron Walden

The funds will go to the charity **'LITERACY in a BOX'**

In the UK, many people take for granted school supplies, which include pens, pencils, paper, chalks and rulers among many others. However, for most Zambian children, the lack of them is due to the inability of their parents to pay for them and is significant in the failure of many to have a full education. The Trust therefore decided that its first priority must be to focus on school supplies in its School Aid 4 Zambia programme.

Why not have a look at <https://literacyinabox.org.uk/>

for more information.

Well Done Irene and the Inner Wheelers and all friends

Hadstock - News, - Events, - Happenings, Reports



Hadstock Village Hall 100 Club

August winners

No. 08	Sarah Lockton	£25.00
No22	Vincent Anandraj	£25.00

September winners	No.17	Matt and Isabel Fish	£25.00
	No.67	Peter Wiles	£25.00

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
Contact Martin Foley at cllr.martin.foley@essex.gov.uk

Thank you Sara.

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES and Fun in 2025

BIN COLLECTIONS – Weds 15th and 29th October for Black & Brown bins and Weds 8th and 22nd of October 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 18th October. then 1st November

Hadstock Parish Council

Next meeting **in the Village hall** on **Thursday 30th October** at 7.45pm

Contact the Parish Clerk Sara Beckett:- [Tel:07841343413](tel:07841343413)

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 31st October 6.00 'til 11.00pm** bar open as usual.

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

Art Classes in Hadstock for adults on Tuesday mornings and Friday mornings and afternoons in termtime; Sundays once a month, and children's' after-school art during termtime on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact Sonia 07890 50916

Hadstock Silver Band meets on Tuesday evenings at the Village Hall for practice. Contact: John Organ (Chairman) on 07801 072836
HadstockSilverBand@gmail.com

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](mailto:ldhscamb@gmail.com)

Hadstock Pub Night News 2025

Friday 31st October Sustainable Hadstock 'What's in our recycling?'

Friday 28th November**CHILLI NIGHT** see separate note for how to book.

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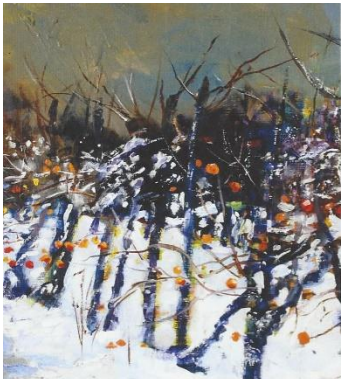
Friday 19th December (note this is the 3rd Friday) **so, A special CHRISTMAS PUB NIGHT** – a chance to let everyone know your Christmas plans and exchange those lastminute cards and presents.

Friday 30th January 2026 Last year_ there was no Pub Night in January
- **For some people it will be payday!**

Please let Derek know whether you would like one this January
Derek Bushell (derek71246@aol.com/[07971 413355](tel:07971413355))

Friday 27thFebruary 2026 A Sustainable Hadstock Presentation.

Friday 27th March 2026 A Sustainable Hadstock Presentation planned



ART EXHIBITION

Paintings Drawings Mixed Media Prints Sculptures

Sunday 26th October - Saturday 1st November 2025

The Leys School, Trumpington Road, Cambridge CB2 7AD

Open every day 10am - 4pm **ADMISSION FREE**

Free parking, access from Trumpington Road

 <https://www.cambridgedrawingsociety.org>  



Sustainable Hadstock News

October 2025

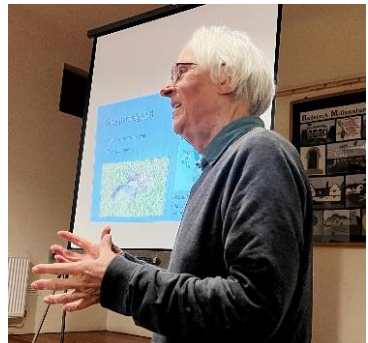
Guest speakers: Cutting the wildflower area on the Recreation Ground and tree planting!

Our Community Pub Night Guest Speakers

Over the Winter months we are inviting guest speakers to join us at our monthly Community Pub Nights in the 6.30 – 7.30pm slot.

In September:-John Meed gave a fascinating talk on the changing pattern of birds across our farmland.

For the last 10 years he has been studying a square kilometre of green belt on the southern fringe of Cambridge, around the Nine Wells local nature reserve and White Hill.



In October: - Our local recycling team will have told us about our local recycling centre and what happens to all our 'things'.

In February :- Clive Boas of Climate Change Gardening will be talking about wildlife gardening. The aim of their talks is to raise awareness of the importance of gardens in relation to the climate and biodiversity crises, together with the options gardeners have for helping mitigate these crises. Private gardens are the 3rd largest land-use category in England, so the choices and actions of our 20+ million gardeners can make a difference.

