



# TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

No. 222

JUNE - JULY 1997

PARISH COUNCIL



The Annual Parish Meeting was chaired by Mr.A.Villar. County Councillor Mrs.S.Sida Lockett, District Councillor Mr.B.Siffleet, P.C.Graham Scott, eight parish councillors and twelve parishioners were present.

After the reading of the previous years minutes the only matter arising was the continuing problem of lorry traffic through the village and Mr.O'Reilly gave an up-date on the latest position with the co-operation and help from the Suffolk County Council. It was noted that improvements had already been observed.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR Mrs.S.Sida Lockett answered various questions from the floor which included the non maintenance of footways in the village and why some countryside recreation areas were closed to the public by 6-0pm and not dusk as in most areas.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR Mr.B.Siffleet explained the increases in Community Council Tax and also answered a number of questions. P.C.Graham Scott gave the latest crime figures for Tostock which although low had shown an increase on the previous year.

Changes are to take place at Ixworth Station and the force increased. This should leave more time for the Liason Officers to operate.

The Chairman thanked all the speakers for their attendance. A report was given by the clerk outlining the councils work during the previous year.

The Treasurer then explained the new layout of the accounts and balance sheet as laid down by new ruling. The Parish Council had helped the V.H.M.C. to finance the emergency conservation work carried out to the village hall but all monies had now been repaid in full to the P.C. The opening balance was £3867.43. and the closing balance was £3664.20. The shortfall would be made up once the refund of V.A.T. was repaid by Customs & Excise.

The Poors Estate Charity started the year with a balance of £577.77. Income was received from allotment rents and interest from dividends. £140 was paid to seven residents at Christmas at £20 each leaving a closing balance of £588.29. The committee were investigating ways to keep the area of land not used on the allotment area under control.

A report was submitted for the V.H.M.C. thanking the P.C. for their financial assistance regarding the energy improvements and how satisfactory the work had been. Further work will be carried out in due course.

The chairman thanked Mr.S.Reynolds for his work in maintaining the mower and tripple cut machine and for cutting the village green, Mr.L.Flatman for cutting the Leys and Ian Friend for cutting the Playing fields.

He also thanked Mr and Mrs.J.Barker for their litter picking through the village.

By a show of hands it was agreed to enter for THE VILLAGE OF THE YEAR competition and the Garden Club was to be invited to organise any work needed.

A vote of thanks was given to the "Flag Wavers" Mr.O'Reilly and Mr.Rochford.

Mrs.O'Reilly Churchwarden informed the meeting that it was hoped to have the church bells rehund by the year 2000.

Grants were being sought but the P.C.C. had to raise £10,000 towards this.

### VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The A.G.M was held on the 7th May.

Eight committee members and one member of the public were present. The Chairman reported the completion of the double glazing and roof insulation. This work was financed with a grant aid. Due to the cost of the entertainments licence it has been decided to obtain temporary licences for events that requires this.

The Cricket pitch is now used by Rattlesden Football club helping to provide some income.

The TOADS have now wound up and their equipment and props stored in the event that any future use can be found for it. There is little progress regarding the play area although a grant has been applied for from Mid Suffolk District Council. There has been an increase in vandalism over the year and repairs have been needed.

The Chairman thanked everyone who helps with the Village Hall especially Mr.S.Reynolds and the cleaner Mrs.J.Block.

The treasurer gave his report with the main expenditure being for the energy conservation and cleaning costs. Hirings were lower than the previous year and the balance in hand amounted to £6870.73.

Mr.O'Reilly was re-elected as chairman, Mrs.M.Laverick Secretary Mr.D.Livingston Treasurer with Mrs.R.Lister as deputy chairman.

Mr.Carl Buckle is to be invited to join the committee as a co-opted member for 97/98. Other officers are Mrs.D.Buckle Booking Manager, Mr.S.Reynolds Keyholder, Mrs.T.Rutterford, and Mr.I.Friend. The Parish Council rep. Mr.S.Walker, Bowls Club Mrs.D.Buckle, St.Andrews Church Mrs.H.Spencer and Garden Club Mr.B.Harrison. The Brownies, Sunday Club, Past & Present and Tennis Club have yet to elect a representative.

