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PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 21st January. Unfortunately C.Cllr. Sue Sida-Lockett and D.Cllr. Chris Glass were unable to attend.

Neighbourhood Watch

In a letter to the Parish Council, Inspector Brighton of Mid Suffolk Sector, Suffolk Constabulary had responded to the concerns expressed of inadequate cover in the area. Communication could sometimes be an issue and with Pc Shepherd taking up his duties shortly the PC would be contacted and all effort made to assist in the flow of information to and from neighbourhood watch.

Bargeboards – Village Hall

The Parish Council have agreed to contribute to the cost of replacing the village hall bargeboards and gutters. Proportional payment has been made to the Village Hall and the contractors.

Rookery Farm, Drinkstone

The Public Enquiry started 14th January with a site visit taking place on the Friday following protracted dissertations from both sides during the week. The Enquiry will reconvene 29th January to consider all the information/evidence and it will probably be a few weeks before the Inspector makes his decision known.

Planning Matters

Approval has been granted for:

Application No.819/02	Park Farm Barn, Tostock. Convert barn to Class B1 use
Listed Building No.147/02	Park Farm, Tostock. Internal & external alterations.
Application No.1246/02	Adj. to Pineacre, Norton Road. Dwelling & garage
Application No. 1259/02	Adj.Pynnor, Norton Road. Storage of touring caravan

Parish Transport Grant

Talks are under way to co-ordinate funding with Woolpit for an evening return bus service to Bury St.Edmunds on Fridays and Saturdays.

Footpaths

There have been complaints from members of the public over horseriders using the footpaths. Since these paths are already in a poor state from the continual rain, improper use of the footpaths by horseriders increases the problem. The Parish Council would like to point out that riders should restrict their horses to bridlepaths and not encroach on the footpaths which are after all for use by pedestrians.

PARISH COUNCIL

Election Year

Council elections will take place in May. If you are interested in becoming more involved in parish matters why not consider becoming a councillor. Contact any of your current councillors for more information.

Your next Parish Council meetings are..... 4th March and 29th April.

Owing to extreme pressure of work at her full time employment Mr D. Plester has had to resign as Clerk to the Parish Council. The new clerk is Mrs. M. Bottomley, 8 Church Close, Rede, Bury St. Edmunds, IP29 4BG

The holder of the key for the Parish Council Notice Board is Elizabeth Dunn, Bramblewick Cottage, The Green, Tostock.

A very big THANK YOU to Dr. Sheena Waitkins who volunteered the use of her photocopier and gave of her time to print the last issue of the Tostock Chronicle after the Parish Council machine broke down with only a few copies of the 'bumper edition' printed. Her community spirit enabled everyone to receive their copy in time with the information of all the Christmas Activities.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, TOSTOCK

CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

<u>2nd February</u>	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at Norton
	4.00 p.m.	Open Door – Informal Service at Pakenham
9 th	11.15 a.m.	Family Service
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The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 5th March. There will be services of Holy Communion at St. Andrew's Church, Norton at 10.00 a.m. and at St. Mary's Church, Pakenham at 7.30 p.m.

Last year our Lent Course proved very stimulating for those who came along. This year's five week course is entitled "New World, Old Faith" and as in previous years will include a tape of speakers from different Christian denominations. As last year it will be held at Woodend Green Cottage, the home of Roger and Rosemary Lister. The first session will be on Wednesday, 12th March at 7.30 p.m. More details from the Rector on 01359 230297.

VILLAGE HALL REPORT

The building work is now finished and we can report that the Hall has excellent access for disabled persons, a new 'disabled toilet', a sound loop for deaf people and new emergency exits. Thanks to a grant from the Parish Council the external soffit boards and gutters were replaced and external maintenance has been reduced to a minimum. Thanks to all those who helped with the 'spring clean' - the Hall is now ready for our Customers to use!!

The public entertainment license has been renewed for a year. There has been an objection to the rerouting of the public footpaths away from the playing field areas - Mr Andrews of the Bury Ramblers Association will delay a decision by up to a year by this action!

A planning application will be made soon for a 'purpose built' changing rooms unit at the north side of the Hall. The sound loop was installed by Soundabout of Cambridge 01223 237200: the building work was done by John Cutmore on 07880602560 and the gutters etc was by local installer Langleys on 270183. The Community Fund 01223 449000 paid for the 'Disabled Facilities'. We are most grateful to all concerned for a very professional job, well done!

DRINKSTONE GUN CLUB

The 2003 shooting season starts at Rookery Farm, Drinkstone, in March with some twenty 'shoot' on Saturday afternoons until September, from mid-day to 6pm.

The committee try to keep the noise nuisance level as low as possible but, unfortunately, Tostock is relatively very close to the Range.

