



Tostock Chronicle



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Parish Council

A meeting was held on the 15th of December, chaired by Clir. S. Waitkins.
Present were : clirs. M.Beales, D. Plester, V. Malcolm, W. Moore and E. Wadsworth, M. Burman .
Clerk Mrs. M. Bottomley.
Apologies were received from Dist. Clir. Carol Milward.
Seven members of the public were also in attendance.

At the Public Forum the issue was raised regarding flooding at the southern end of the Leys Road which has been reported by a resident to the SCC Highways.

The owner of Crispin Cottage on the Green produced suggested plans for extensions to this property before applying to the Planning Department. These were briefly discussed and no general objections were raised.

The scheduled meeting then commenced.

Previous minutes were approved for signature.

E-mailed reports received from the Cty. And Dist. Cllrs.

Police reported further vandalism to the telephone kiosk and a burglary where firearms and ammunition had been stolen.

VHMC Reported that the insulation of the walls of the hall had now been completed and a grant from the SCC had been received towards the cost. Further vandalism had also taken place outside the hall and on the car park and the committee were exploring the possibility of installing a detective devise.

Footpath extension Norton Road, Cllr. Wadsworth reported a 75% response by residents in the area.

There was a mixed reaction and an earlier suggestion to install a footway from the pub corner down Church Road to the Church was also discussed. It was decided that in view of the high cost that would be involved it was agreed to shelve both these proposals for the foreseeable future.

ROYAL WEDDING All village organisations are to be written to by the Clerk seeking suggestions of how the village might celebrate this event. It would also be reported in the Chronicle and on the Website.

Planning Application **3489/10** Change of landfill site to touring caravan park at Ticehurst Gravel. Plans were examined and discussed at length. It was felt that a total of 142 pitches to accommodate caravans and tents on this site was far too great. There was not enough proposed infrastructure or facilities and traffic problems could occur with vehicles using this and diversions through other villages. It was felt that more thought should be given to this site application. Cllr. Malcolm proposed that the application should be rejected. This was seconded by Cllr. Beales. There was one abstention and all other councillors agreed to the rejection.

The Planning Department refused application for the building of a house to replace the Bunglings on The Leys after a site meeting.

Cheques were agreed for payment including a donation to WENT First Responders being raised at the recent Bonfire evening.

The erection of a suitable bench on the Green and a replacement village sign post has been put 'on hold' until a later date.

J. E.W.

Tostock News:

Radio Suffolk:

Once again Tostock has received media coverage.

Early last December on BBC Radio Suffolk afternoon programme 'Dolphins Dart' landed on Tostock and over a period of about three hours various facts about the village and village life and residents were discussed. Some residents were telephoned to be interviewed on air and the programme came over extremely well and gave a very good picture of the village.

At the end of the programme the presenters and staff all said what a wonderful community spirit and friendliness existed amongst the residents and they all felt Tostock was one of the best villages that they had 'visited' and they would like to come and live here – *PRAISE INDEED !!*

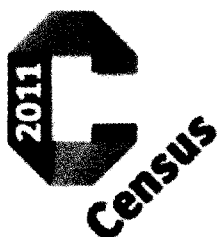
Cold Weather Spell.

During the recent cold and icy weather many residents kept a careful eye on the elderly and less mobile residents making sure that they were keeping warm and undertaking shopping and other tasks for them. The recipients are all VERY GRATEFUL for these caring acts of kindness.

Tostock Chronicle.

A very big 'THANK YOU' to Sheena Waitkins who at her own expense and many hours of work has scanned every copy of the *Tostock Chronicle* from No. 1 in May 1955 right through to the latest No. 303. All 65 years of Tostock's activities have now been placed on the Website : www.tostockvillage.co.uk. In addition she has also printed every copy and these have been placed in seven large ring folders giving the village an 'extra copy' which can be viewed by anyone contacting the 'Old Post Office : 01359 270278. Reading these files give a fascination and unique insight to village life. The website and files will continue to be updated as each new Chronicle is published.

