

# TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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## PARISH COUNCIL



Two of our councillors were unable to attend the last meeting due to the fact that they, together with another parishioner attended a special meeting arranged by Mid Suffolk District Council to inform all interested villages the latest position regarding court proceedings against the owner of Rookery Farm and the offending 'odour nuisance'.

A copy of the full details can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

The final paragraph reads -

"The Council,s (District) legal advisors are therefore being pressed by Members and Officers to obtain the earliest possible High Court hearing date. The immediate timescale is as follows:-

1. 2-6 February Preparation of draft affidavits
2. 20 February Further conference with Council and finalise evidence.
3. End February Application for hearing date in High Court. "

The Councillors who attended the Parish Council meeting examined and discussed a planning application for the erection of a conservatory to the new building under construction in Norton Road. There was one objection but the remainder were in agreement.

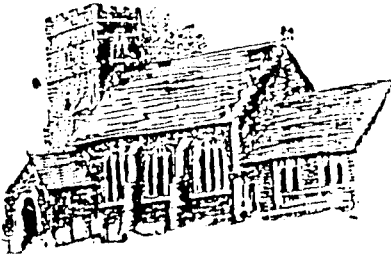
The Budget for 1998/99 was discussed at length and in view of the fact that the Parish Council would be covering the costs of Churchyard maintenance it was agreed to raise the precept. Mr. Armstrong proposed the sum of £1,650. This was seconded by Miss. Sherwood and all agreed by a show of hands. This figure would relate to just under £10. per household for the local rate on Council Tax.

The treasurer also reported on the result of the recent District Audit which showed both the minute and account books were in order.

Authorisation was given for the payment of hire of hall for meetings, repairs to notice board and purchase of paper for Tostock Chronicle. A request from the Past and Present Society for financial help towards the publication of a Tostock History book for the Millennium met with approval.

The Suffolk County Council are to be contacted regarding the large number of pot-holes appearing in our roads and also the flooding in Norton Road which caused problems recently when it froze over creating very dangerous conditions.

Some concern has been expressed about cars being parked on the highway without lights during the hours of darkness. This creates a hazard to other road users and residents are respectfully requested that they and/or their visitors should leave side lights on to allow the vehicle to be visible if there is no alternative to 'on road' parking.



## ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

February 25th is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent. This year our Lent course is entitled "Hope in a time of change" - most appropriate as we approach a new millennium. A group will meet at the home of Jeanne and Mike O'Reilly on five Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m., commencing on 4th March. If you are interested and would like further details, contact the Rector on 230287.

Sadly in February we have to say farewell to Peter and Kathleen Dawson who are moving to Cumbria to be close to their family. We shall miss them for since Peter's retirement as Archdeacon of Norfolk they have been a vital part of the life of the church and the village. Our prayers and good wishes go with them as they journey north and settle in their new home.

### CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

1st February	9.30 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Norton</u>
8th February	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Family Service Open Door Informal Service at Pakenham
15th February	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
22nd February	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (B.C.P.)
1st March	9.30 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Tostock</u>
8th March	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Family Service Open Door Informal Service at Pakenham.
15th March	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
22nd March	11.00 a.m.	Mothering Sunday Service
29th March	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
[Preacher: Archdeacon of Sudbury - The Ven. John Cox.]		

**Ian Hooper**  
Rector



**BELLS RESTORATION APPEAL**



At long last our application to the Millennium Commission has been sent off for consideration. We hope to hear from them within eight to twelve weeks, although this could take longer as many parishes will be aiming to get their forms in now, as the "Ringing in the Millennium" scheme closes on 31st January.

The project which we submitted was not quite the one on which we have been working for nearly twelve months! In December application was made to the Diocese for a Faculty to restore the bells in two stages - one, to repair St. Mary's cracked bell; two, to restore our four bells in a frame for five, to put in a fifth bell in the future. Permission was granted for the repair work, but we were informed that we should be thinking more "long term" and that five bells were better than four - six were even better!! New estimates were hastily sought from our three bell-hangers over the Christmas period, which of course were more expensive than the original £30,000. The new figures were in the region of £38,000, which was quite a blow, especially as our fund raising had almost reached the original target of £15,000.