The 18th Art Exhibition preparations are well in hand. Teas and refreshments will be available in the marquee which will be in the Churchyard.

under A.O.B. The V.H.M.C. is to suggest to the Parish Council that 2000 trees be planted around the village to celebrate the year 2000 and also support the re-hanging of the Church Bells.

The V.H.M.C. also support the entering of the village for the Village of the Year Competition



## ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

An enjoyable time was had by all who came to the Italian Evening in the Village Hall. Many thanks to the Social Committee for their hard work and organisation.

The Open Door Informal Services are being held in Norton in the summer months - but a warm welcome awaits all who would like to join us in worship there or any of our services at Tostock.

### CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE AND JULY

1st June	9.30 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Tostock</u>
8th June	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Family Service Open Door Informal Service at <u>Norton</u>
15th June	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion [B.C.P.]
22nd June	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer [B.C.P.]
29th June	9.30 a.m.	Morning Praise
6th July	9.30 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Pakenham</u>
13th July	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Family Service Open Door Informal Service at <u>Norton</u>
20th July	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
27th July	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer

**Ian Hooper, Rector**

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

An Italian Evening was spent at the Village Hall on Saturday 11th May. Thanks are due to the helpers and those who supplied the delicious food appropriate for the occasion and to the many who came along to help make the evening so enjoyable. We will be supplying refreshments at the Church in conjunction with the Annual Art Exhibition on Saturday 21st June and Sunday 22nd June.

On Saturday 19th July we are holding a Treasure Hunt and BBQ. The Treasure Hunt will be on foot and based around Tostock Village with the BBQ to follow at the Village Hall. Time and price will be published later. EVERYONE WELCOME. There will be another lunch at the Village Hall - hopefully sometime in July. The date will be announced later.

## Tostock Village Hall

*It is with great concern that the Management Committee has to report yet another incident of vandalism on the Village Hall. On Friday the 9th May sometime after 9.30 pm the Kitchen window was broken by what can only be termed malicious vandalism.*

*Unfortunately in this day and age with so much of this taking place it is not economically possible to insure against vandalism so the cost of this repair has to be found out of the funds.*

*Tostock is fortunate to have a well maintain Village Hall which is used by many local organisations for the recreational activities of the inhabitants. The costs of running the Hall are covered by the hiring fees and fund raising activities and remains solvent without having to ask the Parish Council for any assistance by way of the rates, unlike many villages in the county. This is only possible through the very kind help given voluntarily by several willing persons.*

*Over the last 12 months the Management Committee has spent more than £3,000 on improvements included in this has been the replacement of the windows with Double Glazed sealed units. It is therefore, of great concern when one of these units is maliciously damaged by a mindless vandal in such a short space of time.*

*We ask everyone in Tostock to help stamp out this trouble before we end up with costs that we cannot afford. If you see anyone suspicious loitering around the area report it to any member of the Village Hall Management Committee or your Co-ordinator of the newly formed Neighbourhood Watch. This latest incidence has been reported to the Police and it now becomes another crime for 1997 in what was once the peaceful village of Tostock.*

### PAST AND PRESENT SOCIETY

The next meeting will be on Monday, 2nd June at 8 p.m. at Village Hall when Mr. Basil Cook will be talking about "Four Generations on an East Anglian Farm". All welcome. Visitors - £1.

The annual outing this year will be to Hatfield House in Hertfordshire on SATURDAY 12th JULY departing Tostock 10 a.m. This fine Jacobean house, standing in its own park, has been the home of the Cecil family for nearly 400 years. Queen Elizabeth I spent much of her early years in the Old Palace of Hatfield, a wing of which remains.

A guided tour of the house has been booked for our party at 2.40 p.m. Approx. cost will be £10. Please contact secretary tel. 270395 for further details.

No meetings in July or August.

