



TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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PARISH COUNCIL

The nine Councillors elected at the recent Poll were

Fred Armstrong
Alan Baully (Chairman and rep to S.A.L.C.)
Michael Baully (Footpaths)
Carl Buckle (Leys & Pond)
Adrian Buxton
Juliet Inskip (Tree Officer)
David Livingston (Responsible Finance Officer)
Michael O'Reilly
Tracey Rushton (Vice-Chairman)
(Rep.to V.H.M.C.)



A welcome was extended to the new councillors at the Annual Parish Council Meeting at which the officers for the following year were elected as indicated above.

The Chairman explained the proposed management of The Leys in accordance with advice from the Suffolk Wildlife Trust. Mrs. Inskip expressed concern regarding the large quantity of ragwort present and Carl Buckle will make enquiries from the trust regarding its control.

A planning application to extend the bungalow Moorlands in Flatts Lane received no objections.

R.F.O. Requested completion of forms for new signatories for cheque payments. It was agreed that either the Chairman or Vice Chairman would provide the second signature along with the R.F.O. Once this had been agreed with the bank it was requested to authorise payment of various listed outstanding bills. These were agreed.

Mr. O'Reilly was concerned about rook shooting at the rear of his premises. P.C. Spencer who was present at the meeting said this could be investigated if notified when the problem next occurs.

The overgrown hedge on the boundary of the footpath in Flatts Lane is to be examined and the owner requested to cut back.

Miss Rushton was very concerned regarding a misleading notice which had been circulated prior to the Parish Council elections. This contained 10 names which gave the impression that these were the only candidates whereas in fact there were 16. She and some other candidates denied all knowledge of this document and wished it to be recorded.

Mr. O'Reilly suggested that parish council meetings could be set well in advance on perhaps a six weekly basis. It was agreed to give this a trial. The next meeting being booked for Tuesday 6th July.

9 councillors, Cllr. Mrs. Sida Lockett, Dist. Cllr. Mr. B. Siffleet, P.C. Mick Spencer and 11 residents were present at the Annual Parish Meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. A. Baully who introduced the members of the new council.

Following the usual formalities of the reading and approval of the previous years A.P.M. minutes P.C. Spencer was invited to speak. He explained the new policing structure and that there were now 35 villages that he had to police but each village was provided with a 24 hour cover. Reported crime figures for this village during the past year was 8. In general car crimes were on the increase and he urged everyone to lock their cars and also to ensure the boot was locked as entry was often gained from unlocked boots. Elmswell Station can be contacted on 01359 240211. P.C. Spencers line is 01284 774341 this is an answering machine but P.C. Spencer will get back to you.

Neighbourhood Watch. Mr. John Walker is now the village co-ordinator following the departure of Mr. B. Massey. He gave an up-date of the working of the scheme and stated that there is to be a change in as much as reports will be put in the Chronicle and there will also be an involvement with the Parish Council. He is looking for two co-ordinators for every area in order to cover for any absence. Mr. Walker can be contacted on 271609.

County Councillor Mrs. Sida Lockett reported on County workings and explained a proposed transport white paper and modernisation for vehicle parking. She was sorry she could do no more regarding the problem of getting children to Norton School but had explored every avenue. She suggested that this parish council should write to the authorities again. It was agreed to do this.

District Councillor Mr. B. Siffleet explained various changes which had taken place in council workings resulting in many problems at the council offices about which he was very unhappy. He was asked about the activities at Place Farm and said it had been checked but that he would ask for it to be investigated again.

The chairman thanked all officers for their reports.

Village reports were given by the Clerk, Responsible Finance Officer, Poors Estate, Village Hall Management Committee and an up-date on the Bells restoration.

Clerk was asked why a notice of elected councillors was not placed on view, but she told the meeting that nothing had been officially received from the District Council. Chairman also confirmed that the councillors had not been notified that they had been elected. Some concern was expressed that four ballot papers were invalidated because they had not been embossed. This will be taken up with the Returning Officer.

A new Trustee is required for the Poors Estate Charity from the Parish Council and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

The chairman thanked Mr. Simon Reynolds for maintaining the mowers and for cutting the Green and edges of the playing fields, Carl Buckle for strimming round the green and posts, Lionel Flatman for cutting the Leys and Mr. & Mrs. J. Barker for village litter picking. He also thanked the retired councillors for their untiring work in the past. Maureen Beales the Footpath and Tree Officer, Jane Sherwood for her forthright approach and Steve Walker who was the rep on the V.H.M.C. A very special thanks was given to Mr. A. Villar who had been chairman of the council for some 34 years and had complete understanding of the control of meetings and procedures, His work for the village both

financial and physical had sometimes been under estimated and he would be a hard act to follow.

Col. Dean asked if the proposed Tostock sign at the eastern end of Church Road could be put up as agreed by the Highways authority. It was agreed to look into this.

A request was made that Parish Council minutes be placed on the Notice Board. This was agreed but pointed out that some other notices might not be able to be displayed if there was lack of space.

