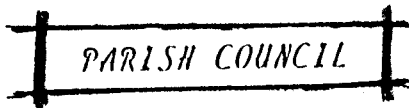




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Mr. Villar chaired the recent meeting attended by six councillors. A planning application to erect a two storey extension at the side of April Cottage received no objection bearing in mind that materials and decorations would be in keeping with the existing dwelling. The R.F.O. requested payment of cheques for Clerks and Treasurers expenses, travelling expenses for councillors to attend meetings as representatives of this council and for mower maintenance. Enquiries are to be made with the possibility of purchasing a permanent beacon to mark the Millennium. The Suffolk County Council Highways Department have been asked to investigate the cause of flooding in Norton Road. A request has been made for an updated report on Neighbourhood Watch. Progress reports have been received regarding the court actions against Rookery Farm.

A letter has been written to Rookery Farm requesting that the drivers of their skips use the alternative route to Drinkstone to avoid coming through this village.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING has been fixed for
TUESDAY 21st APRIL at 7-45pm
in
THE VILLAGE HALL

It is hoped that the County Councillor, District Councillor and Police will be in attendance. All parishioners are invited to attend. This is the one meeting where you can 'have your say' so please come along.

RADIO SUFFOLK



Once again Tostock has been featured on Radio Suffolk. A programme had to be quickly arranged after Tostocks name was drawn from a drum to be the village represented in the 'Nick Patrick on the road' show. The programme lasted for one and threequarter hours and was recorded at the Croft community room - kindly agreed by the Mid Suffolk District Council - on Wednesday 11th March and was broadcast on Friday 13th March. A good cross section was represented including the Church, Past and Present Society, Bowls Club, Parish Council, V.H.M.C. Garden Club, Youth/Sports Club, Playgroup and some individual parishioners.



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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL AND MAY

5th April	11.00 a.m.*	Palm Sunday Service
10th April	10.00 a.m.	Good Friday Morning Service
12th April	11.00 a.m.	Easter Day Morning Service followed by shortened Holy Communion.
19th April	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
26th April	9.30 a.m.	Morning Praise
3rd May	9.30 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion at <u>Norton</u>
10th May	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Family Service Open Door Informal Service at <u>Pakenham</u>
17th May	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
24th May	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (B.C.P.)

*Holy Week begins with a special Palm Sunday Service. We plan to meet at the Gardener's Arms at 10.45 a.m. ready to process following a donkey to the Church for the service at 11 a.m.. On Good Friday there will be a morning service at 10.00 a.m. and we celebrate the joy of the resurrection of Jesus at an Easter Morning Service at 11.00 a.m.

We do hope you will be able to join us at these services. A warm welcome awaits you.

Ian Hooper
Rector

PAST AND PRESENT SOCIETY

The next monthly meeting will be on Monday, 6th April at 8 p.m. on the subject of "The Great Train Robbery" by Clifford Wrate.

There will be 2 further lectures by Clive Paine as follows, (7.30 to 9.30 p.m.) :

Tuesday, 14th April : Ickworth House

Tuesday, 28th April : The Oakes Family and Nowton Court
(Rev. James Oakes was rector of Tostock 1796-1861).

A visit to Hengrave Hall has been arranged for Tuesday 5th May meeting Clive at Hengrave at 7 p.m. - Suggest own transport, please telephone sec. 270395 for any help.

The May monthly meeting will be a talk by Helen Greengrass from East Anglian Museum on "East Anglian Murders" (particularly the Red Barn murder) on Monday 11th May at 8 p.m.†

Instead of a meeting on June 1st, there will be a visit to Mildenhall Museum.

— E A S T E R L I L I E S —

At Easter the Church is beautifully decorated with white lilies which are generously provided by parishioners "in memoriam". If anyone would like to take part in this scheme and donate flowers, would you please contact either Jane Sherwood or Jeanne O'Reilly as soon as possible.



BELLS RESTORATION APPEAL



We have not yet received any further news about our application to the Millennium Commission for funding to help the restoration of our Church Bells, but donations to the fund are still coming in from residents and friends - donation from another member of the Cobbold family in California, whose ancestor lived here in the 17th century has been received, which brings our total to £17,750, which is an amazing sum. Our grateful thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way to the Appeal Fund.