## OFFICIAL BODIES

### COUNTY COUNCILLOR -

Mrs. S. Side-Lockett, Poplar Farm, Dandy Corner, Cotton, Nr. Stowmarket, IP14 40X 01449 781259  
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Mr. B. Siffleet, The Old Post Office, Beyton Bury St. Edmunds IP30 9AL

### PARISH COUNCIL

Mr. A. Villar - Chairman  
Mr. A. Bauly - Vice Chairman  
Mr. D. Livingston - Treasurer  
Mr. F. Armstrong  
Mrs. M. Beales - Footpaths  
Mr. M. O'Reilly  
Miss. T. Rushton - Trees  
Miss. J. Sherwood  
Mr. S. Walker  
Miss. J. Wheeler - Clerk

### ST. ANDREWS CHURCH

RECTOR - Rev. Ian Hooper, The Rectory Pakenham IP31 2LN

Mrs. K. Dawson - P.C.C. Secretary  
Mr. R. Lister - Treasurer  
Mr. B. Harrison - Warden  
Mrs. J. O'Reilly - Warden

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE - Mrs. J. Livingston  
VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. M. O'Reilly - Chairman  
Mr. D. Livingston - Treasurer  
Mrs. M. Laverick - Secretary  
Mrs. D. Buckle - Bookings

### POORS ESTATE CHARITY

Rev. Ian Hooper - Chairman  
Mrs. J. O'Reilly - Secretary

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Mr. B. Massey - Co-ordinator

## SERVICES - CLUBS - ORGANISATIONS

### THE POST OFFICE

270278  
270460

### THE GARDENERS ARMS

270395

### PAST & PRESENT SOCIETY

Mrs. H. Spencer - Secretary

BROWNIES - Mrs. Schofield 241430

### SUNDAY CLUB -

Mrs. K. Dawson  
Mrs. J. Harrison

CARPET BOWLS - Mrs. D. Buckle 270005  
270247

### TENNIS CLUB -

Mrs. D. Plester (Sec.)  
Mrs. M. Simpson - Membership Sec

270605  
271652  
271308

### LADIES CLUB -

Mrs. J. Harrison

270247

### SUNDAY FOOTBALL CLUB -

Mr. I. Friend

241425

### ST. NICHOLAS HOSPICE

Rep. Mrs. S. Taylor

270534

### RED CROSS

Rep. Mrs. C. Dean

270511

### WOOLPIT HEALTH CENTRE

POLICE - Ixworth Station  
Bury St. Edmunds Station 01295 742992

240298  
230211

### TOSTOCK CHRONICLE -

Items for publication to Miss. J. Wheeler - The Post Office  
P.C. Mac Graham-Scott (Parish Liaison Officer)

232552

On the other side of this sheet is a reprint of the GRID REFERENCE NUMBERS for Tostock. If you need an emergency service - Fire - Police or Ambulance please quote this reference to them so that they can respond more quickly. IT COULD SAVE A LIFE

# \* Tostock \*

## LOCATIONS BY NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE

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The Green	.....	TL 953 637
Gardeners Arms	.....	TL 954 637
Post Office	.....	TL 953 638
The Church	.....	TL 960 636
Place Farm	.....	TL 964 633
Old Hall	.....	TL 963 640
Tostock Place	.....	TL 954 634
Church Road	.....	TL 958 636
New Road	.....	TL 957 634
Ticehurst Farm	.....	TL 955 630
Tostock House	.....	TL 953 632
The Leys	.....	TL 952 635
Leys Road	.....	TL 954 635
Flatts Lane	.....	TL 956 638
Errington Way	.....	TL 955 635
Old Rectory	.....	TL 952 638
Rectory Farm	.....	TL 949 642
Village Hall	.....	TL 954 640
Norton Road	.....	TL 955 643
Wood Close	.....	TL 954 642
Perkins Way	.....	TL 955 642
Wood End Green	.....	TL 944 642
Mushroom Cottage	.....	TL 947 631

## Please Help Restore the Bells !

Tostock Parochial Church Council has applied to the Millennium Commission for funds to restore the church bells, under the "Ring in the Millennium" scheme. Many parishes have applied for grants and those which are successful will receive 50% of their costs.

St. Andrew's Church has four bells which were taken down in 1960 when the tower was in need of repair and the ancient bell-frame was in a dangerous state. The tower was repaired but the Parish was unable to find the £1000 then needed to restore the bells.

Our Parish Church is considered to be a noted "medieval architectural gem", with magnificent double hammer-beam roof, the ancient font and the beautifully carved creatures on the pew ends. Although much of the work is of the 14th and 15th Centuries, a church stood on the same site when the Domesday Book was compiled in 1086. St. Andrew's Church has been handed down to us by succeeding generations who have cared for it with faith and skill for at least six hundred years. It is for us to continue their work, for future generations.