However, since Christmas, Mr. W/de Segundo, a relative of the late Brigadier Robert Daniell has generously offered a donation to cover the cost of the new fifth bell in memory of Brigadier and Mrs. Daniell. The Diocesan Bells Advisor, Mr. R. Clouston M.B.E. has always been most helpful and supportive of our project and has kindly offered to donate the sixth bell in memory of his late wife, who was an accomplished bell ringer. Mr. Clouston has also advised that St. Peter's bell is very flat in tone, due to having been chipped away around the rim over the centuries in efforts to improve the sound, and that it should be replaced. We cannot tune these medieval bells, so he suggested that St. Peter's Bell should be hung separately from the ring of six, to simply be chimed for the last five minutes before the service.

So - if all goes according to plan and we are successful in our Millennium bid, we should be casting these new bells for Tostock Church!

Our fund raising campaign will continue towards our new target. On January 24th a Supper Party, held by Mrs. N. Evans and Dr. A. Gath raised £327.30 and was enjoyed by a large number of guests. This has brought our current total to £16,339.30. A donation has been received from as far away as California, from Mr. Jim Cobbold of Santa Rosa, whose ancestor Robert Cobbold, a farmer of Tostock, died here in 1603! This connection has come through the Past & Present Society and we are pleased to hear that Mr. Cobbold plans to visit here in the summer. A grant of £1,500 has been promised by the Manifold Trust.

A further 'Bells Story' has come from our former organist, Miss. Kathleen Mash, who remembers Mr. Charlie Everitt, formerly of Church Road. Many years ago he used to ring - somehow - all four bells at once - two ropes in his right hand, one in his left hand and one looped around his foot! We hope to have one ringer to each of our six!

Our grateful thanks to all who have supported the Bells Appeal so far, and please continue to support us in our fund raising campaign throughout the year. All donations, large or small, are greatly appreciated as we need to raise a further £5,000.

EVENTS FOR THE BELLS APPEAL

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| 12th MAY         | 7-opm at St. ANDREWS CHURCH - CLIVE PAINE<br>TALKS ABOUT THE CHURCH - with REFRESHMENTS |
| 11th & 12th JULY | FLOWER FESTIVAL IN CHURCH<br>FETE ON PLAYING FIELD                                      |
| 19th SEPTEMBER   | 50/50 AUCTION AT VILLAGE HALL   |
| 19th NOVEMBER    | "BELLS BALL" AT RAVENWOOD HALL HOTEL<br>by kind permission of Mr. Craig Jarvis.         |

## CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We are hoping to continue with the VILLAGE LUNCHES in 1998 alternating each month with a COFFEE MORNING also to be held in the Village Hall.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY :-

Village Lunch Tuesday 27th January - 12-30pm  
Coffee Morning Tuesday 24th February - 10-30am  
Village Lunch Tuesday 24th March - 12-30pm  
Coffee Morning Tuesday 28th April - 10-30am  
Village Lunch Tuesday 19th May - 12-30pm  
Coffee Morning or

Afternoon Tea Tuesday 30th June

EVERYONE MOST WELCOME to come along for a chat with friends over lunch or a nice cup of coffee.

A FAREWELL EVENING has been arranged for Peter & Kathleen Dawson who are sadly leaving Tostock at the end of February. This will be held on SATURDAY 14th FEBRUARY at 7-30pm in the Village Hall. We hope to see as many of you as possible.

### BLUE PETER APPEAL

A Bring and Buy Sale is being held on SATURDAY 7th FEBRUARY in Tostock Village Hall at 2-00pm in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust. Any donations of cakes, white elephant, raffle prizes, toys, books etc. will be gratefully accepted on the day. All enquiries to William Harrison tel: 270247

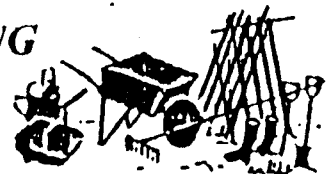
### NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

A number of our children attend this school and a JUMBLE SALE will be held in Norton Village Hall in aid of funds at 2-00pm on SATURDAY 7th MARCH. And further details from Margaret Sparkes tel: 240042

## Tostock Garden Club

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 17th February 1998  
Time: 7.30 p.m.  
Venue: Tostock Village Hall



Admission: Members Free  
Visitors £1.00

There will be a short business meeting during which members can consider next year's proposed programme.