Our first 'bell-ringing lesson' has been arranged with the Captain of Gt. Barton Ringers on Thursday 23rd April at 7-30pm at Gt. Barton Church. We would be pleased to hear from anyone who is interested - if you learned years ago, or are complete beginners, you are very welcome to join us and find out what bell-ringing is all about! For further information please contact Tracey Rushton or Jeanne O'Reilly.

The appeals Committee is now concentrating on our fund raising events which we plan to take place later this year.

The first event is on Tuesday May 12th in the Church at 7-00pm. Clive Paine, the popular local historian, is also Patron of our appeal and has offered to talk about St. Andrews Church, its history and architecture. Clive is very entertaining and instructive and this promises to be an interesting evening with refreshments.

Do come along - depending on weather and circumstances it may be possible for some to make an ascent of the tower.

The Flower Festival is planned for July 11th and 12th in the Church, with the Village Fete on Saturday 11th July at 2-00pm. Letters have been sent to all organisations in the village asking if they would be willing to provide a flower arrangement in the Church, and also asking for help with stalls and competitions at the Fete. We hope to make this a real village event and to involve as many people as possible as well as raising money for the bells. The Committee would be very grateful for any offers of help as this promises to be a very busy weekend!

ALLOTMENTS

The Trustees of the Allotment Charity have arranged for several plots to be ploughed and made ready for cultivation - if you are interested in a whole or part plot, please contact Mrs. J. O'Reilly
Secretary to the Trustees

Tostock Garden Club

Speaker
Mr Richard Ford



Date: 7th April 1998
Time: 7.30 p.m.
Venue: Tostock Village Hall

Mr Richard Ford, Park Green Nurseries, will be speaking on Hostas. He has won twenty gold medals during the past two years, and was a Chelsea gold medallist last year. There will be an opportunity to purchase plants on the evening.

Admission: Members Free
Visitors £1.00

Could *you* give us just 2 hours of your time in 1998?

Red Cross Week 3rd-9th May

2 hours spent collecting door to door in your area during Red Cross Week will raise vital funds to help those in crisis at home and abroad.

Please call 01284 - 767215 for details.

Thank you.

"The Red Cross cares for people in crisis everywhere meeting the needs of vulnerable people in times of emergency"

Rwanda, Somalia, Bosnia, Monserrat, Dunblane, Former Soviet Union, Afghanistan, Cambodia, Korea, Burundi...wherever we are needed.

ALDER CARR FARM

FARM SHOP & PYO
the kitchen garden on your doorstep -
open all year Tues. to Sun. & bank hols
PYO starts mid-June

1998 EVENTS

Spring Fair: 10 -19th April
Mayday Celebrations; 2nd May
Michaelmas Fayre: 26/27 Sept
Birdbox-making : Sun 18th Oct.
Hallowe'en: 24th - 31st Oct.
Christmas Crafts: all December
Food Tasting: 5/6 Dec.

TEAROOM & CRAFTS

01449 720820 down Hawk's Mill St.
NEEDHAM MARKET

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

ST.NICHOLAS HOSPICE. The recent book sale raised £143.20. Our grateful thanks to all who gave books etc. and supported the sale. Thanks also to Mary Rouse and June Wright for their help on the day.

Jean & Reta

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL

6th PAST & PRESENT The Great Train Robbery - Clifford Wrate
21st ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - Village Hall 7-45pm
23rd BELL RINGING PRACTICE - Gt.Barton 7-30pm
24th V.H.M.C. A.G.M. - Village Hall 7-30pm

MAY

11th PAST & PRESENT - East Anglian Murders - Helen Greengrass

WORKING PARTIES ARE NEEDED ON SATURDAY 18TH . AND 25TH APRIL , ANY HELP WILL BE APPRECIATED . THANK YOU .

TOSTOCK VILLAGE HALL NEWS

AGM = FRIDAY 24TH

*THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WILL BE HELD IN THE HALL
ON FRIDAY 24TH. APRIL AT 7.30 PM
WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT -- ALL ARE WELCOME*

THERE IS A VACANCY ON THE COMMITTEE FOR A SECRETARY OF THE VILLAGE HALL ; THIS IS NOT A VERY ONEROUS TASK SO IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO 'TAKE PART IN VILLAGE ACTIVITIES' , NOW IS YOUR CHANCE !! CONTACT MIKE O'REILLY ON 270337 FOR DETAILS .

*WE HOPE TO MAKE A START AT REDECORATING
THE CEILING AND WALLS IN THE HALL DURING
APRIL AND NEED VOLUNTEERS .*