Three of the bells probably rang to celebrate the defeat of the Armada in 1588, and all four would have rung at the victory of Waterloo in 1815. They rang for national events and for everyday village events- they rang for weddings and tolled for funerals. The bells are an integral part of the history and heritage of Tostock.

We feel that we must make an effort to let them ring again, so that future generations can experience the message of the bells- that Church is open to all, it is "alive and well" and communicating with the people of the Parish.

The oldest bell is the treble, believed to date from 1461, when Richard Bunting of Tostock left money in his will to pay for a bell and vestments. The second bell was cast in Bury St. Edmunds by Roger Reve between 1527 and 1533, and is inscribed in Latin, "Sanct e petre ora pro nobis", (St. Peter pray for us). The third bell is of the same date and by the same bell-founder, but is inscribed "Sancta maria ora pro nobis". The bell is cracked, but hopefully, modern technology can now repair it successfully. These three ancient bells are a subject of a Preservation Order. The fourth or tenor bell was cast in 1671 by Robert Gurney of Bury St. Edmunds-there is no dedication but it has a pattern of coins impressed around the rim.

As part of our application, we have to submit three estimates for restoration of the bells and a complete new steel frame. These have been given by three firms of Bell-founders and each estimate, with V.A.T. and other expenses, is in the region of £30,000. We recognise that this is an enormous sum to raise, but if our application is successful, the Millennium Commission will pay half, and there are several other sources of funding which we can approach for help.

We can significantly reduce the cost by doing some jobs ourselves.

We need :

1. Help to bring bells to ground level. Needed
2. Transport for St. Mary's bell to Cambridge for repair, and back. Promised
3. Bed and Breakfast Accommodation for foundry men. Promised
4. Labouring help when the bell is installed. Some promised
5. Lorry transport for four bells to Foundry and back with new frame. Needed

Before the bells are installed in the Tower, we shall need Ringers! There may be several people in Tostock who can ring, but more will be needed-especially young people to keep the tradition going. Training is available by the Diocesan Guild of Ringers at other neighbouring churches, so if you are interested let us hear from you!

**But** we can do nothing without financial help and we do not have long in which to fund-raise if the bells are to ring for 2000-the congregation also has to finance the day-to-day running costs of the Parish Church, which increase every year.

So- we propose to establish a "**Community Bell Restoration Fund**" and ask for donations from the Parish and other interested organisations- all donations large or small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged. The names of donors will be recorded in a book to be kept in Church. Memorial donations can also be made, and it is hoped to record the names of those remembered on a plaque in the Church. Pledges of money can also be made, to be redeemed later in the campaign.

A special **Project Committee** has been set up to co-ordinate the fund raising, and some special events are planned for the summer and autumn. Your support will be vital and much appreciated- please help in any way you can- this is an ambitious project for a small village to undertake, but if we are successful it would be a wonderful way to celebrate the Millennium-a joint project.

Thank you for reading this article, and if you would like to make a donation or offer assistance, or simply want more information, please contact:

J. O'Reilly  
B. Harrison  
R. Lister

# VILLAGE OF THE YEAR

**The Village of the Year Competition is not about 'prettiness'**

The judges look at the appearance of the village in terms of whether the parish looks cared for and whether environmental matters are being considered e.g. wildlife areas in churchyards.

Since 1992, more than 50% of the marks are awarded for Community Spirit and Special Initiatives so the purpose of the competition now is to recognise the hard work and achievements of people to improve facilities and quality of life in villages - it is about **PRIDE** in your village and **COMMUNITY SPIRIT**.

## SYSTEM OF MARKING

The judges look at the appearance and condition of public areas, the infrastructure and also private houses and gardens. Absence of litter is important.

	Maximum Points
General appearance of the village	45
Evidence of community spirit	45
Special efforts in any section	<u>10</u>
	<b>100</b>

NB: Marks will be awarded for any special projects or endeavours



The semi-final judging will take place during the first two weeks in July.

The final judging will be held during the first week of August.

