

TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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PARISH COUNCIL



Eight Councillors and District Councillor Mr.B.Siffleet attended the last two Parish Council meetings chaired by Mr.A.Villar. Three Planning Applications have been discussed and no objections raised to the erection of a two storey rear extension to both Church cottage and Willow Cottage. Long discussion took place regarding the application to demolish an existing piggery and erect a replacement cooking plant at Rookery Meade Farm. Councillors requested that assurances were needed that odours would be eliminated completely and not just reduced as quoted on the application and that all time limits for completion of any such plant if agreed should be strictly adhered to.

Carl Buckle has agreed to take over the care and management of the pond and surrounding area and will work on advice from the Suffolk Wildlife.Trust. Enquiries are still being made regarding a Millennium Beacon.

A request from the V.H.M.C. for financial help towards a full Basket Ball Pitch was discussed. Whilst all councillors felt there was a need for encouraging activities for youngsters in the village it was felt that the sum was rather high to be placed on the parish council tax. A possible alternative means of financing this project was suggested and will be looked into.

The budget for 1999/2000 was discussed and it was agreed to precept for £1800. Payment was requested for the hire of the hall for P.C.meetings for the year and also for mower parts needed for repairs.Both agreed. It has been noted that the posts on the Green had been knocked down and also the notice board vandalised again. It was agreed not to replace the perspex any more.

Problems with footpaths not being reinstated after ploughing will be investigated.

A request has been made for a loan to help with initial expenses if a proposal to re-form a drama/concert club bears fruit after a public meeting to be held in Village Hall on Saturday 12th February (see notice)

This was agreed with the proviso that the loan be repaid within two years.



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

7th February	9.30 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion at <u>Norton</u>
14th February	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Family Service Open Door Informal Service at <u>Pakenham</u>
21st February	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion [B.C.P.]
28th February	9.30 a.m.	Morning Praise
7th March	9.30 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion at <u>Tostock</u>
14th March	11.00 a.m.	Mothering Sunday Family Service
21st March	9.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion [B.C.P.] Open Door Informal Service at Pakenham
28th March	9.30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Service

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday - this year on 17th February. There will be services of Holy Communion at 10.00 a.m. at School Close, Norton and at 7.30p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Pakenham.

The Lent Course this year is entitled "Attending, Exploring and Engaging" - further details are in the Church magazine. It is planned to have a group in Tostock at the home of Barney and Julie Harrison. It will probably be held on Wednesday evenings beginning on 21st February. Please contact the Rector for further details if you are interested.

On 14th March there will be a Mothering Sunday Family Service at 11.00 a.m. and I do hope families from the village will come together to share in this service. The Open Door Informal Service in March will be on the third Sunday of the month, 21st March, 6.30 p.m. at Pakenham.

Ian Hooper
Rector

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

A Village Lunch was held in the Hall on Tuesday 26th January. Because of the good response we received from people it has been decided to continue with lunches during this year alternating each month with a coffee morning.

A Coffee Morning will be held at 10-00am on TUESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY with raffle and stall.

The next Village Lunch will be on TUESDAY 23rd MARCH at 12-30pm Both events will be in the Village Hall.

CHURCH NEWS

A letter of thanks has been received from the Womens Aid Refuge in Bury St. Edmunds for the parcels which were put under the Christmas Tree in the Church at the Carol Service on 20th December. The P.C.C. were most grateful to all who contributed towards the large number of presents which helped the children at the refuge to enjoy a happy Christmas.



BELLS RESTORATION APPEAL



We have now received the Faculty from the Diocese which allows us to send the bells to Eayre and Smith at Derby for the main work of restoration to begin. Tony Baines, our bell hanger, will transport the bells.

At Derby the bells will be weighed and checked for tone. It will then be possible to determine the size and note of the three new bells. The frame will be computer designed "around" the bells. Once the design has been finalised it will be submitted to the Diocesan Advisory Committee and our architect for approval.

