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# TOSTOCK CHRONICLE



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DECEMBER 1998 - JANUARY 1999

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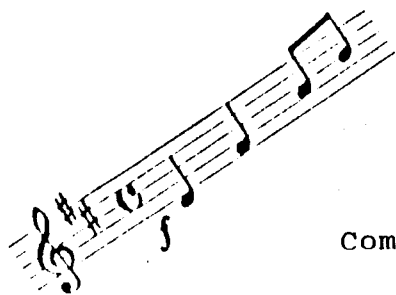
Mr. Villar chaired the October meeting which was attended by seven councillors, the District councillor and one parishioner. It was noted that a new and additional Post Box was now installed on the corner of Wood Close/Norton Road.

Notification had been received that the Rookery Meade High Court hearing had been fixed for 1st March 1999 and was expected to last for two weeks. Carl Buckle has been working on The Leys and Pond area and as he is showing so much interest he has been invited to be an official helper. No objections were raised for the building of a rear conservatory at Crispin Cottage.

All account books are at the District Auditors but agreement was given for the payment of cheques for Petrol and Mower expenses and repairs. A letter of resignation from the parish council has been received from Mr. O'Reilly.

Mr. S. Reynolds has also informed the parish council that he wishes to give up mowing the Green and areas of the playing fields after next year. If anyone is interested and willing to undertake this job please contact either Simon Reynolds or a member of the parish council for more details. Quotations are being sought from blacksmiths for the building of a beacon to commemorate the Millennium.

The County Highways department are to be informed regarding the damage to the verges at the Eastern end of Church Road



CAROL SINGING

WEDNESDAY 16th DECEMBER



Come and sing Carols round the village

Meet outside THE GARDENERS ARMS

at 6-30 p.m.

Please bring a torch or lantern

Proceeds for

Central America Hurricane Appeal

# ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

We are now at the beginning of the season of Advent which for the Church is a time of preparation. One aspect of this is to prepare for a fitting celebration of the birth of Jesus as we remember the story of the first Christmas at Bethlehem.

I do hope you will be able to take the opportunity to share with us the celebration of this unique event.

On Sunday, 20th December at 3 p.m. there will be our annual Carol Service at Tostock.

The crib service this year will be at Norton and will commence at the later time of 4 p.m.  
The first service of Christmas - the Midnight Communion - will take place at Tostock commencing at 11.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

On Christmas Day there will be a service at 10.30 a.m.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a joyous and peaceful Christmas.

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY



6th December	9.30 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion at Tostock
13th December	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Family Service Open Door Informal Service at <u>Pakenham</u>
20th December	9.30 a.m. 3.00 p.m.	Holy Communion [B.C.P.] Carol Service
24th December	4.00 p.m. 11.30 p.m.	Crib Service at <u>Norton</u> Midnight Communion Service at Tostock
25th December	10.30 a.m.	Christmas Day Service
27th December	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion [A.S.B.] at <u>Norton</u>
3rd January	9.30 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion at <u>Pakenham</u>
10th January	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Family Service Open Door Informal Service at Pakenham
17th January	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion [B.C.P.]
24th January	9.30 a.m.	Morning Praise
31st January	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer [B.C.P.]

Ian Hooper,

# Tostock Past and Present Society

(Established 1987)

**Secretary:** Heather Spencer, Bosmere, Perkins Way, Tostock, tel.01359-270395.

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For the benefit of newcomers to the village and any other interested parties, we give below our forthcoming programme. New members or visitors are always welcome at our meetings in the Village Hall.

FRIDAY, 4th DECEMBER : 6.45 for 7 p.m. : 3 course dinner and lecture, entitled "WAS SHAKESPEARE AN ESSEX MAN?" - an amusing talk by Brian Hicks. Cost £12 - BOOKING ESSENTIAL with secretary.

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MONDAY, 4th JANUARY : 8 p.m. : Talk with slides on ANTIQUES - based ON THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS by Jonathan Dutton. FREE ADMISSION for this special evening - the first meeting of the new year - in the hope we can persuade you to join our society.

MONDAY, 1st FEBRUARY : 8 p.m.: MAGIC LANTERN SHOW with J. Burlingham, whose previous talk with slides proved very popular.

MONDAY, 1st MARCH : 8 p.m. : Talk on GRAVESTONES by Peter Driver. \*

MONDAY, 12th APRIL : 8 p.m.: HISTORY OF SHOES by Dudley Mason.

In addition there will be a further series of Clive Paine lectures for which there is a separate fee payable. Clive Paine is an Advisory Teacher for Archives in Education and Local History in Suffolk and a popular local lecturer. Details of his talks are as follows, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings :-

<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>9th</u>	: <u>THE BATTLE OF BURY/BARONS WAR 1173</u>
<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>23rd</u>	: <u>SUFFOLK in 1588</u>
<u>MARCH</u>	<u>9th</u>	: <u>JOHN DONNE AND THE DRURY FAMILY</u>
<u>MARCH</u>	<u>23rd</u>	: <u>JOHN WINTHROP OF GROTON &amp; EMIGRATION TO THE NEW WORLD</u>
<u>APRIL</u>	<u>13th</u>	: <u>RIOT &amp; ARSON IN BURY, 1840's.</u>
<u>MAY</u>	<u>4th</u>	: <u>MAHARAJAH DULEEP SINGH &amp; THE ELEVEDEN CONNECTION</u>

plus 2 field trips with Clive.

