

TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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PARISH COUNCIL



THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
WILL BE HELD IN THE VILLAGE
HALL ON TUESDAY 16th MAY
AT 7-45pm. EVERYONE IS
INVITED TO ATTEND. DO COME
ALONG TO HEAR YOUR COUNTY
COUNCILLOR, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR,
POLICE LIAISON OFFICER AND
ORGANISATIONS GIVE THEIR REPORTS.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU

At the last meeting the chairman welcomed Mrs.E.Dunn as a co-opted member of the council. Various matter were brought forward from the previous meeting and are still on going. These include the activities at the Stables in Flatts Lane, the Rookery Meade Farm Pig Problem and Footpaths. The 'history' of footpaths 6 and 7 and their proposed diversions were outlined by the chairman of the V.H.M.C. with a report on meetings held with officers of the S.C.C. and M.S.D.C. All councillors agreed with the suggested proposals which were left with Mr.O'Reilly to negotiate and report back. The council is still contesting the very high cost of the elections last May and the matter is being taken up by S.A.L.C. The Parish Tripple Cut Mower which has done such sterling service in cutting the Green and perimeter of the playing fields has now come to the end of its working life. Grateful thanks to Mr.Simon Reynolds for keeping it going for so long. A good secondhand machine has now been purchased. This year there is a very good show of daffodils round the village pond. These were donated to the village but it has been noticed that some blooms have been picked. As they are for the enjoyment of everyone it is respectfully requested that the blooms be left to grow and bulbs increase.

Residents of Tostock are no doubt happy to learn that some of the flints to be used in the building of the Cathedral Tower will be supplied by our own quarry at Ticehurst Gravels. Congratulations to the Baully family.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Services for April and May



2nd April	10.30 a.m.	<u>Mothering Sunday Service</u>
9th April	11.15 a.m.	Morning Praise
16th April	9.30 a.m.	Palm Sunday, Holy Communion [BCP] [Process from the Gardeners Arms at 9.15 a.m.]
21st April	10.00 a.m.	Good Friday, Morning Service
23rd April	10.00 a.m.	Easter Day Family Service followed by shortened Holy Communion
30th April	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
7th May	9.30 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at Norton
14th May	11.15 a.m.	Family Service
21st May	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion [BCP]
28th May	9.30 a.m.	Morning Praise

Please note the change in the pattern of services in April. The season of Easter which we celebrate shortly is one of hope in which we remember how from the darkness which covered the earth and from death upon a cross there came the light of a glorious and all-embracing resurrection. Out of desolation and despair, God can bring forth new life and hope. Do come and celebrate this with us on Easter Sunday.

Ian Hooper, Rector.

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The next two events for the year will be

COFFEE MORNING - Tuesday 18th April at 10-30am
in the Village Hall

VILLAGE LUNCH - Tuesday 16th May at 12-30pm
in the Village Hall

Do come along and give us your support and
enjoy a sociable hour or so.

Please book the lunch with Jackie Livingston
tel: 270252

Tostock Past and Present Society

Following the AGM on February 7th, the following Committee was elected for the year : Jeanne O'Reilly (chairman), Douglas Copeland (vice-chairman), John Barker (treasurer), Heather Spencer (secretary), Jackie Livingston (speakers' secretary), Pauline Copeland and David Livingston. Mrs Marjorie Read has kindly volunteered to be the Norton representative on the Committee.

The Society joined other Suffolk history groups at Mendlesham Community Centre on March 25th for Societies Day with a display based on the Tostock Bells and the saga of their re-hanging.

The next monthly meeting will be on Monday April 3rd at 8 p.m. on the subject of *Life in Ancient Egypt* by Miriam Stead from the Museum of East Anglian Life.

On April 11th at 7.30 p.m. there will be a further lecture by Clive Paine on *The Victorian Seaside in Suffolk*

The subject of the talk on May 8th (8 p.m.) will be *Origins and Development of English Surnames* by the well known speaker, Derek Palgrave.

