

TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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FEBRUARY - MARCH 2002

TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

PUBLIC TIME – PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

15 MINUTES PUBLIC TIME IS ALLOCATED PRIOR TO EVERY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DURING WHICH ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS. Requests to address the meeting to be submitted to the clerk.

Parish Council meetings were held on 27 November 2001 and 8 January 2002. Seven Councillors were in attendance at both meetings as was Chris Glass, District Councillor. Sue Sida-Lockett, County Councillor, attended the meeting held on 27 November 2001.

COUNCILLOR VACANCY This has now been filled by Vanessa Malcom.

PRECEPT A precept of £3,018 (Three Thousand & Eighteen Pounds) was approved by all councillors and this has been submitted to Mid Suffolk District Council.

WANTED

VOLUNTEERS

**TO HELP WITH THE MOWING AND STRIMMING
OF THE GREEN AND THE LEYS
DETAILS FROM CARL BUCKLE 270605**

ROOKERY FARM, DRINKSTONE At the Planning Referrals Committee of Mid Suffolk District Council held on 10 December, Planning Application 774/01 was refused. As yet no formal appeal against this decision has been made, for which there is a statutory six-month time limit. Mid Suffolk District Council is still collecting evidence from people who continue to be affected by this site and the numbers to report odour complaints to MSDC are:-

**OFFICE HOURS
OUTSIDE THE ABOVE**

08 30 - 17 00

**0800 317650
01449 675899**

PLACE FARM The Planning Enforcement Manager of MSDC had visited the site and a detailed report setting out the planning position of MSDC regarding Place Farm had been received and circulated to all councillors. Breaches of planning control had been noted and MSDC has requested that these be addressed through appropriate planning applications.

FOOTPATHS NOS 6 & 7 This item continues to be a contentious issue with the Ramblers Association who are disputing the proposed extinguishment of Public Footpath No 6 and creation of a Replacement Route and Diversion of Tostock Footpath No 7. It is hoped to arrange a site meeting with the Ramblers Association to enable the matter to be resolved.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL – LOCAL PROJECT ALLOCATION Funding of £700 per annum has been allocated to Tostock for local projects by Suffolk County Council. If anyone has any ideas for projects, or schemes, that would benefit the village please let us know so that the Parish Council can apply for funding.

THE QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Queen's Golden Jubilee will be celebrated nationwide over the bank holiday weekend of Saturday 1st June- Tuesday 4th June (summer half term holiday).

It is proposed to mark this event in Tostock with a barn dance in the Village Hall on the evening of Saturday 1st June and a celebration day on The Green on Monday 3rd June. It is planned that the celebration day will have something for everyone and will include a barbeque/picnic/shared picnic, bar, jazz band and music, wine competition/tasting stall, assault course for large and small, children's races, bouncy castle, fancy dress competition, treasure/scavenger hunt and presentation of commemorative mugs to children of the village.

However help and ideas are needed to organise this successfully. There are already some willing conscripts to a Jubilee Committee but more are needed. Therefore an OPEN MEETING is being held on TUESDAY 12th FEBRUARY at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. PLEASE come along with any ideas, suggestions and offers of help. ALL will be most welcome. If you cannot attend but would like to be involved, please contact either Adrian Buxton on 270339, Elizabeth Dunn on 270270 or Rosemary Lister on 270179.

Tostock Past and Present Society

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday 4th February at 8 pm** with the usual reports from the Chairman and Treasurer, and then the election of the Committee. This will be followed by a talk on **Fashion Through the Ages** by Carol Colton.

On **February 26th at 7.30 pm** Clive Paine will give the first of his lectures, this one entitled **Plague in 17th century Suffolk**. This is the tenth year we have been fortunate enough to have booked Clive with his very popular series of lectures drawing people from a wide area of Suffolk to our meetings.

The next monthly meeting will be on **Monday March 4th** at 8 pm with a talk by Mike McKeon on **Mail Coaches in East Anglia**.

New members are always welcome. The subscription for the year is a very modest £6, with an extra fee payable for Clive Paine's lectures. Added to which, we now have some of the most comfortable village hall chairs in Suffolk!

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2002

February

3rd	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Norton</u>
	6.30p.m.	Open Door -Informal Service at <u>Pakenham</u>
10th	10.00 a.m.	Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Queen's Accession.
17th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion [B.C.P.]
24th	10.00 a.m.	Morning Praise

March

3rd	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Tostock</u>
	6.30 p.m.	Open Door - Informal Service at <u>Pakenham</u>
10th	11.15 a.m.	Mothering Sunday Family Service
17th	10.00a.m.	Holy Communion [B.C.P.]
24th	11.00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Family Service [Process from The Gardeners Arms at 10.45 a.m.]
29th	10.00 a.m.	Good Friday Morning Service
31st March	10.00 a.m.	Easter Day Family Service followed by Shortened Holy Communion.