Biodiversity on The Recreation Ground

Wildflowers:- As many of you will have seen, - we have not mowed a wide band around the Rec to promote wildflowers and plants. This has now been cut and much of the grass removed to support next year's wildflower growth.

Alan Wells, Brendan Burchell and John Lockton spent an exhausting day cutting and removing grass. With others helping during the month to remove the remaining grass. The plan is for Bill to do a final short cut before the winter sets in.

Brendan



And Alan

www.hadstock.org.uk/sustainablehadstock/

15 November tree planting:

We have around 60 saplings from the Woodland Trust which have been nurtured during the dry summer. These will be planted to start a new copse near the Coronation Oak in November. Come and help out!

Village Hall: solar panel and battery system

By the time you read this the Village Hall solar panel & battery system will have been installed. More next month!

Cllr John Lockton

For The Sustainable Hadstock Team

www.hadstock.org.uk/sustainablehadstock/



Hadstock Ancient Wood

Linton Library News It's a long way off but: **Clueless at Christmas** with crime authors Nicola Upson and Mandy Morton takes place on Wednesday 5th November 2 – 3.30pm, introducing their latest Christmas titles. Tickets are £5, book in the library or contact cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Congratulations to all those who completed the **Summer Reading Challenge**, pop in soon to pick up your medal and certificate.

Daylight Readers. Our Book Groups meet on Friday 17th, one at 10.30am and the other at 2.30pm. The morning group has space for new members!

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

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

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

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

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

Vicky Anandraj and Ann King,

Community Library Assistants, Linton Library

Opening hours: Tuesday 10am-5pm; Wednesday 4-7pm; Thursday 2-5pm; Friday 10am-5pm; Saturday 10am-1pm

Customer Services: 0345 045 5225

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

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The first maps of Hadstock village

Richard Dolby, Hadstock Society

The first known map of the village illustrating individual buildings was created in 1777 by Chapman and André, both commercial surveyors. Figure 1 shows the buildings and land plots. There were 16 plots with 21 separate buildings.

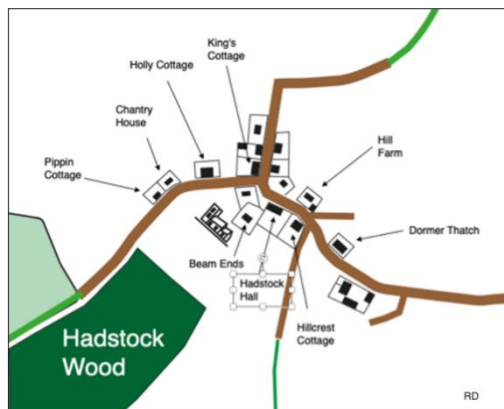


Fig. 1 Buildings in 1777 after Chapman-Andre

Most of the C17 houses in Hadstock today can be identified, such as Holly Cottage, Chantry House and Pippin now Lilac Cottage. Kings Cottage, Hill Farm, Hadstock Hall, Beam Ends, Hillcrest Cottage and Dormer Thatch also appear to feature.

The population in 1777 is not known but by 1792, there were 391 parishioners according to a survey by the Rev J Addison Carr.

The next detailed map of the parish appeared in 1805 (Ordnance Survey Old Series Essex sheet 47), the surveying taking place between 1799 and 1803 and carried out by His Majesty's Ordnance. Compared to the 1777 map, Figure 2 shows there were a number of new buildings along the Bartlow Road, including two on Arnold's Lane. The total number of buildings is now 32 in the village, but some are clearly barns.

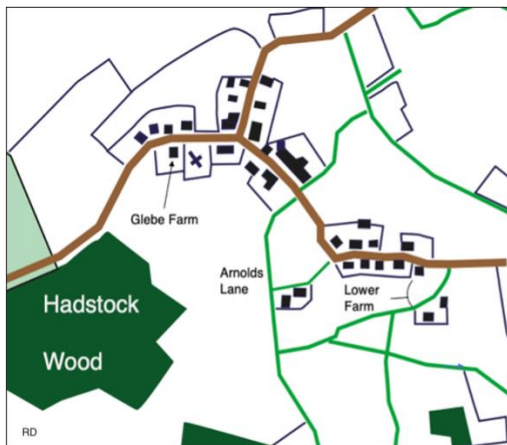


Fig 2. 1805 OS map,
(surveyed
1799-1803)

But about the same time, the 1801 Enclosure Act for Hadstock saw another survey of the village, including Bowsers, this time by Nockolds of Saffron Walden. Surveying took place between 1802 and 1804. The number of buildings in this survey is now over 90, see Figure 3, and we know from documents written by Rev J Addison Carr that in 1807 there were around 60 houses and 30 barns, with a population of 329.