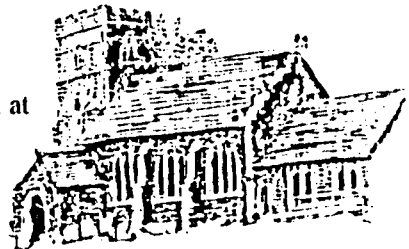
A request was also made for the public to be allowed to speak if given a 15 minute space. It was agreed for the council to discuss this at the next meeting.

The possibility of renewing the posts and chains on the Green was also to be discussed at the next meeting.

The idea of the Millennium Beacon was put to the meeting and in general the idea was dismissed. Various other suggestions were put forward and the most favourable one appeared the replacement of the Chestnut tree on the Leys. This would be discussed at the next parish council meeting.

There being no further business the chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and interest and closed the meeting at 9-40pm

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE AND JULY



6th June	9.30 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion at <u>Tostock</u>
13th June	11.15 a.m.*	Family Service
20th June	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion [B.C.P.]
27th June	9.30 a.m.	Morning Praise
4th July	9.30 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion at <u>Pakenham</u>
11th July	11.15 a.m.* 6.30 p.m.	Family Service Open Door Informal Service at Pakenham
18th July	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion [B.C.P.]
25th July	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer [B.C.P.]

***Please note that from June the Family Services each month will begin at 11.15 a.m.**

MEETING POINT

Following the first Meeting Point two more have been arranged for discussion and an exchange of views and opinions.

On Tuesday 15th June the subject will be "Family Values"

On Tuesday 20th July the title is "Money, Money, Money"

These are aspects of life which affect all of us.

We would warmly welcome anyone who would like to share their viewpoint and ideas.

We meet at Barney and Julie Harrison's, Appletrees, Perkins Way. The meetings start at 8.00 p.m.



TOSTOCK YOUTH DRAMA GROUP



Rehearsals are now under way for

"ERNIE'S INCREDIBLE ILLUCINATIONS"

However, it is not too late to join. New members are always welcome.

The next rehearsal is on **SUNDAY, 6th JUNE**, at 3pm in the **VILLAGE HALL**.

The senior drama production is on "hold" for the present.

If you have any queries, please ring Nick or Gail Moyle on 270787.

Tostock Past and Present Society

Our programme for the next two months is as follows :-

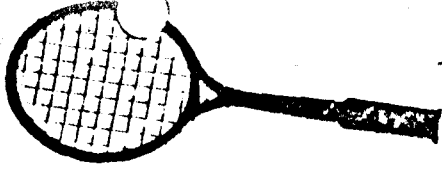
TUESDAY, JUNE 1st : 7 p.m. at HAWSTEAD CHURCH : Meet at Tostock Village Hall at 6.30 p.m. to make up car loads, to look round this impressive church with many interesting family tombs and monuments with CLIVE PAINE. This follows on his recent lecture on John Donne and the Drury family of Hawstead. Fee of £3 for non-members and £2.50 for members.

MONDAY, JUNE 7th : 8 p.m. - monthly meeting at the Village Hall with a Talk by Nick Amor on PEOPLE IN MEDIEVAL IXWORTH.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7th : Visit by Horringer and Wickhambrook History societies to Tostock, starting at the Church at 7 p.m. followed by a walk round the village in groups, then finishing at the Village Hall to look at our Survey etc. and have refreshments.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21st : Evening Visit to Bulmer Brick and Tile Company at Bulmer, 7 p.m. for a look round the brick works with Mr. Minter, who gave us a talk last year. Meet at Village Hall at 6 p.m. to make up car loads. Please let secretary know if you are coming (tel.270395).

There will be no meeting in August.



TOSTOCK TENNIS CLUB

The village Barbecue and Barn Dance will be held on Saturday, 17 July starting at 7 30 pm. Tickets from tennis committee members.

Reminder that any one using the tennis court must be a member and have paid their subscriptions for this year. Membership enquiries to Elizabeth Dunn, Membership Secretary/Treasurer, on 01359 270270.

Radio was left on the tennis court at the beginning of April. Contact Diane Plester on 01359 271652.



BELLS RESTORATION APPEAL



Our funds have recently received a grant of £2,500 from the Garfield Weston Foundation, which came as a very welcome surprise! A letter was written to the Foundation in January giving information about our Appeal and asking if help might be available. The reply came two weeks ago, enclosing a wonderfully generous cheque! Mr. Garey Weston, the present chairman of the Foundation was recently 'in the news' when he donated £20 million to the British Museum. A letter of thanks was quickly sent from the Appeal Committee. We are still in discussion with the Diocesan Advisory Committee about the proposed Ringing Floor in the tower. We need the space below for storage as there is nowhere in the Church to leave the cleaning materials and other oddments. The committee is concerned about the height of the new floor obscuring the view of the West Window. Hopefully this will soon be sorted out so work can begin.

Our band of ringers are now joining in with the "experts" at St. Mary's Rougham on Thursday nights, their regular practice night. They continue to be helpful and patient with our mistakes when the timing goes wrong!

Two new recruits have joined us on Monday evenings, which is very encouraging - we hope they will enjoy learning with us - do come and see what bell-ringing is all about.