On Sunday, 10th February the first celebration of The Golden Jubilee Year will be a service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Queen's Accession.

Lent begins early this year. On Ash Wednesday, 13th February, 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 Church, Pakenham.

Last year our Lent Course proved stimulation to those who came along. This year we will be holding a 5 week Course entitled "In the Wilderness" and each week will include a tape of speakers from different Christian denominations. It will be held this year at Woodend Gren Cottage, the home of Roger and Rosemary Lister. All are warmly invited to come to these meetings.

Holy Week will begin with a Palm Sunday Family Service. We meet at 10.45 a.m. at The Gardeners Arms to process to the church for the service at 11.00 a.m. On Good Friday there will be a morning service at 10.00 a.m. and we celebrate the joy of the resurrection of Jesus on Easter morning at 10.00 a.m.

I hope you will be able to join us for some of the services in February and March. A warm welcome awaits you.

Ian Hooper
Rector

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED FOR ST. ANDREWS CHURCH DURING THE YEAR 2001 WAS £1576.10.

MANY THANKS TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE HELPED US DURING THE YEAR TO ACHIEVE THIS SUM.

THE FIRST EVENT FOR 2002 WILL BE A COFFEE MORNING ON TUESDAY 19th MARCH at 10-30am IN THE VILLAGE HALL. THERE WILL BE OUR USUAL STALL AND RAFFLE.

AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION WE HAVE DECIDED TO DISCONTINUE THE VILLAGE LUNCHESES. IT JUST SEEMS VERY UNFAIR TO ALLOW THE COMMITTEE LADIES TO HAVE SUCH A LOT OF HARD WORK IN RETURN FOR SO LITTLE ENTHUSIASM AND SUPPORT FROM THE RESIDENTS.

NEVER THE LESS WE HOPE AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE AT THE OTHER EVENTS DURING THE YEAR.

CHURCH NEWS

THE CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE ON 19th DECEMBER WAS WELL SUPPORTED IN SPITE OF THE COLD. WE ALL MOVED ALONG QUITE QUICKLY AND THE COLLECTING BOXES FOR THE HOSPICE WERE CARRIED BY FATHER AND MOTHER CHRISTMAS WITH TWO SMALL "DOGGIE REINDEER" (Carol & Ron from The Granary with their apaniels) WE RAISED £104 WHICH WAS A WONDERFUL TOTAL. THANKS TO ALL THE CONTRIBUTORS.

WE HAD AN EXCELLENT RESPONSE TO OUR ANNUAL REQUEST FOR PRESENTS FOR THE CHILDREN IN THE BURY REFUGE. AT THE CAROL SERVICES LOTS OF PARCELS WERE PUT UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE REFUGE TOOK THEM BACK FOR US. MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED GIFTS.

THE TWO LATEST PROJECTS FOR THE CHURCH WERE COMPLETED BEFORE CHRISTMAS. THE FLOOD LIGHTING LOOKS LOVELY AND MAKES IT MUCH EASIER TO WALK UP THE CHURCH PATH DURING DARK EVENINGS. THE AUDIO LOOP SYSTEM IS BEING USED AT MOST SERVICES AND MANY MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION HAVE COMMENTED THAT IT IS A GREAT IMPROVEMENT.

THE NEXT SERVICE FOR THE "UNDER FIVES" WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 4th FEBRUARY AT 2-0pm IN THE CHURCH. A 'NEW YEAR PARTY' WAS HELD FOR THE CHILDREN ON SATURDAY 19th JANUARY IN THE VILLAGE HALL. AL FOOD WAS GENEROUSLY PROVIDED, GAMES WERE PLAYED AND A GREAT TIME HAD BY ALL, INCLUDING PARENTS!!

News from The Tower of St Andrews

After a busy few days of ringing over Christmas we ended 2001 and started 2002 in our now traditional manner by ringing out the old and ringing in the new-year. 12 midnight being chimed by myself (almost in time with Big-Ben!) We then toasted the New Year and enjoyed the first hour of 2002 at Ann Gath's house.

Since then we settled back down to our usual Monday night practices led by Maurice Rose from Rougham.

On February 28th, we have a visiting band of ringers coming to attempt a peal at 2:30 p.m, which will last approximately 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 hours.

Mary, who joined us a while ago, will soon be confident enough to ring with us on Sunday mornings.

Don't forget, we're always keen to welcome new members!

