

TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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JUNE - JULY 1998



14 Parishioners, 7 Parish Councillors, Cty.Cllr.Mrs,Sida Lockart, Dist.Cllr.Bernard Siffleet and P.C.Graham Scott attended the Annual Parish Meeting chaired by Mr.A.Villar. Minutes of the 1997 A.P.M.were read and approved.The only matter to arise from these being the fact that Tostock had been awarded a Highly Commended Certificate for the Village of the Year competition. and the £20 prize had been donated to The Village Hall Management Committee.

Mrs.Sida Lockart explained the County Council budget and that because of government cutbacks the council tax would have to be increased but special help would be given to schools. Traffic problems through villages was continuing and a special meeting was to be held in June when this village would be invited to attend.

Mrs.Sida also asked the public to give thought and suggestions on how public interest could be promoted in order to get more involment with local government.

She stated that she had tried to get help for young families regarding transport of their children to Norton Primary School but had not met with any success so far. The Parish Council promised to write a letter to the Education Department and the local M.P.outlining the totally unacceptable situation of the current ruling.

Mr.Siffleet then explained why the District Council tax was also to be increased and that certain areas of the council were overstaffed and this was being looked into. He also gave an up-date on the Rookery Farm Pig Smell. He also agreed to attend our Parish Council meeting and would be notified of the dates.

P.C.Graham Scott said that a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme had been set up during the year and a public meeting would be held in the near future to bring residents up to date with the scheme. He explained that 9 crimes had been reported during the past year. There had been theft of antiques and garden furniture and further vandalism to the village hall and parish notice board.

He informed the meeting that there were new operating times for Ixworth Station which could be contacted any morning between 9-0am and 2-0pm on 01284 774222. All other calls could be made to the Bury station.

The chairman thanked all these speakers for their attendance and help during the past year.

Village Reports were then given, the first by the clerk who said that 9 meetings had been held during the past year with an average attendance of 8 councillors. Planning applications, the Drinkstone Pig Smell traffic,footway and road maintenance problems had been the main items for concern and discussion.

The Responsible Finance Officer (Treasurer) presented his unaudited balance sheet with an opening balance of £3664.20 with receipt of £1989.12 making a total of £5653.98. Expenditure amounted to £1754.29 leaving a closing balance of £3899.69. A copy of the accounts were available for inspection .

The Poors Estate Charity balance sheet was presented showing an opening balance of £588.20. Income from share dividends and allotments rents was added. Nine residents each received a payment of £20 last Christmas leaving a closing balance of £577.68. Owing to the resignation of Mr. Matthews due to ill health a new Trustee from the parish was required Mr. Peter Hayman volunteered and was duly appointed.

A report was also received from the V.H.M.C. regretting that the vandalism at the village hall had resulted in costs of £563 which could not be reclaimed from insurance. It is planned to carry out work on the hall and to re-decorate the inside mainly through voluntary labour. The chairman thanked everyone for their reports and also expressed thanks to Mr. S. Reynolds for maintaining the mowing equipment and for cutting the green and edges of the playing fields and to Mr. L. Flatman for cutting the Leys. Thanks was also expressed to Mr. & Mrs. J. Barker for litter picking through the village.

The chairman informed the meeting that it was hoped to commemorate the Millenium and the possibility of a permanently fixed beacon was being investigated. In view of the Church Bells project the council was not looking for anything too expensive.

The question of parking at the pub corner was raised and the meeting was informed that this was being looked into.

A request was also made for a speed check in Church Road and Norton Road and the clerk will request the Police to undertake this.

The question of the noisy bird scarer was also raised and the enquirer was advised to contact the owner of the field.

There being no further business the chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 9-20pm

SPILLAGE OF ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS

Woolpit Parish Council have recently informed this council of a serious spillage of raw offal in the centre of Woolpit from a container en route to Drinkstone. This was reported to the County Trading Standards office who wish to be informed on any more such occurrences. This council has already written to the operators of Rookery Rig Farm requesting that their vehicles do not come through Tostock, but if any resident does witness such a vehicle please make a note of the registration number, time, date and location. Either telephone Mr. Fletcher on 01473 584267 or notify either Woolpit or Tostocks Parish Clerk. Your co-operation could be most helpful.