J.E.W.



Census 2011.

The 2011 Census Questionnaire will be coming through your letterbox this spring.

On 27th of March all residential household in the United Kingdom will be taking part in a census. Since 1801 (apart from in 1941 during the war) a day has been chosen every ten years for this purpose. The census provides an excellent source of information about the population. This enables central and local government, health authorities and many other organisations to plan housing, education, health and transport services for years to come.

The census statistics feed into resource allocation for local authorities and play a major part in their ability to provide local services, so it is crucial the population estimate is as accurate as possible. When the questionnaire envelope come through your door you'll easily recognise it by the purple 2011 Census Logo. Take care of it. If, like many people, you want to complete the questionnaire on line, your individual internal code is on the front of the questionnaire

More information about the 2011 Census is available on line at : www.census.gov.uk

Jostock Village Association

The TVA is continuing to fight the good cause. We have little to report in this issue but look out for our AGM in March/April. Any developments that occur in the mean time we will contact all members.



Tostock Parish Elections.

Elections for the Parish Council will take place between the 9th and 19th of May.

**IF you want a say in how our village is run, IF you are fed up with not being heard
IF you want to contribute then STAND for ELECTION as a COUNCILLOR.**

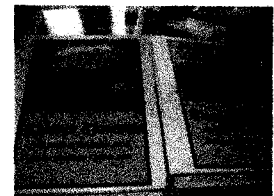
**There is absolutely NO POINT in moaning about decisions, ideas, plans, happenings if
you are not prepared to either stand for office or if you DO NOT VOTE !!!**

**Further details about procedures and applications will be posted onto the Parish
Council Notice Board by the telephone box and in the next chronicle.**

The Tostock Chronicle Past and Present.



The Tostock Chronicle was first published on May 1955.



***It is UNIQUE because the whole series of issues have been kept and are now
available both in hard copy (from the Old Post Office) and on line in the Tostock
Web Site : www.tostockvillage.co.uk under the link : Tostock Chronicle Library.***

***It truly is a magnificent history of our village. The Tostock Parish Council
Minutes are recorded, interestingly the same issues keep on arising, the village
hall, the highway problems and do not mention the planning decisions !!!
Anyone with an interest in the village should read them.***

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St. Andrew's Church Tostock.

Services – February and March 2011.

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| 6th February | 10am | Joint Benefice Communion | Norton |
| 12th February | 10am | Morning Praise | |
| 20th February | 10am | Holy Communion (BPC) | |
| 27th February | 10am | Morning Prayer (BCP) | |
| 6th March | 9.30am | Family Communion | |
| 13th March | 9.30am | Holy Communion (BCP) | |
| 20th March | 11am | Morning Prayer (BCP) | |
| 27th March | 11am | Family Service | |

ASH WEDNESDAY – 9th March.

10 am Holy Communion – at St Andrew's Church, Norton.

7.30pm Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at St Mary's Pakenham.

Services in The Croft.

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| 14th February [Monday] | 10am | Note : 2nd Monday of the month this month only. |
| 21st March [Monday] | 10am | |

This is an informal short service of prayer and praise, with time to chat afterwards over a cup of tea or coffee. All are welcome to come and share fellowship.

Changes to Sunday Services from March.

Beginning in March the monthly pattern of services across our benefice will change, as you can see above. One of the main reasons for this new pattern is to give me the chance to be at more than one church on a Sunday morning. The number of services over the month will stay the same, but will be distributed more evenly across the three churches, and we will join together as a benefice to worship on a fifth Sunday, instead of every first Sunday of the month. The benefit to Tostock in particular is that it will have more regular Sunday services.

The main change you will notice is that the times of the services will be different, and this is simply to allow me time to get from one church to another. As with many rural benefices the three PCC'S have agreed to have two main service times: 9.30am and 11am. Most services will be at one of these times.

