

# TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

Season's  
Greetings

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DECEMBER 2001 - JANUARY 2002

## TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Eight Councillors, and the District Councillor, Chris Glass, attended the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on 10 October.

Tentative ideas/plans were discussed for the **QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**. Invitation to everyone, and all clubs, in the village to participate and contribute to a street party/barbecue on Monday, 3 June, starting around midday. Lots of bunting will be needed for this day. If anyone knows where we can get hold of this please contact Diane Plester. Also the Parish Council would be delighted to hear from anyone who has any experience of setting up PA systems – not thinking Glastonbury here, but something appropriate for the village.

The Parish Council has been asked, in response to a request submitted to them, to explore the possibilities of organising a **PRESCRIPTION COLLECTION SERVICE** and **ASSISTANCE WITH ATTENDANCE AT WOOLPIT HEALTH CENTRE**. Anyone wishing to see whether it would be feasible for such services to be introduced please let Diane Plester know.

Yet again the **ROOKERY FARM, DRINKSTONE**, planning application for change of use was discussed, as well as the concern expressed over the continuing annoyance to everyone in the surrounding villages of the manner in which Mr Clarke conducts his operation. Do please continue to report occurrences of the "whiff" on the following telephone numbers

**OFFICE HOURS      8 30 AM – 5 PM**  
**OUTSIDE THE ABOVE**

**0800 317650**  
**01449 675899**

Since July all calls to these numbers have been logged and a monthly report is sent to the Parish Council for information.

As many of you will now know, the planning application was heard on 14 November and rejected. A 12 minute presentation compiled by Beyton, Drinkstone, Tostock and Woolpit parish councils was given at the planning application meeting. The application will now go before the planning referrals committee on 10 December.

A meeting had been held with **DRINKSTONE GUN CLUB**. They explained to the council that they considered that the recently installed equipment had enabled them to reduce the noise levels and that they were also trying various other means to reduce the noise problem. The Foot & Mouth epidemic had caused the whole of the season's programme to be condensed into a few weeks, which had resulted in shoots being held on a number of consecutive Saturdays. The situation would be monitored when the new season commences.

**MR FRED ARMSTRONG**, who after more than 50 years as a parish councillor, had tendered his resignation from the council. It was with regret that the Chairman accepted his resignation. A notice advertising a parish councillor vacancy has been posted on the parish council notice board.

A number of people in the village had complained about faults with the **TELEPHONE LINES** as well as the abnormally slow access times to the Internet. A letter had been written to BT and a reply had been received acknowledging this. BT has requested more precise information before they can fully investigate the complaints and initially require the following information:-

- where calls are going to
- which areas are experiencing the particular problems
- approximate time of day.

Again, let Diane Plester have these details.

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A very successful QUIZ NIGHT was held last Tuesday, 20 November, with the Gardeners' Arms being this year's winners. The Youth Group were drawn to organise next year's quiz. Over £50 was raised and this sum is be donated to UNICEF.

**DIANE PLESTER – 01359 271652**  
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## ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, TOSTOCK

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

On Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 3 p.m. there will be our annual Carol Service at Tostock. On Christmas Eve there will be a Crib Service at 3 p.m.

The Midnight Communion Service will take place this year at Tostock beginning at 11.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve and on Christms Day there will also be a Family Service followed by Holy Communion at 10.00 a.m.

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

**Ian Hooper**  
**Rector**

### Church Services for December and January

<u>2<sup>nd</sup> December</u>	10.00 a.m. 3.00 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at Tostock Christingle Service at <u>Norton</u> Open Door – Informal Service at <u>Pakenham</u>
<u>9<sup>th</sup> December</u>	11.15 a.m.	Family Service and Baptism
<u>16<sup>th</sup> December</u>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion [BCP]
<u>23<sup>rd</sup> December</u>	3.00 p.m.	Carol Service
<u>24<sup>th</sup> December</u>	3.00 p.m. 11.30 p.m.	Crib Service Midnight Communion Service
<u>25<sup>th</sup> December</u>	10.00 a.m.	Family Service followed by Holy Communion
<u>30<sup>th</sup> December</u>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion at <u>Norton</u>
<u>6<sup>th</sup> January</u>	10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Joint Benefice Communion at <u>Pakenham</u> Open Door – Informal Service at Pakenham
<u>13<sup>th</sup> January</u>	11.15 a.m.	Family Service
<u>20<sup>th</sup> January</u>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
<u>27<sup>th</sup> January</u>	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer

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++ CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE ++  
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A total of £634.55. was raised at the Christmas Bazaar on 24th November. Our grateful thanks to all those who contributed items and those who supported and helped us on the day.