Tostock Garden Club



The 1998 programme continued with an evening lecture in the Village Hall on April 7th. Members enjoyed a well illustrated talk on Hostas by Richard Ford of Park Green Nurseries. The next event is a joint visit with Rattlesden Garden Club on Sunday June 28th to the R.H.S. Gardens at Wisley Surrey. A very reasonable charge of £10. (£8. to club members) includes transport by coach, leaving at around 7-30am, and entrance to the Gardens on a day membership basis. This is an unusual opportunity and to reserve your places please contact David Livingston before June 8th at Meadow House, Flatts Lane, tel. 270252 A non returnable deposit of £5 per person is requested.

On Tuesday July 14th a number of village gardens on the Green and Leys Road will be open to all from 5-30pm to 8-30pm. Those to visit will have a sign outside and there will be no charge but the club hopes that weather permitting this will be a sociable village occasion. Refreshments will be available.



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
SERVICES IN JUNE AND JULY

7th June	9.30 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion at <u>Tostock</u>
14th June	11.00 a.m.	Family Service and Baptism
21st June	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
28th June	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (B.C.P.)
5th July	9.30 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion at Pakenham
12th July	11.00 a.m.	Family Service
19th July	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
26th July	9.30 a.m.	Morning Praise

BELLS RESTORATION FUND



On Tuesday 12th May we welcomed a large number of people to St. Andrews Church to hear the Patron of our Appeal, Clive Paine, talk about the history of the Church. Clive is a most entertaining speaker and everyone felt that they had learned a lot about the Church. It was also a great pleasure to welcome Mr. Ronald Clouston, the Diocesan Bells Advisor, to the event. It is mainly due to his interest and enthusiasm for our ancient bells that our appeal began a year ago and the total now stands at £20,800. The evening ended with a wonderful buffet supper kindly provided by 'supporters' of the appeal. Our brave band of ringers have had their first lesson at Gt. Barton tower. We were made very welcome and were shown how to hold ropes and then we actually rang a bell ourselves. It was also very interesting to see Gt. Barton ringers and to hear the wonderful sound of their bells - we hope to be as good as them one day!!

The Flower Festival and Fete, planned for the weekend of 11th & 12th JULY are progressing well. We have invited village organisations and had an encouraging response. We hope to have a Fancy Dress Competition and Sports for the children, plus a Bouncy Castle. There will be various stalls and competitions. Stall holders will be very grateful for any contributions. The Ladies Group are holding a Cake Stall, the Garden Club will have a Plant Stall, Gail Moyle will have a Bric-a-brac stall. Prizes for a tombola and raffle would be very welcome. We hope to have a good attendance at these events. Although we have achieved our 50% funding for the Bells Restoration, we need to keep on fund-raising. PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS.

PLANTS NEEDED!

**Tostock Gardening Club is running the Plant Stall at the Summer Fete
(in aid of the Bells' Restoration Fund).**

**We should be most grateful for all kinds of plants -house plants, bedding plants, perennials, shrubs etc.
Please bring your plants to the Village Hall on the morning of the fete.
If you have any queries please contact**

Heather and Brian Massey, Crispin Cottage Tele: 271707

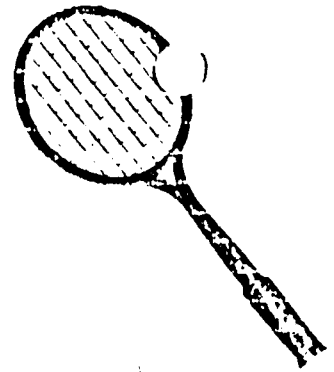
CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We will be providing refreshments at the Church in conjunction with the Annual Art Exhibition on Saturday 20th June 11-30am to 5-00pm and Sunday 21st June 2-30pm to 5-00pm. On Tuesday June 30th we will be serving afternoon teas at Rookwood, New Road - the home of Mrs. Jeanne O'Reilly at 3-00pm. If it should happen to be wet it will be held in the Village Hall. We shall have our usual Raffle and Stall. We hope to resume the Village Lunches again in the Autumn.