Sue Marriott, Tower Secretary

Tostock village hall

Following our bit of a moan in a recent Cronicle, the problem of dog-fouling on the playing field areas has greatly reduced. Thanks to all.

If anyone is interested in hiring the Hall for private parties, dances or meetings etc. then you will find our rates are very reasonable and competitive. Residents of Tostock get a reduced rate for private use and local organisations can usually negotiate a very good rate.

Brownie groups from around Suffolk hire the Hall for week-ends and, if weather permits, caravan clubs hire the use of the playing fields and Hall facilities for their rallies.

We need the income to ensure that running costs are covered and maintenance work can be done. If you would like to hire your village hall, call Doreen Buckle on 270605. For example, the current charge for a dance/private party is £45 (£60 for an outside organisation) and the committee room is £6 for a meeting.

We are examining ways of developing the childrens play area this year and any suggestion would be welcomed. Fencing of the area should be done soon and a bark covering applied around the swings and slides.

TOSTOCK TENNIS CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY, 21 MARCH AT 7 30 PM

The AGM of the Tennis Club will be held on Thursday, 21 March at 7 30 pm in the Village Hall.

The club desperately needs more committee members to help with the running of the tennis court - very little work or time is involved. For further information contact Diane Plester.

For all court bookings through to the end of April ring, or e-mail

DIANE PLESTER
01359 271652
diplester@aol.com

TOSTOCK TENNIS CLUB

FREE to a good home. Would any one like up to five old wooden tennis racquets? Useful for beginners or to have in the house in case a visitor wants a game. If so please contact Elizabeth Dunn on 270270.

NEWS OF NORTON PRE-SCHOOL

Good news for Norton Primary School in being awarded funding for a new classroom and library was sad news for the Pre-school which has operated from a portacabin in the grounds of the School for the past 7 years. The planned building work has required the removal of the portacabin from the School site and therefore the close proximity which made for such a smooth transition for the children from Pre-school to School is lost.

However the Pre-school is now operating from The Salvation Army Hall, offering formal pre-school sessions four times a week (for two and a half to four year olds) and an informal parent and toddler session on Tuesday mornings, 9-11am. We hope to be able to obtain permanent premises in the future but in the meantime the Pre-school continues to flourish and we are most grateful to The Salvation Army for its wonderful support in this temporary move.

For more information please contact Janet Letch, chairperson, on 233668 or Elizabeth Dunn on 270270.

NEWS FROM NORTON CEVCP SCHOOL

Norton Primary School is the catchment school for this village and has just been awarded funding for a much needed fourth classroom and library. It is hoped building work will begin this term. However funding does not extend to providing furniture (tables, chairs and shelving) and other fittings and equipment. Therefore FAPONS (Friends And Parents Of Norton School) are making a concerted fund raising effort this year to provide these items.

FAPON Music Quiz - Friday 1st March

A Music Quiz will be held on Friday 1st March in Norton Village Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 per person to include a light supper of French bread, cheese and pate. There will be a bar and raffle. Teams will be a maximum of six people.

PLEASE give your support by coming along to the Music Quiz for a fun evening in a good cause.

Tickets are available from the School office, Norton Post Office or Elizabeth Dunn and Sue Marriott.

Christmas Fundraising at the School.

Thank you to all of you who supported our fundraising events leading up to Christmas. The events raised around £500. We also received a generous donation from a member of the local community. Many thanks to all of you. Perhaps when the new building is completed you will come along and see how worthwhile it is and what your efforts have helped to achieve.

Staff News.

We are pleased to welcome Miss Sarah Foulkes-Flint to our staff. She is teaching the children in years 3 and 4. She has settled in well to the existing team.



Deadline for registering your child at Norton School.

If your child is due to start school in September 2002, i.e. born between 1 September 1997 and 31 August 1998, you will need to obtain an admission form and a PAO form and return them to the School at the earliest opportunity. The deadline is Friday 15 March 2002. Catchment places cannot be guaranteed for applications made after that date. Please contact Mrs Lever, School secretary, on 01359 230520, if you have a query.

PYRAMIDS PLAYBUS

The Playbus will visit The Green on Friday afternoons, 1-3pm on 1st Feb,
1st and 15th March.

UNICEF Coffee Morning held on 3rd November raised £355. Many
thanks to all those who supported this event.

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Tel: 01359 242394		Fax: 01359 241975

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A VOLUNTEER TO ACT AS PRESS CORRESPONDENT TO SEND REPORTS
TO THE BURY FREE PRESS AND EAST ANGLIAN DAILY TIMES.

FURTHER DETAILS FROM JEAN WHEELER 270278