Our last event this year will be a CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING on Tuesday 11th December at 10-30 am in the Village Hall. There will be our usual 'Bring & Buy' stall and Raffle.

Do come and join us and enjoy some Christmas refreshments.

CHURCH NEWS

The next "UNDER FIVES" service will be held on Monday 3rd December at 2-0pm in the Church. We hope to arrange a 'New Year Party' for the children - with older brothers and sisters too - in January. Further details later.

The Parochial Church Council has received Faculty permission from the Diocese to proceed with two new projects, which we hope will be ready in time for Christmas.

The first is the installation of an Audio Loop to enable the hard of hearing to participate fully in services and is soon to become an official requirement. The cost of this system is to be met by Mr. David Phillips, in memory of his late Mother, who was a member of the Mulley family. We are most grateful to Mr. Phillips for his generosity to St. Andrews Church.

The second project is to improve and extend the lighting outside the Church. We originally sought permission to install a light over the West door, but this was refused. The Diocesan Electrical Consultant suggested instead that a floodlight should be installed near the hedge, to light the tower and path. This was agreed, when a former parishioner offered a second floodlight to be situated on the North side, lighting the tower and nave. We are now able to put in a third light, also on the North side, to complete the flood light system. A further light will be put near the gate and car park, making access to the Church much easier and safer for night time services. Again we hope this will be operational by Christmas in time for the midnight Holy Communion.

CAROL SINGING on THURSDAY 20th December at 6-30pm. Meet on The Green near the Telephone Box. Proceeds as usual will go to St. Nicholas Hospice.

We shall be receiving presents to go under the tree at the CAROL SERVICE. As usual these will go to the children in the Bury Refuge. Please mark your gift for a boy or girl and the approximate age.

NEWS FROM THE TOWER OF ST. ANDREW'S

We have almost completed another successful year of ringing. There have been no weddings but we rang for the baptism of Niamh O'Reilly in August and on 25th November for the confirmation of Sue and Andrew Marriott. On both occasions we were led by Maurice and Colin Cooke from Rougham. We are looking forward to ringing for Christmas and the New Year and would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year from all the ringers.

We are pleased to welcome Mary to the band. She is a new recruit and getting on well. We also welcome Celia back after illness.

Sue Marriott

TOSTOCK CHARITY

The annual payments from the Allotment Charity will be made before Christmas. Any elderly residents of Tostock are eligible to apply to the secretary Mrs. J. O'Reilly - 270337 before 6th December. Those who have received payments before need not re-apply.

## WOSTOCK PAST & PRESENT SOCIETY

Members Evening will be held on Saturday 8th December at 7.30 p.m. This year it will be an informal event with a finger buffet, a light-hearted quiz, a beetle drive and a sing-song with Marjorie Read on the piano. Price per head is £5. In addition there will be displays of local 'finds' by two of our metal-detecting members. Non-members are welcome but please contact the secretary if you wish to come as soon as possible.

A varied programme has been arranged for next year by our Speakers secretary, Jackie Livingston, commencing with a talk on DUXFORD AIRFIELD, past, present and future by Mr D Lee on Monday January 7th at 8 p.m. Following our successful 3-day visit to France in June, the Committee is planning a 4-day trip to Caen next year on 24-27th May to view the Bayeux Tapestry and visit World War II sites. Again we would invite non-members to join us. Please contact secretary for further details (tel.270395).

### **BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL November 2001**

Many thanks for your very kind support again this year.  
A total of £227.18 was raised from the street collection.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the collectors:-

Doug Copeland, Liz Duvall, Mark & Corinne Jull, Reg & Mary Ransome at the Gardeners Arms, Jane Sherwood, Mick and Heather Spencer,

Richard Duvall  
Local Organiser

### CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN

On behalf of the Cancer Research Campaign I would like to thank all who gave to this collection raising a total of £150.54. "Thank you" to the collectors - Mrs.J.Livingston, Mrs.P.Borley, Mrs.J.O'Reilly, Miss.D.Cocksedge and Mr.D.Copeland.

D.Buckle

### SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

The recent Sponsored Bike Ride raised the sum of £448.60. A very big "Thank you" to the riders, sponsors, the helpers who sat at the church and everyone who helped in any way.

J.Sherwood

### NATIONAL KIDNEY RESEARCH FOUNDATION

The total collected in Flatts Lane amounted to £35.00. Many thanks to everyone.

Edna Buxton



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