



# TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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## PARISH COUNCIL

Mr Baully chaired the last meeting attended by eight councillors and P.C. Mark Jepson.

Matters for discussion included the fact that the Suffolk County Council had erected new footpath signs in the wrong places and the footpath officer will sort this out. "No Horses" signs are to be placed at each end of the footpath between Rectory Farm and Hollow Lane.

An application for the erection of a rear extension to Elm Cottage and a detached double garage at Avonlake received no objections.

It was agreed to accept the estimate of £50 for the regrinding of the triple cut mower. Enquiries are to be made for quotes to regrind the gang mowers. The district audit is to be held on the 2nd December.

A reply has been received from the Highway Department that work cannot be carried out to the footway in New Road during this budget year, but will be put onto the programme for 1995/96.

## ST ANDREWS CHURCH

Once again we are at that time when we are making preparations to celebrate Christmas. No doubt there will be things that we feel we need to do to be ready. There will be last minute presents to buy, things needed for the larder, arrangements to make and cards to write. In the midst of this it is easy to forget the true meaning of the celebration of Christmas - the coming of the Saviour into a world that so needs the love that he came to show and share. I hope that you will be able to come to share the true meaning of Christmas with us at St Andrews. Full details of services for December and January are listed below. I would draw your attention to our Family Carol Service on Sunday, 18th December at 3 p.m. and our usual Crib Service especially for children on Christmas Eve at 3 p.m. The Midnight Communion Service this year is at Norton, but there is a Christmas Day Service at Tostock at 10.00 a.m.

Season's Greetings

### Church Services for December and January.

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| December 4th.  | 10.00 a.m. | Joint Benefice Communion<br><u>Tostock.</u>  |
| December 11th. | 11.00 a.m. | Morning Praise                               |
| December 18th. | 8.00 a.m.  | Holy Communion.                              |
|                | 3.00 p.m.  | Family Carol Service                         |
| December 24th  | 3.00 p.m.  | Crib Service                                 |
| December 25th  | 10.00 a.m. | Christmas Day Service with<br>Communion      |
| January 1st.   | 10.00 a.m. | Joint Benefice Communion<br><u>Pakenham.</u> |
| January 8th    | 11.00 a.m. | Family Service                               |
| January 15th   | 8.00 a.m.  | Holy Communion                               |
| January 22nd   | 9.30 a.m.  | Morning Praise                               |
| January 29th   |            | Please see notice at the Church gate         |

### CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

£600 was raised at the Church Bazaar on Saturday, November 26th in aid of the fabric fund. Many thanks indeed to those who supported us and gave so generously, and all who helped on the day to make the event a success.

### VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr O Reilly chaired the meeting on 4th October, nine members were present.

Dog Fouling - the position had improved greatly since the Notices were posted.

Sound Alarm System the reset button is unsatisfactory, the treasurer is to speak to the installers. The grant for the system is still to be received.

Mrs Buckle reported that the heating system was still unsatisfactory for the Brownies. A number of alternatives were discussed. It was agreed to turn the heating system on half an hour before the meeting. The possibility of dividing the Hall was discussed. Simon Reynolds confirmed that curtains were available and these would be put up. The Chairman suggested that what is needed is another room at the rear, larger than the Committee Room but smaller than the Hall proper. This was agreed unanimously and it was felt this could be our project for the millenium. The feasibility of this project was to be explored.

Miss Sherwood, on behalf of the P.C.C. reported on the Historic Churches Cycle Ride, and that the sum of £317 had been raised in Tostock. Congratulations to all who rode and all helpers.

Playing Field Grass- Simon Reynolds and Andrew Brown reported again on the unsatisfactory position whereby the grass was so long that they had to cut it (the contractor not coming to do the job on time) only to have the contractor arrive a day later. The Chairman decided to see the appropriate person at Mid Suffolk District Council.

A Working Party was requested for the tidying of the field, clearing nettles near the Croft and generally tidying up. The Secretary to post a notice to this effect.

The Secretary to write a letter to Mr D. Beales to thank him for repairing the piano.

#### TOSTOCK PAST AND PRESENT SOCIETY

Colonel Dean's talk on Japan on 7th November was enjoyed by a large audience of members and friends, including visitors from Norwich and Chelmsford.

A few stalwarts tackled the second part of the parish boundary walk on 20th November on the Thurston/Beyton boundary. There is still a small section to walk on the Woolpit side.

Preparations are being made for the Members Evening on Monday 5th December. The theme this year will be Bury Abbey just prior to the Dissolution, with the last Abbot Present. Some members are dressing up as monks, pilgrims and even Nunns to help create the atmosphere. A light supper will be served. Friends are most welcome but please let secretary know if you wish to come, to help with catering, tel. 270395. ( price £3 )

The first meeting of the new year on Monday, 2nd January will be a talk by Mrs Simone Rochford, entitled " From Pillar to Post" which covers her experiences during the war in France. Again visitors welcome.

#### TOSTOCK BROWNIES

Our annual Carol Concert is on Monday, 19th December at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. This year the collection will be for the David Aldis India Trust for his work with poor people in India. Please come along - all are welcome.

#### TOSTOCK BOWLS

This year we were able to send cheques for £50 each to Cancer Research at Cambridge and Leukemia Research at the West Suffolk Hospital. This was the proceeds from friendly bowls matches during the year.

#### CHARITY NEWS FROM THE POST OFFICE

SILVER FOIL Contributions during the year have helped towards the purchase of another Guide Dog. Now currently running at one per year. The region have again won the area and National Trophy for the amount of foil collected.

N.B. So much that looks like foil e.g. coffee, biscuit, crisp, sweet bags etc. regretfully are plastic and of no use at all. A simple test can be carried out by squeezing it in your hand. If it springs back it is plastic but if it stays in a ball then it is foil.

USED GREETING CARDS Five large boxes have been taken to the Red Cross for their various uses .

RING CAN PULLS At the moment our outlet at Addenbrookes has ceased as they cannot find a market. We are enquiring around to find another outlet.

ST NICHOLAS HOSPICE Many contributions of used postage stamps and corks have come in. The sale of secondhand books, surplus produce, household items and donations have raised the total of £195 for the year.

THANK YOU TO YOU ALL WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THE CHARITIES IN ANY WAY.  
We shall continue with these charity collections next year so please help to keep them going.  
J & R.


### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### DECEMBER.

- 5th. 8 p.m. Past and Present, Members Evening
- 12th. MOBILE LIBRARY
- 19th. 7 p.m. Brownies Carol Concert

#### JANUARY.

- 2nd. 8 p.m. Past and Present, Mrs Simone Rochford "From Pillar to Post"
- 9th. MOBILE LIBRARY
- 22nd. Last date for material for Next Chronicle.
- 23rd. MOBILE LIBRARY



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