'Morning Praise' will be replaced by 'Family Service' and will continue to be a more informal service welcoming to all ages – for all the church family.

No doubt it will take time for all of us to get used to these changes, but the hope is that each village will benefit from more regular Sunday services, and I will certainly benefit from seeing each congregation more often!!

So next month please look at the service rota carefully, and check the times of the ones you would like to attend. From March if you turn up at 10am you will either be a bit late or very early! Please phone me if you have any worries or questions.

Revd. Katherine Valentine,
Priest-in-Charge.



CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

In spite of such harsh weather over winter, we have managed to hold coffee mornings in both December and January, which raised £96.86 and £101.99 respectively. Many thanks to all that come!

Our committee has yet to meet to discuss the programme for 2011 but it is likely that we will continue the coffee mornings on the **2nd Tuesday of most months**. Watch this space for details. Likewise for the regular Bingo sessions on the **last Tuesday of each month**.

So, see you at the coffee mornings on the **8th of February and March**. Bingo in the afternoons of the **22nd February and 29th March**.

Julie Harrison 270247.

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Allotments : Now that the new season is approaching would dog walkers stop leaving their 'doggy bags' on the allotments and adjoining areas which are privately owned.

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Tostock Village Hall News.

FURTHER VANDALISM We are sad to report that further incidents of vandalism have taken place at the village hall resulting in damage to the property. 'Doughnuts' i.e. handbrake turns, in the car park appear to be the route cause of much recent damage.

PLEASE REMEMBER : the village hall and playing field is a faculty for all to enjoy and we would ask members of the public to be vigilant and report any unseemly behaviour to the Village Hall Management Committee.

NEW LOUD SPEAKER SYSTEM installed within the hall – the new system is now in place and has been a great asset to recent events!

VILLAGE TREASURE HUNT : later in the year in view of the village event for The Royal Wedding, we have decided to hold our annual Village Treasure Hunt later in the year. Watch this space for further details.



Dog Bin.



Many thanks to all who are using the dog bin we recently installed near to the playing fields. This is regularly being filled up, and is no doubt making our playing fields a cleaner play for all to play.

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Tostock Past and Present Society.

Good attendances continued throughout 2010 and our total membership reached 60. Our year finished with 25 members attending the entertaining ***Eastern Angles Christmas Show*** followed by supper at the Gardners Arms. Following on from the Doug Patterson evening we were pleased to donate in conjunction with the Village Hall Management Committee £300 to Children's Charities in Bhutan and Calcutta.

The committee has put together a wide ranging programme for 2011 which is detailed below. **All our meetings will be on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm, unless otherwise stated.**

Our membership fee remains at £10 pa and the visitors fee will be £3.

Programme for 2011

February 1st at 7.30pm – **AGM + Anne/Mike Coleman 'Aid to Hospitals Worldwide'** (sending free medical equipment destined for landfill to the third world).

March 1st at 7.30pm Edward Crighton **'A day in the life of an Auctioneer'** (**Bring along your antiques to be valued – 1 item only**).

April 5th at 7.30pm Denise Hammond-Webb **'Victorian Social History in East Anglia'** (How Victorian East Anglian families lived, ate and worked).

May 3rd at 7.30pm Jane Parker **'Hatch, Match and Dispatch'** (Births, Marriages and Deaths –the role of the Registrar).

June 7th at 7.30pm Gloria Daines **'Life & Fashion in the Forties'**

May/June date to be arranged at 7pm **'A Church Visit to be arranged'** (members £3, non-members £4).

Tuesday July 12th **Visit to Audley End House and Gardens'** (Saffron Walden)

September 6th at 7.30pm Mark Mitchels **'Elizabeth Garrett Anderson'**

October 4th at 7.30pm Bryan Thurlow **'Music Hall Memories'**

November 1st at 7.30pm Peter Tryon **'The Castles of Suffolk'**

December 3rd 7.00 for 7.30pm Clive and Christine Paine **'A Victorian Christmas'** (members £3, non-members £4).