Our progress can be judged from the fact that on Saturday 22nd May four of our ringers joined the North West Area of the Suffolk Guild on their Ringing Day. We travelled to Dennington, Earl Soham, Framlingham, Otley and Ashbocking, where we rang at each church. It was a great learning experience as each set of bells were different in tone and weight. Framlingham had a never ending medieval spiral staircase to climb, so we were all exhausted before we even tried to ring, and there were eight bells too!! We all learned a great deal in a short time.

TOSTOCK BROWNIES

The 1st Tostock Brownies started in 1969 and it is hoped to organise a reunion later this year.

If any founder Brownies have any memorabilia they would like to loan please contact Mrs. Schofield 241430.

Any Mums (or Dads) who might be willing to help occasionally on Monday evenings would also be appreciated.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



The recent AGM of the Village Hall was well attended and the Chairman was able to report a year of good progress .

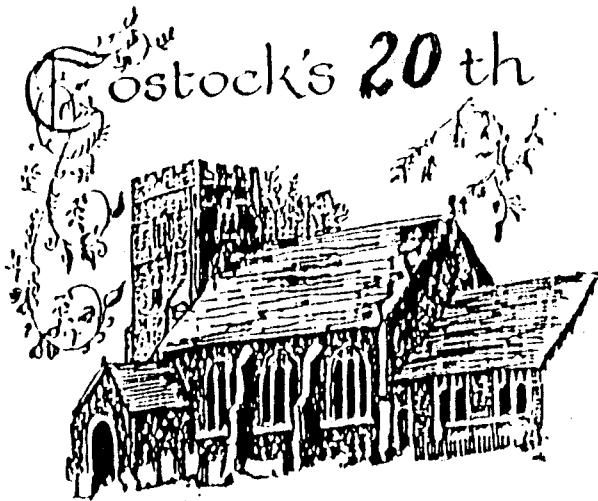
The new kitchen has been installed and reaction from users is very positive . A Basketball goal was installed by a village working party last August and a second goal is now available . The base has not yet been done but Mid Suffolk have offered a grant towards the cost . The proposal to divert the footpath on village hall land has been rejected by Suffolk County Council experts .

Our football pitches are getting good use and are being kept in excellent condition . The Youth Club is well supported and a new Drama group has started to use the Hall . Apart from the new kitchen cost , income exceeded expenditure . As usual , income was helped by the Art Exhibition which helped by adding £ 938 , a new record !

On a more negative note , we are still getting complaints from 'Mums' that dog fouling of the children's play area has increased significantly . Will those responsible dog owners please keep dogs on leads on the playing fields and around the village hall area .

The next project will be to explore the costs and possibilities of building changing rooms for the football , tennis and basketball teams .

We still urgently need a village hall committee secretary . If you are willing to help , please ring 270337 or contact any Committee member .



OF PAINTINGS BY EAST ANGLIAN ARTISTS
in TOSTOCK CHURCH

SATURDAY 19th June 11.00am - 9.00pm
SUNDAY 20th June 11.00am - 9.00pm
MONDAY 21st June 11.00am - 5.00pm

Refreshments available

All profits shared by Tostock Church
and Village Hall

Annual Art Exhibition

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We shall be providing refreshments at the Church in conjunction with the Annual Art Exhibition on

SATURDAY 19th June 11.30am - 5.00pm
SUNDAY 20th June 2.30pm - 5.00pm



The Suffolk Constabulary have issued a warning to be on guard against two men with Irish accents who are operating in the area and seeking work as Landscape Gardeners and/or tree felling services.

They are using a TOYATA VAN registration No. H345 FKN

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The recent collection in Flatts Lane for SCOPE amounted to £33.

I would like to thank the residents for their generosity.

Edna Buxton

The Red Cross House to house collection raised £167.49

Very grateful thanks for all those who helped and contributed -
An increase on last year.

C. Dean

CHRISTIAN AID.

Many thanks to all who gave

Total collection £236.16

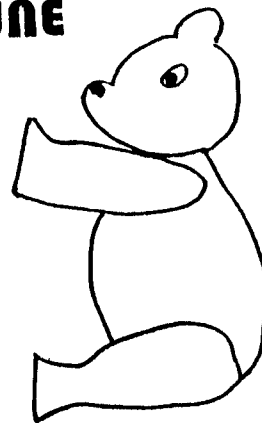
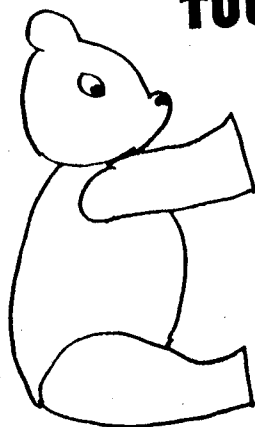
Hunger Lunch £ 60.00

St. Andrew's Church, Tostock
Please come and join us at our

SHORT PRE-SCHOOL SERVICE
FOR
BABIES, TODDLERS AND THEIR
MUMS

TUESDAY, 1ST JUNE

11 a.m.



There will be a short informal
time together followed by
refreshments and fellowship.

See you there!