Preliminary judging has already taken place and we are informed that the Judges were very impressed. Unfortunately the Garden Club are not able to 'oversee' the competition and the Parish Council are looking for a volunteer to help in identifying any problem areas which could perhaps be improved by a small working party. Residents too are asked for co-operation to help in Tostock perhaps being once again proud winners of this newly formed friendly competition.

### Stowmarket Mobile Library

Tostock: Perkins Way .. .. .	3.45-4.05
Tostock: Gardener's Arms .. .. .	4.10-4.30

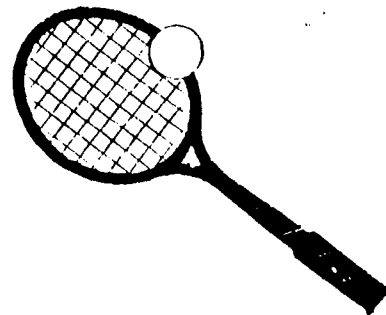
JUNE	2nd 16th
JULY	1st 15th 29th

# TOSTOCK TENNIS CLUB

## Membership Fees 1997/98

Fees for the use of the Tostock tennis court for 1997/98 are now due and these are as follows:-

- Adults	£10.00
- Students	£ 6.00
- Children (under 16 years of age)	£ 5.00
- Family Membership	£20.00



## Guest Court Fees

- Adult guest	£1.00
- Child guest	£0.50

Please contact Mary Simpson, membership secretary, on 01359 271308 to pay these.

## Tennis Court Bookings - May through to September 1997

- May	Mary Simpson	271308
- June	Elizabeth Dunn	270270
- July	Diane Plester	271652
- August	Heather Spencer	270395
- September	Margaret Grooms	270688

## Tennis Court Padlock

Yet again the padlock to the court has gone missing. If anyone has any ideas as to how the court can be secured (we only want to stop people riding bikes or skating on the court to avoid damage to the surface) please contact Diane Plester, secretary, on 271652

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

### RED CROSS HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTIONS

A generous amount was raised - the total amounting to £100.55.

Very many thanks to all the helpers and contributors.

C. Dean (Red Cross Rep)

CHRISTIAN AID The recent collection amounted to £213.80  
Many thanks to everyone.

## W A N T E D

Domestic Cleaner required in Tostock  
Approximately 4 hours per week.  
Telephone in the first instance  
01284 752433

# TOSTOCK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Inaugural Meeting Held on 30th April 1997

Fifty residents attended the meeting held at the Village Hall.  
Apologies were received from five households.  
PC Mac Graham- Scott, Parish Liaison Officer, was also present.

Alan Smith, Crime Prevention Officer, Bury St Edmunds, outlined the nature and purpose of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. A lively and informative question and answer session took place, with all residents present being given the opportunity to have clarification on any point they wished to raise.

Those present voted overwhelmingly for a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Tostock.

Co-ordinators were duly appointed.

They are:-

Mr. B. Massey, Village co-ordinator;  
Mr. J. Walker, Deputy Village co-ordinator;  
Mr. K. Bucke, Leys Road area;  
Mr. A. J. Crosby-Browne, Flatts Lane area;  
Mr. P. Hayman, Norton Road area;  
Mr. B. Jagger, Flatts Lane area;  
Mr. B. Massey, The Green area;  
Mr. R. Putt, Church Road area;  
Vacancy, New Road area.

Further information will be given to you, as the full implementation of the scheme unfolds. Should any resident wish to know any more at this time, please feel free to contact Brian Massey.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### JUNE

2nd PAST & PRESENT - Four Generations on an East Anglian Farm Mr. Basil Cook  
9th PLAY BUS  
11th TOSTOCK LADIES A Garden Visit  
21st TOSTOCK ANNUAL ART SHOW  
22nd TOSTOCK ANNUAL ART SHOW  
23rd PLAY BUS

### JULY

9th TOSTOCK LADIES Salads & Sweets  
12th PAST & PRESENT outing - Hatfield House  
14th PLAY BUS  
19th TREASURE HUNT  
28th PLAY BUS

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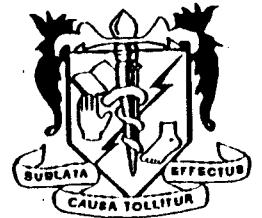
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