Contact numbers, in the event of complaints are - Chairman Mr W Walker 01449674457 or Sec. D Dykes on 01449612047. Mid Suffolk District Council on 01449 720711 can provide a noise measurement service but their office is closed on Saturday afternoons when the nuisance occurs.

Tostock Past and Present Society

We give below meetings arranged for the next two months, all at the Village Hall :

Mon February 3rd 8 pm : Annual General Meeting - reports and election of officers followed by a talk on **The New Cathedral Tower at Bury** by Sarah Friswell
Tues Feb 11th 7.30: Talk on **Suffolk Explorers & the New World** by Clive Paine
Tues Feb 25th 7.30: Talk on **Humphrey Repton, Landscape Gardener** by C Paine

Mon March 3rd 8 pm : Talk on **The Golden Age of British Painting in the 18th century** by Alexandra Drysdale
Tues March 11th 7.30 : Talk on **Royal Links with Bury St Edmunds** - C Paine
Tues March 25th 7.30 : Talk on **Rural Housing in Victorian Suffolk** - C Paine

There is an additional fee for Clive Paine's lectures but subscriptions remain at £6 per annum.

Three outings have been arranged this year, namely April 16th - Sutton Hoo (cars), June 12th - full day at Somerleyton Hall (coach) and July 16th - Leiston Long Shop Museum (cars). Full details available from Heather Spencer tel 270395.

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The total amount of money raised for St.Andrews Church during the year 2002 was £1,537.50.

Many thanks indeed to everyone who have helped and supported us during the year to achieve this grand sum.

The first event for 2003 will be a COFFEE MORNING on TUESDAY 11th MARCH at 10-30 am in the Village Hall. There will be our usual stall and raffle.

IT WOULD BE LOVELY TO SEE A FEW NEW FACES - DO COME AND JOIN US

POSSIBLE BOOK CLUB

One or two of us are thinking of starting a Book Club in Tostock. Would anyone like to join us? It would involve meeting once a month in members homes, choosing a book to read and then discussing later. If interested, please contact Heather Spencer, tel.270395

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal November 2002

Many thanks for your very kind support again this year.
A total of £317.98 was raised from the street & church collections.

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 & Heather Spencer.

Richard Duvall
Local organiser.



NORTON PRE-SCHOOL



Please note that the Tuesday morning parent and toddler session is now meeting at The Salvation Army Hall, Woolpit Road, Norton, 9am-11am. We may move back to Norton Village Hall when it is warmer and we can go outside on the play equipment. In the meantime, if you are a mother, father, carer, grandparent or any one else at home with a baby or toddler, come along on a Tuesday morning to The Salvation Army Hall for a coffee and a chat - preserve your sanity! £1.50 per family, just turn up when you can.

A reminder - the formal Pre-school sessions for 2 and a half to 4 year olds continue on Mondays, Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays. As usual at this time of the year, the sessions are almost full. However, if you have a child whom you would like to enrol or would just like a bit more information, please contact Elizabeth Dunn on 270270 or Janet Letch on 232668.

Tostock Brownies

Is your daughter between 7 and 9 years old?

Would she like something to do on Monday evenings?

If so Tostock Brownies needs you!

We meet on Monday evenings from 6:20 ~ 7.40pm in Tostock Village Hall. If you are interested or know anyone who might be, ring Allison Schofield on 01359 241430 or Melissa Cocksedge on 01359 270946 / 07876 703506.

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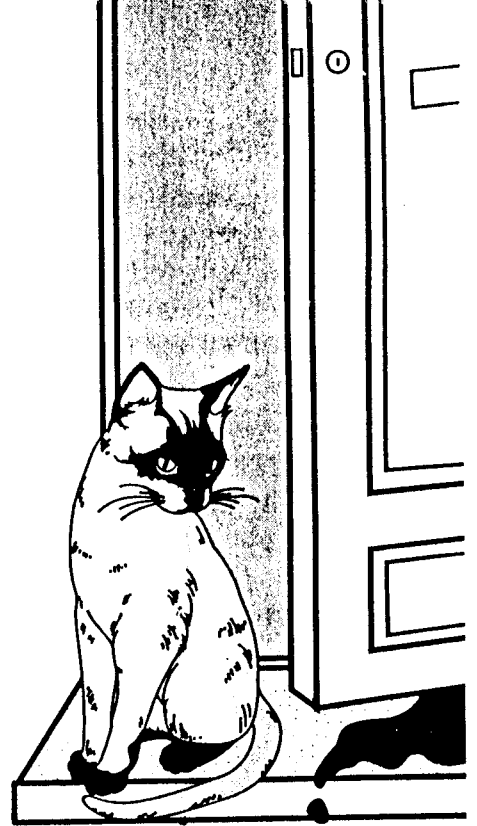
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MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL TWINBIN RECYCLING PROJECT

Residents will be aware that the District Council are introducing a new scheme of refuse collection commencing in April 2003.