This will be followed by light refreshments.

PAST AND PRESENT SOCIETY

The next meeting will be on Monday 2nd February at 8 p.m. with the A.G.M. and a talk on "local postal history" by John Dahl. New members and visitors are always welcome.

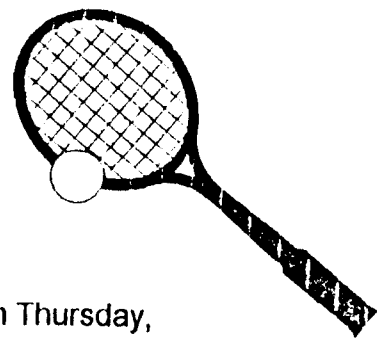
The March meeting on Monday 2nd at 8 p.m. will be a "Fresh Look at the Fens" with Rodney Tibbs.

Clive Paine's lectures on various subjects are as follows (7.30 to 9.30 p.m.) and for which a separate fee is payable.

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| Tues. 10th Feb. | Hengrave Hall   | : | Tues. 24th Feb. | Mary Tudor 1496-1533            |
| Tues. 10th Mar. | The Reformation | : | Tues. 24th Mar. | Queen Elizabeth's Progress      |
|                 | & Edward VI     | : |                 | in Suffolk - 1578               |
| Tues. 14th Apr. | Ickworth House  | : | Tues. 28th Apr. | The Oakes Family & Nowton Court |

Work has started on our Millennium project - a History of Tostock. We should be very pleased and grateful to hear from any residents who might have anecdotes or old photographs to pass on to us.

TOSTOCK TENNIS CLUB



The Annual General Meeting of the Tostock Tennis Club will be held on Thursday, 26 March 1998 at 7 30 pm in the Tostock Village Hall committee room.

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We are holding a Sale of Secondhand Books at THE OLD POST OFFICE on SATURDAY 21st MARCH at 2-0 pm. Proceeds to St.Nicholas Hospice. We shall be grateful for any books you wish to give and we will also take videos, tapes and C.Ds.

WE WILL GLADLY COLLECT  
our telephone No. is 270278

Jean & Reta

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

2nd PAST & PRESENT - A.G.M. and LOCAL POSTAL  
HISTORY by JOHN DAHL 8-0 pm  
7th BLUE PETER APPEAL SALE 2-0 pm  
9th LIBRARY  
10th PAST & PRESENT - CLIVE PAINE - HENGRAGE HALL  
7-30pm Village Hall  
14th FAREWELL EVENING for Peter & Kathleen Dawson  
7-30pm Village Hall  
17th GARDEN CLUB - A.G.M. 7-30pm Village Hall  
23rd LIBRARY  
24th COFFEE MORNING - 10.30am Village Hall  
24th PAST & PRESENT - CLIVE PAINE - MARY TUDOR

MARCH

2nd PAST & PRESENT - Fresh look at The Fens - Rodney Tibbs  
7th JUMBLE SALE NORTON VILLAGE HALL 2.0 pm.  
9th LIBRARY  
10th PAST & PRESENT - CLIVE PAYNE - THE REFORMATION  
7-30pm Village Hall  
21st BOOK SALE 2.0pm THE OLD POST OFFICE  
23rd LIBRARY  
24th VIBLAGE LUNCH - 12.30pm, 30  
24th PAST & PRESENT - CLIVE PAINE - QUEEN ELIZABETH  
PROGRESS IN SUFFOLK 1578  
26th TENNIS CLUB - A.G.M. 7-30pm Village Hall  
27th PARISH COUNCIL - 7.30pm Village hall

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**Stowmarket Mobile Library**

Tostock: Perkins Way .. .. 3.45-4.05

Tostock: Gardeners Arms .. .. 4.10-4.30

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