We hope that the four bells will leave Tostock very soon and have been given the date of 9th February. This will be the first journey away from the parish for three of the bells since they arrived here in 1461, 1527, and 1671!! The St. Mary bell has already travelled to and from Lode near Cambridge for repair last August so is becoming a "seasoned traveller"!

Friends of the Woolpit Health Centre

This Trust was set up in January 1985, and since that time over £94,000 has been received in donations. There are no administration charges, so every penny has been spent on equipment for the benefit of the patients who attend the Health Centre.

We are very grateful to all those who have contributed to the funds during the past year - from individuals, from organisations and from those who have given donations in memory of a friend or relative who has died.

The latest purchase has been a replacement defibrillator at a cost of nearly £7,000. This was a huge undertaking, leaving us with minimal funds. Nevertheless we intend to put all future donations towards a radiosurgery machine for use in the treatment room at the Health Centre. This will cost just under £2,000. We also need to keep all the existing equipment well maintained, so all your donations however small are put to good use.

Our Co-op share number is 215050. Thank you to all those who use it.

Mrs. S. Eburne, Hon. Treasurer

BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL- November 1998.

Many thanks for all your kind support again this year.

The funds raised from the street and church collections totalled
£ 307.15.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the collectors;-
Mick Spencer, Ken Buck, Brian Massey, Jane Sherwood, Liz
Duvall, Reg & Mary at the Gardeners Arms.

Richard Duvall
Local Organiser

LET'S BRING DRAMA BACK TO THE VILLAGE HALL

Would you be interested in helping this to happen? If so, please come to a meeting in the Village Hall on **SATURDAY, 13 Feb at 10 am.**

Those interested in all aspects of production **WELCOME**

e.g. Actors, stage management, lighting, costume, props

NB; NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

If you are interested, but are unable to attend the meeting please phone Nick or Gail Moyle on



01359 - 270787. There are no age limits - we have a play in mind by Alan Ayckbourn which has a cast of 20+

Tostock Past and Present Society

The next meeting will be the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Monday 1st February at 8 p.m. with the usual Chairman's report, presentation of accounts, plans for the year, election of officers etc. This will be followed by a return visit by Mr. Burlingham with a MAGIC LANTERN SHOW.

Later in the month on Tuesday 9th February at 7.30 p.m., the first of Clive Paine's lectures will be given on the BATTLE OF BURY ST. EDMUNDS/BARONS WAR 1173 and the second one on February 23rd at 7.30 p.m. on SUFFOLK in 1588 the year of the Spanish Armada.

The monthly meeting on March 1st at 8 p.m. will be on the subject of GRAVESTONES, a talk given by Peter Driver. Clive Paine's lectures in March are as follows :-

Tuesday, March 9th : 7.30 p.m. JOHN DONNE & THE DRURY FAMILY

Tuesday, March 23rd: 7.30 p.m. JOHN WINTHROP of GROTON & EMIGRATION TO THE
NEW WORLD.

There is a special fee for Clive Paine's lectures.

All welcome to all our meetings. Any queries, please telephone H. Spencer 270395.

LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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your parish needs you!!!

Do you care how your parish is run?

Are you interested in helping to improve the quality of life in the parish?

If you want to be involved in making decisions on issues in your parish
then become a candidate in the parish elections

USE YOUR VOTE ON
6 MAY 1999

IT DOES COUNT!!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

1st PAST & PRESENT A.G.M. Mr. Burlingham Magic Lantern Show
9th Clive Paine Lecture
13th DRAMA MEETING
23rd COFFEE MORNING
23th Clive Paine Lecture

MARCH

1st PAST & PRESENT Gravestones - Peter Driver
9th Clive Paine Lecture
16th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
23rd VILLAGE LUNCH
23rd Clive Paine Lecture

LAST DATE FOR ENTRY IN NEXT CHRONICLE 23rd MARCH

Stowmarket Mobile Library

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