The Committee looks forward to seeing as many members as possible at all our meetings and would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Anthony Scully (Secretary) 01359 270482 or Email a.r.scully@btinternet.com

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Tostock Bookgroup.



I write this before the January meeting at the home of Rosemary Lister, where will celebrate a late Christmas with a 'Secret Santa' lucky dip of second hand books donated by members. Those who come to the January meeting will give a brief report on those books for the February Meeting. This is on Wednesday 23rd February, at Pineacre, Norton Road, where our hostess is Sarah Scully.

The March Meeting as usual on the 4th Wednesday of the month, i.e. 23rd March, will be at the home of Lynne Jones. We have yet to decide on the book for March.

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Unfortunately the Yoga sessions that normally take place at Drinkstone village hall on a Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning have had to change venue due to the recent fire damage at Drinkstone. It may well be that this is our good fortune. We have managed to offer the facility of our own hall until at least the end of December.

Kath really is a very special person and her Yoga sessions are fantastic. A number of villagers already attend the sessions each week. If you would like to come and join Kath, on either of the sessions as shown above, please give it a try – it really is well worth it.

The only night not booked for yoga is the first Tuesday in each month when Past & Present Society meet.

Lynne Jones – Chair Village Hall Management Committee.



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To find out more about both scratch, gift vouchers or to join the weekly lottery please either visit our website www.stnicholashospicecare.org.uk or telephone The Lottery Officer on 01284 755000.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

Many residents will be aware that vandalism and attempts of theft have recently taken place in the village.

All residents are reminded to be extra vigilant especially during the long dark evenings.

Make sure that windows, doors, sheds, garages and cars are securely locked as possible.

DO NOT let anyone you do not know into your property and always ask for identity of anyone reading meters or the like.

Village Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator is :

Jon Walker 271609.

Representatives for :

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|--------|
| The Green | Jean Wheeler | 270178 |
| The Green | Corrinne Jull | 270670 |
| Norton Road And Area | Stephen Fayers | 271010 |
| Leys Road and Area | Jon Walker | 271609 |
| Flatts Lane | Ken Bucke | 270501 |
| | Barry Jagger | 270613 |

If you see or hear of anything you feel should be investigated please contact any of the above or in an emergency do not hesitate to dial 999.

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Carols on The Green 2010.

Singing Along!!



Carols were sung on The Green in aid of the 'Hospice'.

On Wednesday the 8th of December a real band of Tostock folk gathered at Gail Moyles' 'Romney Cottage' and sang their hearts out. It really was a frightfully cold night but a hearty brazier kept us all nice and warm.

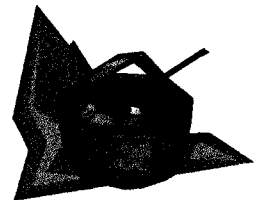
We all sang uplifting carols including a delightful descant 'Come all ye faithful.' Rosemary Lister was on the organ and Lynn Jones led the singing. Afterwards we were all rewarded with mulled wine and mince pies.



We all enjoyed the evening tremendously and a special thanks to Gail for organising such a festive occasion.



Knitting For Rumania



I have managed to secure another outlet for our knitted goods, etc., since I last posted a notice to say that the Medical Mission could no longer receive gifts because of shipping expense – such a shame.

Jean O'Reilly has a contact who can arrange for delivery (by suitcase !) of knitted garments, etc., to an orphanage in Rumania. It would be great if we could keep some of the impetus going and help out where we can – these establishments are always in need, and every little helps. I have already given Jean one consignment, and now have contributions towards another.

On these dark winter nights (although they are beginning to lengthen now) what could be better than getting those needles out and start 'knitting for Romania'.

*If you want any more information please phone me – I would be pleased to hear from you.
Lynne Jones – 01359 272668.*



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