

TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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FEBRUARY - MARCH 2000

PARISH COUNCIL



IT HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL THAT HORSES ARE BEING RIDDEN ON SOME FOOTPATHS AND ALSO ON THE VILLAGE GREENS. THIS IS CAUSING CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE AND HORSE RIDERS ARE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED TO REFRAIN FROM THIS PRACTICE AND ADHERE TO SUITABLE TRACKS FOR THIS PURPOSE.

Councillors were very sorry to receive the resignation of Tracy Rushton. A letter of appreciation for all the work she had undertaken whilst a councillor has been sent to her. Mrs. Elizabeth Dunn has been co-opted to the council in her place. There is great concern regarding the amount of traffic now using Flatts Lane and the matter taken up with the Highway Authorities.

A planning application for extensions to Hollytree Cottage has been approved with a request that no further trees or hedging be removed.

The purchase of a replacement Triple cut mower has been discussed and quotations are being sought.

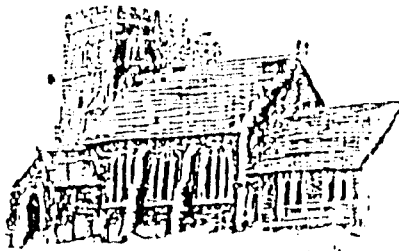
The councillors have agreed to a request from the Church Wardens to hold a Millennium open air service on the village green.

The chestnut tree on the green will be trimmed to head height as soon as the conditions are suitable and an additional stone will be placed near the posting box for easier access.

When the Council tax demands come through the letterboxes in April you will notice a large increase in the Parish Council precept. This unfortunate action has had to be taken due to two factors. The Parish Council has recently received an invoice from Mid Suffolk D.C. of £945.00 for the privilege of holding our Parish Council elections last May. This sum is being challenged but there is little hope at this stage of achieving a reduction so the sum will have to be recovered in this year's precept. The second issue is that it has now become necessary to replace the Triple mower, which has kept our Greens and playing field in such immaculate order over so many years. It is every intention of the Parish Council to reduce this Precept as soon as these extraordinary items have been covered.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Friday, 4 February, at 10 30 am to discuss the footpath dispute with Suffolk Highway Authority.



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

February

6 th	9.30 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion at <u>Norton</u>
13 th	11.15 a.m.	Family Service
20 th	9.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (BCP) Open Door Informal Service at Pakenham
27 th	10.30 a.m.	Service of Dedication of the Bells

March

5 th	9.30 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion at Tostock
12 th	11.15 a.m.	Family Service
19 th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
26 th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer

Sunday, 27th February will be an important day in the life of the church when the Bishop of Dunwich, the Rt. Revd. Clive Young will dedicate the bells and the new balcony and ringing floor.

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 8th March. There will be services of Holy Communion at 10.00 a.m. at St. Andrew's Church, Norton and at 7.30 p.m. at St. Mary's, Pakenham.

Last year our Lent course proved very stimulating for those who came along and led to the monthly Meeting Point. This year Christians are celebrating Christ at the start of this new Millennium and the Lent Course is entitled "Jesus Re-discovered". This affords us all an opportunity for a meeting point with Jesus whether it be for the first time or as part of our ongoing pilgrimage with Him. It is planned to meet on Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. at Julie and Barney Harrison's - Appletrees, Perkins Way - commencing on 15th March. All are warmly invited - more details from the Rector. Tel: 01359 230287.

Ian Hooper
Rector

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The total amount of money raised for St. Andrews Church during the year 1999 was £1365.27.

Our grateful thanks to all those kind people who have helped and supported us over the past year.

The first events for the year 2000 will be

COFFEE MORNING Tuesday 8th February 10-30am Village Hall

VILLAGE LUNCH Tuesday 21st March 12-30pm Village Hall

EVERYONE WELCOME

Tostock Past and Present Society

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, 7th February at 8 p.m. with the usual reports and election of officers. This will be followed by a talk on "ROMAN AND MEDIEVAL GARDENS" by Caroline Holmes.

There will be another series of lectures by Clive Paine this year on Tuesday evenings 7.30 to 9.30 p.m., as follows :-

- Tues. February 15th : Celebrating Queen Victoria's Jubilee in Empire and Bury St Edmunds in 1897
- February 29th : Matthew Hopkins and Suffolk Witchcraft Trials of 1645
- March 14th : Was Life better for the criminal or the pauper in early Victorian England ?
- March 28th : The strange case of Capel Lofft of Troston and Sarah Lloyd.

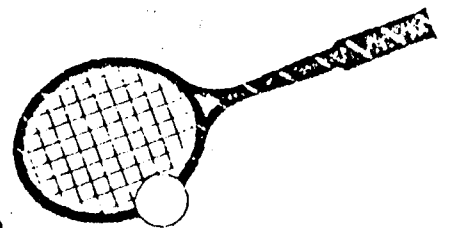
The March monthly meeting on Monday 6th at 8 p.m. will be on "LARK VALLEY NAVIGATION" by David Weston.

New members or visitors welcome to all the above meetings.

TOSTOCK TENNIS CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Tennis Club will be held on Thursday, 23 March at 7 30 pm in the village hall.

The club now urgently needs more people to help assist with the running of the club. Do please come along and help us to maintain this facility for the village.