Clive Paine's last lecture in the series will be on *The Black Death and Wordwell, a village in decline* on Tuesday May 9th at 7.30 with a follow up visit to Wordwell church on the evening of May 23rd.

Work is almost complete on the book *Tostock Past and Present* which is being transferred onto disc for the printer. The Society is most grateful for the help of so many local people with this project. A launch party will be held as soon as the book is available.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The committee has been trying to resolve the various problems with footpaths 6 & 7 which cross our playing fields. It is hoped that we can get both of them diverted to the edge of the playing field, but it will be an expensive process.

The basketball pitch is now draining much better and we hope that the young people in the village will make good use of this facility. An application for a grant towards the cost of resurfacing the tennis court has been submitted to Mid Suffolk.

We will soon be putting up notices about the Village Hall A G M . Usually only a few people turn up for the meeting and the committee doesn't change much over the years . This means that either everyone is happy with the way your Hall is being run ,or there is no real interest in this village facility. We would like to see more villagers at the AGM and would like to hear your views about our latest 'new' project , a £35 000 extension for changing facilities and the provision of a disabled persons toilet .

Finally can I appeal again to dog owners to keep your dog off the playing fields - we dont want to resort to bye-laws to solve this problem ,as has happened in many other parishes .

LINE DANCING

Anyone interested in joining a class on Wednesday evenings for a one hours session at Tostock Village Hall??

If so please contact Jackie Livingston on 270252 for details.

Your support is needed to 'get this off the ground' and started. Both sexes are needed and all age groups welcome.



To remind residents and for the benefit of new comers to the village we print below the names of the co-ordinators and the area they represent, although anyone can be contacted at any time.

Mr. J. Walker	Village Co-ordinator	271609
Mr. K. Bucke	Leys Road Area	270591
Mr. A. Crosby	Browne Flatts Lane Area	270579
Mr. B. Jagger	Flatts Lane Area	270613
Mr. P. Hayman	Norton Road Area	270360
Mrs. C. Jull	The Green Area	270670
Mr. R. Putt	Church Road Area	270439
Col. P. Dean	New Road Area	270511

If you should be the victim of any incident or witness anything suspicious please contact your own or the village co-ordinator IMMEDIATELY.


Residents are also reminded about the importance of post code marking their valuables. For further details contact your co-ordinator. Childrens cycles are at high risk of being stolen. Post code marking is a means of quick and easy identification.

Radio Suffolk.
Every Tuesday evening at 6.15pm Radio Suffolk present Crimebeat, on which Crime Reduction Officers give information about Crime and Crime Reduction Projects. Have a listen and find out what is happening on;

FM 103.9 for South & East Suffolk

104.6 for West & North West Suffolk

95.5 for Lowestoft



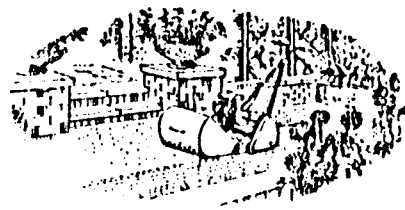
THANK YOU ALL

Through the pages of the Tostock Chronicle we would like to thank all our customers and friends for the many lovely gifts, cards, letters, good wishes and offers of help which we have received during Johns eye problems and our enforced early retirement from delivering the newspapers. We would especially like to thank the two gentlemen and our sons who got up early to drive John around for the last two weeks. We could not have managed without them. Glad to say John is improving now and we hope for good news at his next hospital appointment. We will miss you all, but not the early mornings.

Thank you all once again

JOHN AND JILL BONFIELD

Tostock Garden Club



Secretary: D.Copeland

Chairman: B.Harrison

Treasurer: S.Reynolds

Programme for 2000

April 4th Tuesday

7.30 Village Hall. A talk by Mick Lavelle (Otley College) on **'Pests and Diseases'**

May 13th Saturday

Joint visit with Rattlesden G.C., to **Cambridge Botanical Gardens**. Coach leaving the district early afternoon. Further details to be advised.