The discrepancy in the number of houses between the Figures 2 and 3 has been partly explained to me by map experts at the Charles Close Society. Apparently, the surveyors for the OS first edition maps published in 1805 sketched footprints which while appearing as single buildings, could often represent a complex of a house and several barns. However, when compared to walking and surveying buildings around Hadstock over a two-year period to create the pre-enclosure map, surveying the whole of Essex on horseback over a similar period for the Ordnance Survey just meant many buildings went unrecorded! If you would like to know more about housing development in Hadstock over nearly 250 years, you can find the full publication at [hadstock.org.uk/community archive/parish history](http://hadstock.org.uk/community%20archive/parish%20history) where the post 'Landscape history of Hadstock Parish, Part 4: Houses and the built environment' is located.

First Maps of Hadstock continued

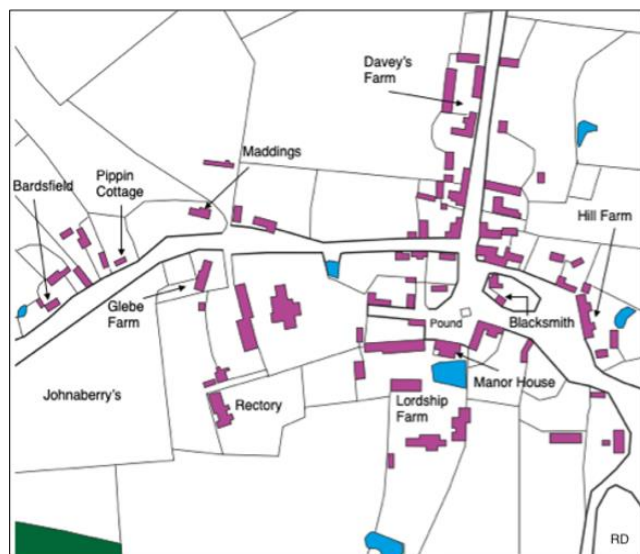
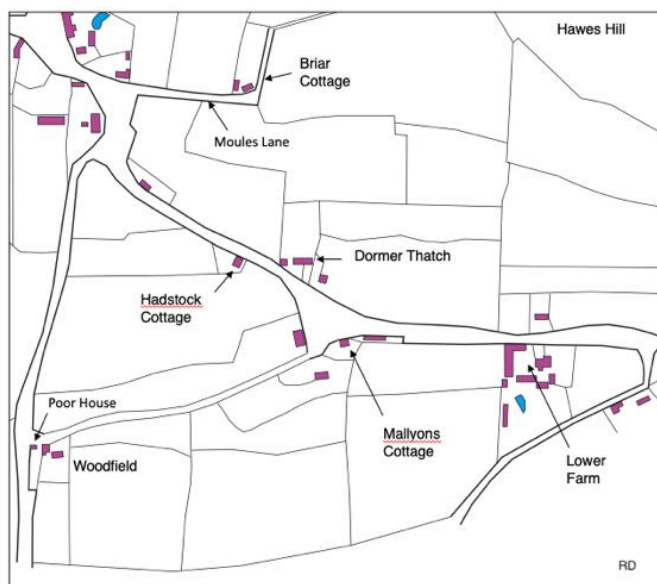


Figure 3 1805
Enclosure map
(surveyed 1802 –
1804)



Romey's Induction At 7.30 on Tuesday 2nd September 2025 a group of people from St Botolph's Church, Hadstock made their way to the Church of All Saints Ashdon where the Revd Romey Poston was Licensed by the Bishop of Colchester, the Rt Revd Roger Morris, as Associate Priest of The Saffron Walden and Villages Team Ministry and then the Venerable Kate Peacock – the Archdeacon of Stansted, carried out the Induction of Romey into the Team Ministry.

It was rather lovely the way that the Bishop asked Romey if she felt God had called her to minister to the people 'in this place' meaning here in Hadstock and Ashdon and would she commit to the 'mission and ministry' of the people 'in this place also. Luckily Romey replied that **'With the help of God I will.'**

Then it was the people's turn to commit. Bishop Roger asked the congregation -the People – **'People of God, will you welcome Romey and support and uphold her in her ministry, now and in the years to come? We replied **'With the help of God, we will.'****

He then also asked **'Will you stir up the gift of God which is in you to work with Romey for the building of God's kingdom here? Again all replied **'With the help of God, we will.'****

There was much more to this service involving presenting Romey with the keys of the church, water for baptism, oil for healing, a large bible so she can continue to study the scriptures. Then the Book of Common Prayer: Bread and Wine for the Eucharist and finally a 'Chelmsford holding cross' saying, **'Romey, be among us as someone who holds onto the cross of Christ and shares it with others'**. If you would like a copy of this service send me a note and I should be able to get one to you. Use hadstockmag@btinternet.com or my phone number on the front inside page of this magazine. Sue -the Ed

A Wonderful Day out at the Northampton Saints Rugby

There's something about the roar of a rugby crowd that lifts the spirits and warms the soul—even on a brisk afternoon. Our recent outing to watch the Northampton Saints was just that: a joyful, raucous, and thoroughly memorable day.