TOSTOCK TENNIS CLUB

Tostock Tennis Club Committee for the year 1998/99 is:-

-	Chairman	Heather Spencer	270395
-	Membership Secretary/ Treasurer	Elizabeth Dunn	270270
-	Secretary	Diane Plester	271652



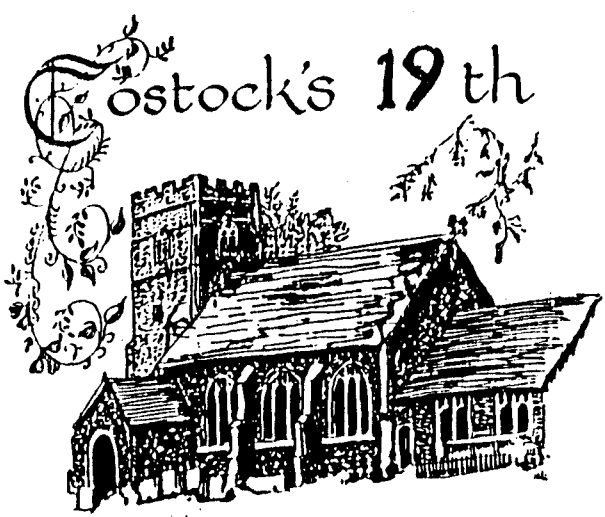
Please contact Elizabeth Dunn if you wish to join the tennis club or to renew your subscription for 1998/99. Padlock keys can also be obtained from Elizabeth Dunn.

Booking Rota for Summer 1998

-	April	Diane Plester	271652
-	May	Ann Pillars	270303
-	June	Elizabeth Dunn	270270
-	July	Diane Plester	271652
-	August	Heather Spencer	270395
-	September	Margaret Grooms	270688

Subscriptions for 1998/99

-	Adults	£10.00
-	Students	£ 6.00
-	Children (under 16)	£ 5.00
-	Family Membership	£20.00
-	Guest Court Fees	£ 1.00 for each guest (adults and children)



Paintings by East Anglian Artists

SATURDAY	20th June	11.00am - 9.00pm
SUNDAY	21st June	11.00am - 9.00pm
MONDAY	22nd June	11.00am - 5.00pm

Proceeds to Tostock Church and Village Hall

Annual Art Exhibition

Tostock Past and Present Society

Instead of the usual monthly meeting on Monday 1st June, there will be a visit to MILDENHALL MUSEUM leaving Tostock Village Hall car park at 6-40pm in order to fill up cars.

The plan is to meet at the Coach stop by the car park, swimming pool and supermarket in King Street at 7-30pm for an escorted walk round Mildenhall and then adjourn to the Museum at 8-30pm. Anyone wishing to avoid the walk could meet us at the Museum. The Half Moon (or Hyngrny Horse) pub. is open for meals, coffee/drinks etc. Any queries re this trip please contact Pauline Copeland, tel:271591.

There will be no meeting in July but the Society will be involved in helping with the Tostock Fete and Flower Festival on 11th & 12th July. On Sunday 26th July we shall be setting off to PECKOVER HOUSE WISBECH for our annual outing. This promises to be a special treat - the beautiful gardens of this house were featured recently on T.V. and a tour of the house has been booked for 2-30pm. The coach will leave Tostock MID-MORNING. Full details will be posted later.

Anyone interested is most welcome to join us. (tel:Heather Spencer 270395)

BELLS FLOWER FESTIVAL AND FETE

All children in Tostock are invited to join in with decorating the Church Porch for the Flower Festival. Please bring your own arrangements with your name attached. You may choose your own container - jars, saucers, vases etc. - and any types of flowers, grasses, leaves etc.

Decorating will be on Friday 10th July from 10.00am to 5-00pm.



VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee was attended by nine members with five apologies and two visitors. The Chairman reported that it had been a difficult year financially having to pay £563 from funds to replace the vandalised windows in the hall. The Public Entertainments licence is now too expensive so a temporary licence will be applied for when needed.