June 20th Tuesday evening.

Visit to Garden of **Sun House, Long Melford**. Courtesy of Mrs Thompson. Transport to be arranged with members cars.

July 5th Wednesday evening.

Tostock Open Gardens. Four members have so far volunteered.

July 15th Saturday.

12 noon departure, joint visit by coach with Rattlesden G.C. to **Beth Chatto Gardens**, Elmstead Market. Details to follow.

Sept. 9th Saturday.

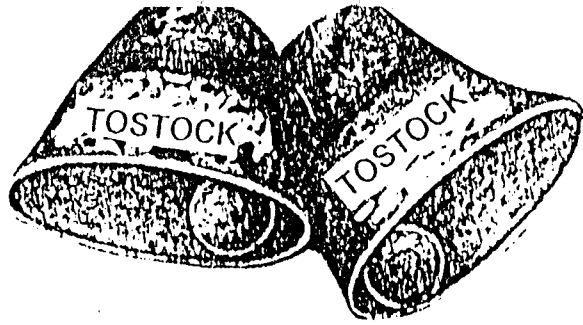
Tostock Flower and Veg. Show. More details later.

Nov. 8th Wednesday.

7.30 Village Hall. Talk by Mr Harbert of Rougham Nurseries on **'Propogation by Cuttings'** To be confirmed.

IF YOU ARE AT ALL INTERESTED IN GARDENS OR GARDENING
THEN WHY NOT COME ALONG AND JOIN US ON APRIL 4th.
YOU WILL BE VERY WELCOME.

NORTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION are holding a LAS VAGAS
EVENING on Saturday 29th April at Norton Village Hall.
There will be a licensed Bar and tickets are available
from Norton Post Office at £8.00 each.



On Sunday 27th February, the Bishop of Dunwich the Rt.Revd Clive Young came to Tostock to dedicate the new peal of bells and the new Ringing Gallery.

It was good to see the church so full for this important occasion. The Bishop blessed and dedicated each bell in turn, once Tony Baines had officially handed them over to the Parish.

The bells were rung by Donna Cocksedge treble, Ann Gath second, Sue Marriott third, Tracy Rushton fourth, Margaret Grooms fifth and Douglas Swinden tenor.

We were also very pleased to welcome Archdeacon Peter Dawson and Mrs. Kathleen Dawson to the service, and Peter read prayers after the act of dedication.

After the service, the bells were rung by our own ringers and members of the Suffolk Guild and other visitors. At 2-30pm, members of the Guild returned and rang a wonderful Quarter Peal lasting 35 minutes to mark the occasion. On Saturday 11th March the Guild rang a Full Peal lasting

2 hours 45 mins - so our bells are now properly "rung in". Some residents have not yet heard the bells. It depends on the wind direction as to how far the sound travels towards the village, but they have been heard at Rectory Farm, Norton Road, Perkins Way, The Leys, The Green and even in parts of Thurston and Norton!

We have had a request from a band of London Ringers to ring our bells on Friday 31st March at 3-45pm for about 30 minutes. Also on Monday 3rd April a group from Attleborough are coming to ring a Quarter Peal to celebrate the 35th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Avons. Julia Avons was born in Tostock, her mother being Mrs. Joan Williams, formerly of New Road. When Julia was married at St. Andrews, there were no bells available, so this is a good way to celebrate!

We hope no one in the village will be inconvenienced by these visiting ringers.

The next delivery of the "TOSTOCK ROSE" will be in about one month's time. Those who have already ordered will be informed when they arrive, and further orders are very welcome. This is a 'special' climbing rose for the bargain price of £5 - and it all helps the Bell Fund!

Is your garden
a jungle?
Call Jane Hamblin
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07771 526149
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Garden design and build