Subscriptions remain at a very modest £6 per annum.

Apart from the monthly meetings, Clive Paine lectures and outings, there are always projects in hand. In the past, these have included a village survey which is exhibited regularly, a churchyard survey, a guide to ST. Andrew's church, field walking and the current one which is a proposed history of the village.

Why not come along and join us?



## BELLS RESTORATION APPEAL



During the summer, Mr. Tony Baines, a Bell Hanger from Diss, Norfolk visited the Church and gave a further quotation for hanging six bells for full circle ringing, and our flat St. Peter's Bell to be hung separately for chiming. His quotation was £33,034, compared with Whites of Appleton who earlier had quoted £45,000.

Mr. Baines proposed to work with Eayre & Smith of Derby who will design the frame and do work on our existing bells. He will then build and install the frame and bells. We shall also be casting three new bells, and it should be possible to go and see this being done at Loughborough. The P.C.C. and Appeal Committee have discussed the situation and have decided to ask Tony Baines to do the work and to start once all necessary approvals have been given by the Diocesan Advisory Committee. Hopefully this will be March 1999.

The Appeal Fund currently stands at £30,000. with a grant of £400 from the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust towards the frame and building work. It is amazing to think that so much money has been raised in eighteen months for this project - we were all so disappointed in May not to get a major grant from the Millennium Commission, but we decided to go ahead on our own, and thanks to the support and generosity of parishioners and friends as well as all grant organisations £30,000 has been raised in this small village. This wonderful achievement also reflects the hard work and commitment of all those involved in our many fund raising activities. Our team of ten 'apprentice bell-ringers' are continuing their lessons at Rougham on Monday evenings between 8pm and 9pm. Although we are all at different stages of 'proficiency' we definitely feel that progress is being made!! Our two patient teachers think so too!! Perhaps it is a good thing that there are only a few houses near to St. Mary's Church.

On Thursday 19th November the Bells Ball was held in the Pavilion at Ravenwall Hall Hotel, by invitation of Mr. C. Jarvis. 84 guests enjoyed the evening and danced until midnight.

### CHURCH NEWS

We shall be having a Christmas Tree in the Church again this year and at the Carol Service on Sunday 20th December presents will be put under the tree, to be taken to the children in the Bury Womans' Refuge. Please mark your parcel for boy or girl and approximate age. WE SHALL BE VERY GRATEFUL FOR ALL CONTRIBUTIONS.

### CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

There will be a Coffee Morning held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 15th Dec. 10-30am until 12-00 noon. Come along and enjoy a natter before Christmas with the help of a mince pie or sausage roll etc. We shall be having our usual raffle and stall.

Hopefully our next Lunch will be held on Tuesday 26th January 1999 at £3.00 per head. Please reserve your place with Jackie Livingston 270252  
The lunches will be served at the Village Hall.

# IMPORTANT REFUSE COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

*for residents in the*  
**MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT  
COUNCIL AREA**

**CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR 1998/99**

**NORMAL DAY**

Monday .....21 December  
Tuesday .....22 December  
Wednesday .....23 December  
Thursday .....24 December  
Friday .....25 December

Monday .....28 December  
Tuesday .....29 December  
Wednesday .....30 December  
Thursday .....31 December  
Friday .....1 January 1999

**REVISED DAY**

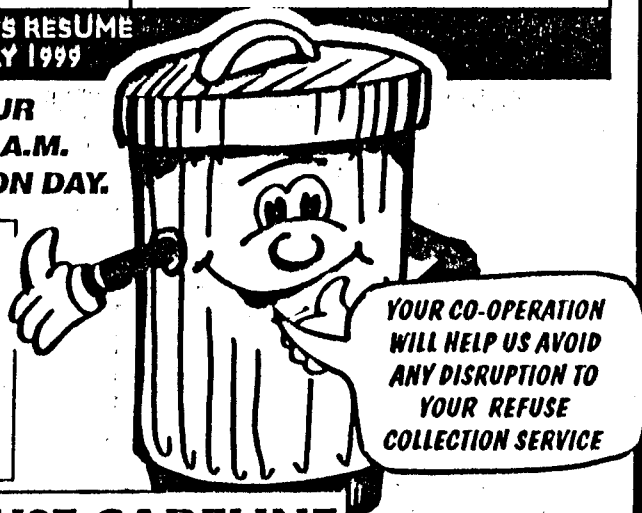
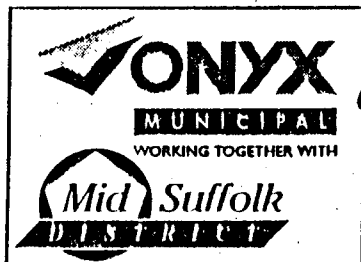
Saturday .....19 December  
Monday .....21 December  
Tuesday .....22 December  
Wednesday .....23 December  
Thursday .....24 December

Monday .....  
Tuesday .....  
Wednesday .....  
Thursday .....  
Saturday .....2 January 1999

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**NORMAL ARRANGEMENTS RESUME  
FROM MONDAY 4 JANUARY 1999**

- **PLEASE ENSURE YOUR  
REFUSE IS OUT BY 7 A.M.  
ON YOUR COLLECTION DAY.**



**REFUSE CARELINE**

**01449 678014**



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by Jill MacDonald

Tel: Woolpit 240691

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

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