Income from hire of the hall remains stable and income from the Art Exhibition boosted the funds but the trend of expenditure exceeding income continues - this year being £659.

We are delighted that a Youth Club are using the hall on a weekly basis and sports fields and play areas are often busy. A Yoga Club also uses the hall, but sadly the Venture Scouts and Sunday Club no longer do. Plans for the year ahead include re-decoration of the hall by a voluntary working party, refitting the kitchen and replacing flooring in the entrance hall and toilets. The Tennis Court also needs repair or relaying and the replacement of the vandalised windows at a later stage.

The Chairman thanked the committee for their work. The Treasurer reported that finances were healthy but stressed that vandalism costs were very worrying.

The election of officers followed. David Livingston was re-elected treasurer, Rosemary Lister Vice Chairman, Booking Officer Doreen Buckle. Other committee members were Carl Buckle, Heather Spencer, Simon Reynolds, Teresa Rutterford. Mike O'Reilly was proposed as chairman by D. Livingston and seconded by T. Rutterford.

There is a vacancy for the position of Secretary. Anyone interested please contact Mike O'Reilly. The various organisations are requested to nominate a representative, the only one so far this year being Mrs. J. Buckle for the bowls club.

Plans for the Art Exhibition are well in hand.

The next meeting will be on Friday 31st July at 7-30pm.

Wanted

Occasional after school baby-sitter required in Tostock for two boys, from approximately 3 pm to 6 pm. Good hourly rate of pay. Please telephone 01359 270317.

PYRAMID PLAY BUS

A reminder that the Play Bus visits this village on the 2nd and 4th Monday each month - except Bank Holiday Mondays. It is stationed on the Gardeners Arms CarPark from 10-00am to 12 noon. The next dates are June 8th and 22nd July 13th and 27th Your children will enjoy the fun and perhaps get rid of some surplus energy!!

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

TOSTOCK TREES

When T.O.A.D.S. (the village dramatic society) sadly closed they kindly donated some money to the village to spend on trees. I would like to thank them and everyone who entertained the village in TOADS for this kind donation.

The trees have finally , I'm sorry about the delay, been planted along the roadside edge of the playing field. They are a red horse chestnut, a tulip tree, a sorbus chinese lace and a red lime. They were chosen for the different colourings during the year. I would also like to thank Miss Sharon Ayres for her help in choosing and collecting the trees and Mr Goeff Collins for digging the holes and helping me to plant them.

Tracy Rushton
(Tree Officer, Parish Council)

BRITISH RED CROSS HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION

The wonderful total of £161.29 was raised being a 50% increase on last years total. Many thanks to you all.

Cynthia Dean

ANN PILLARS AND FAMILY would like to thank all those who have sent cards and messages of symphathy following TEX'S sudden death. It has given them great comfort to know so many care.



ZAHRA SUGARING

by Jill MacDonald

Tel: Woolpit 240691

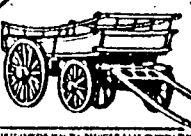
Sugaring is the ancient arabic art of hair removal. A sticky paste, made from natural ingredients, is used to remove unwanted hair from any part of the body or face. More efficient and gentle than other methods, the skin is left soft and smooth and with no stubbly regrowth.

Phone any day/time for more information or an appointment.

Sample Prices: Half legs - £7.75, top lip - £3.85.

* **£200 OFF 1ST TREATMENT** *

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

ADVANCE NOTICE

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A 50/50 Auction in aid of the Bells Restoration Fund will be held at The Village Hall on 19th September

Now is the time to sort out your unwanted items!
More information to follow

Heather & Brian Massey tel: 271707

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

1st Past & Present - Mildenhall Museum
8th Playbus
20th)
21st) 19th Annual Art Show - St, Andrews Church
22nd)

22nd Playbus
28th Garden Club Outing

JULY

11th) Flower Festival & Fete
12th)

13th Playbus
14th Parish Council 7-30pm
14th Garden Club - Open Gardens - The Green
26th Past & Present outing - Peckoyer House
27th Playbus
31st V.H.M.C. meeting

LAST DAY FOR ENTRIES IN NEXT TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

23rd JULY

Stowmarket Mobile Library

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