We were fortunate enough to be the top bidder at the Fete auction for two tickets to watch Northampton Saints RFC. and managed to purchase two extra tickets so our daughter and her husband could join us.

From the moment we arrived at cinch Stadium at Franklin's Gardens, the atmosphere was electric. Flags waved, children darted about in Saints scarves, and the scent of hot chips and burgers mingled with autumn air. For those of us who don't know our scrums from our lineouts, the sheer enthusiasm of the fans was infectious. You didn't need to understand every rule to feel part of something special. We chose the match Northampton Saints verses Exeter chiefs. It was thrilling—after the Saints leading 33-7 at halftime, we were stunned when it ended in a 33-33 draw. The Saints played with heart and grit, and the crowd responded with cheers, groans, and the occasional burst of song. It was sport at its best: passionate, unpredictable, and full of character. We met Kirsty and Jonathon with Rory (a Scottish international) and Alex Coles, (an England international), and a fellow Saints player

So, here's to the Saints, to sport, and to days out that bring us together. Whether you're a lifelong fan or a curious newcomer, I can't recommend it enough.

Janice and Jim Snell

(See Picture on next page)

We met Kirsty and Jonathon with Rory (a Scottish international) and Alex Coles, (an England international), and a fellow Saints player



Kindling wood for sale



In Aid of the Red Cross

Suggested donation £2 per bag

4 Moules Lane, Hadstock

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Remember the bird, plane, moth or butterfly question at the end of the last Mag?



and



Well, Sally Muddiman wrote to the Magazine with the answer.

Hi Sue

The black moth with cream stripes is a Jersey Tiger moth - very distinctive with bright orange underwings. Flies during the day and appears from early August so lots around at the moment.

I think the orange picture could well be the same moth seen from underneath - you can see its orange underwings from this angle.

Best wishes

Sally

Sally Muddiman

We'll done Sally!

And Sonia Villiers also told me the correct answer. **So well done Sonia too.!**

Watch out for the small prizes 'winging' their way to you -our 2 winners.!

Hadstock Pub Night and Social Evening

Friday 31st October 2025 Halloween Night!!

Hadstock Village Hall

6.00 to 11.00 p.m.

We are holding our next Pub Night on the 31st October. This will be a Halloween themed night and there may even be some sweets for any 'trick or treaters' who come in. Feel free to wear your Halloween costumes.

Ben Brown from the recycling department at Uttlesford District Council will be telling us all about recycling in Uttlesford between 6.30 and 7.30 pm.

Lol's Pizza will be available for delivery to the Village Hall at 7.30 as usual and the menu will be published in a separate post.

Dogs will be allowed in the garden so you can pop in for a pint or a glass of wine when you take your dog for a walk on these bracing autumn evenings.

There will be a card machine as usual.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the 31st October.

Derek Bushell (derek71246@aol.com/ 07971 413355)

PLENTY OF ROOM FOR PARKING YOUR BROOMSTICKS!

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December, Thurs 4,

Fri 5, Sat 6,

7:30 p m

& Matinee Sat

2:30pm

Prices -Adults £12,

children 3-12 years £5

**To reserve tickets please email lynnn50@hotmail.com -
(note the 3 nnns!)**

Payments to Hadstock Village Hall

Account 90437239 Sort code 20 74 05

It is important to add the reference **PANTOMIME** as payments for other events will also be going into this account.

Please pay for all tickets ordered in your name.

Tickets secured once payment receipt is confirmed

Thank you for your support!

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A NOVEMBER DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Things will be
November Village
Hadstock foodies!



hotting up at the
Pub night for all you

A Chilli night is planned on Friday 28 November, with food served at
7.30pm

When you can enjoy the wonderful experience of :-.....

A jacket potato loaded with Beef Chilli, Guacamole, Cheddar
& Soured Cream (vegetarian option available)

all for £12.00pp

So pop that date in your diary and email Sarah to order your food by

Thursday 20 November

(stating vegetarian option if required) sarahlockton@gmail.com

RAFFLE

ALL profit from the evening donated to Hadstock Village Hall funds

Note: The Pub Night is running as normal, but there will
be ~~no~~ LOL'S pizza on this evening.