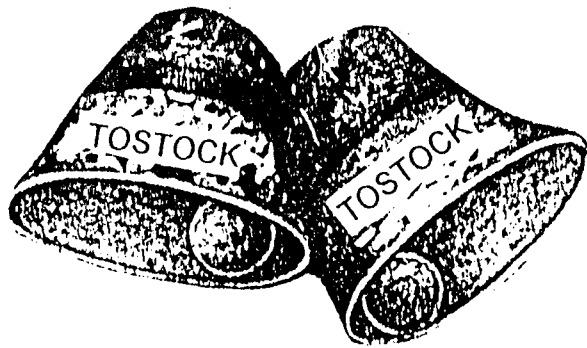
Is your garden
a jungle ?

Call Jane Hamblin

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LAND ARMY DESIGNS
Garden design and build



The bells rang out over the village on Christmas Eve at 1-15p.m!
Both Tony Baines and John Pamment had worked so hard to have everything ready for us in time for Christmas.
During the morning of 24th December, Tony had been drilling the rope holes in the new ceiling and many of the ringers turned up to see the progress being made. By mid-day things had not gone smoothly so the ringers went home.

At 1-15p.m. though, a team of experts from the Suffolk Guild had "secretly" been assembled to carry out the first "test ring" - the first ring of all for our three new bells, and the first in a long time for the three original bells! For those of us who have been closely concerned with the Restoration Project it was a moving experience to hear the bells ringing and a surprise too!!
Within minutes the Tostock ringers assembled in the Tower, and as the test ring had gone so well, we were soon being instructed by Betty Baines in the ways of our new ropes. A great time was had until we had to stop for the 3 p.m. Crib Service.

Our best moment of all came at 9 a.m. on Christmas Day when six Tostock ringers rang for their first service, assisted by Douglas Swinden of Tostock and Mark Armstrong from Rougham. After months of lessons at Rougham, it was wonderful to realise that we were at last actually ringing these bells in our Tower which had been silent for so long. The bells were rung for the New Year and at mid-night many people came to the Church to celebrate with the ringers.

On 1st January, the bells were rung for the mid-day service, taking part in the great National Peal for "Ring in the Millennium", which had been the inspiration for the restoration project.

It is a great achievement for a small village like Tostock to be able to "raise the bells". The appeal committee would like to THANK EVERYONE for their support and encouragement. As one Guild member commented on Christmas Eve - Tostock can be proud of its glorious peal of bells. Practice night is Monday, 7-30p.m. - 9.00p.m. We have three new members. Come along and see what ringing is about. Visitors welcome at the West Door.

ON SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY WE SHALL BE HOLDING THE SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION OF THE BELLS BY THE BISHOP OF DUNWICH, at 10-30 a.m.

Regular Bell Practice is every Monday evening

for further details contact Miss. Jane Sherwood
270308

St. Andrew's Church, Tostock

Please come and join us at our

SHORT PRE-SCHOOL SERVICE

FOR

BABIES, TODDLERS AND THEIR

MUMS

MONDAY 7TH FEB.

11 a.m.

BLUE PETER
BRING AND BUY
SALE
IN AID OF BLISS
(BABY LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS)
ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5TH.

AT TOSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

2-00^{P.M.}

PLEASE CONTACT: HARRISONS 270 247

OR SPARKES 240 042

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE ITEMS BEFORE
THE SALE
PLEASE GIVE US YOUR SUPPORT**

TOSTOCK GARDEN CLUB



The Group will meet again in the Village Hall on Wednesday 16th February at 7.30 p.m and after a brief AGM there will be our usual discussion on future events over a glass of wine.

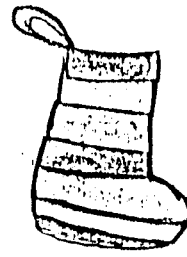
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OUR MEMBERS AND OTHER FRIENDS.

On Tuesday April 4th at 7.30 p.m there will be a talk by Mick Lavelle on Pests & Diseases and early in June we plan to visit a Suffolk garden.

Joining up with the Rattlesden G.C we shall be able to visit the Cambridge Botanical Gardens on Saturday May 20th and the Beth Chatto Gardens at Elmstead Market on Saturday July 15th.

Both of these are to be coach trips, well worth supporting and we count ourselves lucky to have these opportunities, thanks to our neighbouring Club.

AT THE CAROL SERVICE IN ST. ANDREWS CHURCH THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF TOSTOCK RANGING IN AGE FROM 3 to 15 PRESENTED A TABLEAU TOGETHER WITH READINGS, MUSIC AND POEMS. PRINTED BELOW IS THE POEM WRITTEN AND READ BY HANNAH AND ANDREW MARRIOTT.



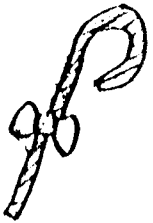
A Christmas Wish.



If I could make a wish for Christmas,
It would be to see an end to war worldwide.

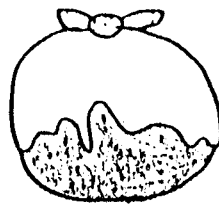
If I could make a wish for Christmas,
It would be to see an end to starvation and
poverty.

If I could make a wish for Christmas,
It would be an end to neglect and cruelty
to all mankind.

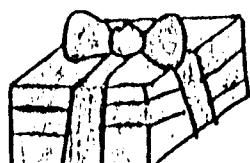


If I could make a wish for Christmas,
It would be a breakthrough in medical science
So people didn't have to suffer dreadful illnesses.

If I could make a wish for Christmas,
It would be that all people learn to love each
other, no matter what creed colour, or religion they
are from.



If I could make a wish!



Hannah
and Andy
Marriott
Christmas '99