Tostock is included is to be one of the early villages to use the new system and the delivery of the twin bins will commence on 24th February and every household should have received their bins by 28th March.

The LAUNCH will take place in Eye town centre, outside the Town Hall all day on 8th February with sample Slim Your Bin trailer, sample wheeled bins, compost bins etc. and MSDC staff will be available to answer questions.

For those unable to attend the launch a series of village visits are being held around the area and a full list is displayed on the Parish Notice Board.

THE MEETING FOR THE RESIDENTS OF TOSTOCK AND NORTON will be held at NORTON VILLAGE HALL on WEDNESDAY 12th FEBRUARY at 7.0 pm.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE SCHEME OVERLEAF

Frequently asked questions...

Did you know that, on average, each household in Mid Suffolk produces more than a tonne of rubbish each year? This is currently disposed of by landfill.

Last year, the residents of Mid Suffolk, through the network of local recycling facilities, managed to recycle 9.1% of the total household waste.

To make it easier for residents to recycle, Mid Suffolk District Council is introducing a new recycling scheme called 'TwinBin Recycling'. The drivers for this change are the Government set targets for the District to recycle 16% in 2004, rising to 24% in 2006.

The new 'TwinBin Recycling' scheme will be phased in and will be introduced to a third of the District (over 12,000 households) in April, with your household being included in the first phase. The scheme uses two wheeled bins to replace the current collection system. One bin will be for recyclable material and the other for the remaining waste. Bin collections will operate on alternate weeks, collecting recyclable waste one week and non-recyclable waste the following week.

It is very important that glass is not included in the recycling bin. Glass can cause a health and safety risk for people sorting the materials and will contaminate paper and plastics, preventing them from being recycled. Please continue to take your glass bottles and jars to local recycling centres.

The Parishes included in the first phase starting in April are:

- Aspell
- Bacton
- Badwell Ash
- Barham
- Bramford
- Claydon
- Debenham
- Elmswell
- Eye
- Finningham
- Gipping
- Great Blakenham
- Haughley
- Hunston
- Langham
- Little Blakenham
- Mendlesham
- Norton
- Occold
- Old Newton
- Stonham Aspal
- Stowlangtoft
- Thurston
- Tostock
- Westhorpe
- Wetheringsett cum Brockford
- Winston
- Wyverstone

Q. What will happen where a household has many occupants?

A. It will be possible for households with genuine reasons for a larger refuse bin to have one delivered by writing to or emailing the Council. This will only be considered in circumstances such as households with more than four occupants or households with one or more very young children.

Q. What recyclable materials will be collected from households?

We will collect newspapers, magazines, cardboard, clean food and drink cans, and rinsed out plastics, including drinks bottles. Glass will continue to be collected from bottle banks, the numbers of which we hope to increase.

Q. Why is the scheme broken down into phases? Could the waste not be collected from all households in the District starting in April?

Due to the logistics of collecting the material, the Council has decided to collect from those households that can be reached most economically in the first phase of the scheme. The Council will roll the scheme out to the rest of the 37,500 households eighteen months later, with all households receiving the service by October 2005.

Q. When will the bins be emptied and how will we know what is collected and when?

The recycling bin will be emptied one week, the rubbish bin the next week. Every household will receive a calendar showing the week that each of the bins will be collected.

Q. Will a weekly alternate collection work?

A. Many councils already successfully integrate recycling and rubbish collections in this way. Wheeled bins are popular and provide easy storage outside the home. An alternate weekly collection also costs much less than having two collections in the same week. The Government's spending watchdog recommends this approach and we believe it will be successful.

Q. How can we prevent bins smelling?

We will continue to offer discounted compost bins so that householders can compost their kitchen and garden wastes at home (Call 0870 8494870 for details). Kitchen scraps that are not composted should be wrapped tightly and put in the rubbish bin, maybe with the reuse of a supermarket carrier bag or similar.

Q. How will wheeled bins work in flats and terraced houses?

The Council is currently pursuing the options available for flats and properties that might have problems delivering a wheeled bin to the kerbside. These properties will be contacted directly following the results of a detailed street survey.

Q. How will green garden waste, fridges, freezers and other rubbish be collected?

Fridges and freezers will continue to be collected for a small charge. A similar service will be offered for other bulky rubbish. Green garden waste will, for the immediate future, need to be put in a separate orange plastic bag, available from the Council, or taken to the local civic amenity site.