

TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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APRIL - MAY 2003

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4th March. C.Cllr. Sue Sida-Lockett and D.Cllr. Chris Glass were able to attend.

Neighbourhood Watch

Pc Shepherd made a welcome appearance and touched briefly on problem areas but emphasised he would do all he could to improve information and communications in the village. Although he is based at Elmswell, it was planned to set up a "surgery" in Thurston which would be open to all villagers in the surrounding areas.

Planning Matters

Applications have been received from

119/03 Cilicia, Leys Road.	Erect a 2 storey rear ext., conservatory & porch
172/03 Hollywell House, Flatts Lane.	Alterations & Extensions to dwelling
138/03 Adj.Reynolds House, Church Road	Erect 2 dwellings & alterations to vehicular access

Full comments by Parish Council will appear in the Draft minutes to be placed on the Notice Board in due course.

Application approved for

1277/02 1 Perkins Way	Additions & alterations, forming new 2 storey ext.
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Village Hall

The Village Hall wishes to install changing rooms and in an effort to conserve costs the PC has agreed to apply for planning permission on their behalf.

D.Cllr. Chris Glass – spoke briefly on the forthcoming Council Tax to be set on 6th March and reported that the major cost would be for the introduction of Wheelie bins.

The PC gave a vote of thanks for all the work and assistance given by Chris Glass during his term of office.

Elections were scheduled to take place on 1st May for District and Parish Councillors

C.Cllr. Sue Sida-Lockett – gave a short breakdown of the proposed SCC budget for the new financial year. Included in her report was a mention of the Safety Camera partnership between SCC and the police - 46 sites designated of which 5 will have fixed camera installation – Broome, Earl Stonham, Brandon, Lowestoft and Newmarket. It is expected 56,000 tickets will be issued generating income in excess of £2m!

Consideration was given to the possible changes to the boundaries for the County Council wards and your PC voted for the 75 Councillors Option –(1:7,332 ratio)

Community Transport Survey

A Community Transport Survey has been undertaken by Thurston for Rougham, Beyton, Hessett, Stowlangtoft, Pakenham, Tostock and Norton. The cost has been proportionately shared with your PC agreeing a payment of £14.

Thurston is taking the lead in this project and will complete the application to the Countryside Agency for a grant.

Next Parish Council Meeting

There will not now be a meeting on the 29th April because of the district and parish elections on 1st May.

Next meeting will be **Annual Parish Meeting at 7 p.m. on 6th May**
Followed by your Annual Parish Council meeting

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!!

- Are you 21 or over?
- Live in or within three miles of your parish or work in it?
- Are you on the Electoral Register?
- Do you care how your parish is run?
- Are you interested in helping to improve the quality of life in the parish?
- Ever thought about becoming a Parish Councillor?

If you want to be involved in making decisions on issues in your parish then become a candidate in the parish elections on the

1st May, 2003

Parish Councillors take decisions and are consulted on a range of functions on behalf of their residents, including....

Affordable Housing	Lighting
Allotments	Planning
Bus Shelters	Public Transport
Cinemas/Theatres	Skateboard Parks
Conservation	Sport & Recreation
Footpaths	Village Halls
Highways	Village Greens
Law & Order	Youth Development Schemes

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, TOSTOCK

CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL AND MAY

<u>6TH April</u>	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Pakenham</u>
	6.30 p.m.	Open Door – Informal Service at Pakenham
13 th	11.15 a.m.	Palm Sunday Family Service [Process from The Gardener's Arms at 11.00 a.m.]
18 th	10.00 a.m.	Good Friday Devotional Service
20 th	10.00 a.m.	Easter Day Family Service with Shortened Communion
27 th	10.00 a.m.	Morning Praise
<u>4th May</u>	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Norton</u>
	6.30 p.m.	Open Door – Informal Service at Pakenham
11 th	11.15 a.m.	Family Service
18 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion [BCP]
25 th	6.30 p.m.	Evensong

Holy Week begins with a Palm Sunday Family Service. We will process from The Gardener's Arms to the Church beginning at 11.00 a.m.

There will be a Devotional Service on Good Friday morning at 10.00 a.m. and we then celebrate the joy of the resurrection two days later on Easter Day at the service beginning at 10.00 a.m. We do hope you will be able to join us at some of these services. A warm welcome awaits you.

Ian Hooper
Rector

NEWS FROM THE TOWER OF ST. ANDREW'S TOSTOCK

We've had a quiet start to the year but we've already had bookings from visiting bands, the first of these was on 18th Jan when a band from the Ipswich area came and rang. On 12th April the quarterly meeting of the District Ringers will be held at Tostock The ringing will start at approximately 3.30-4.30pm, then we will break for tea (most important), after tea there will be a meeting and a short Church service and the afternoon will be rounded off with some more ringing. So if you see lots of cars at the Church and hear the bells, you now know why!

Our own little band is still making steady progress Mary is becoming more confident each week and is now ringing with us as part of the band (still under Maurice's watchful eye!). Sanya rang another ¼ peal at Rougham on 2nd March so congratulations to her.

We still meet on Monday evenings 7.30-9.00pm and we're always happy to welcome new ringers. Sue Marriott Tower secretary.

Tostock Past and Present Society

We give below details of meetings and outings arranged over the next two months :

- Tues. April 1st : 7.30 : Talk on *The Reign of Mary in Suffolk 1553-58*,
by Clive Paine
- Mon. April 7th : 8 pm : Monthly meeting - Talk by Chris Trehwella on
Bastardy - the records and how it was dealt with.
- Tues. April 15th : 7.30 : Talk on *St Edmund and St George, England's
Patron Saints* by Clive Paine.
- Wed. April 16th : Depart Tostock Village Hall at 10 am for Visit to Sutton
Hoo Museum and Burial Mound in members cars. Dr Sam Newton will be
our guide at the Burial Mound. It is not too late to join us, but please let
secretary know a.s.a.p. (H Spencer, 270395).
- Mon. May 12th : 8 pm : Monthly meeting - Talk on *History of Romany
Culture* by Paul Stevens, a true Romany.
- Mon. May 19th : Evening visit to Little and Great Saxham Churches,
leaving Tostock Village Hall in cars at 6.30 pm sharp. Clive Paine will be
our guide.
- On June 12th - there will be an all day coach outing to Somerleyton Hall
departing Tostock 9.30 am. All welcome, but please let secretary know
to book a seat and for further details.

FRIENDS OF THE WOOLPIT HEALTH CENTRE

The Trustees of the Friends of the Woolpit Health Centre wish to thank all those who have contributed to the funds during the past year – from individuals or groups, or in memory of a relative or friend who has died – all donations both small and large have been very much appreciated and put to good use for the benefit of the patients who attend the Health Centre.

Our Co-op share number is 215050 – thank you to all those who use it. In 2002 the dividend amounted to £2,100 – an all time record. Keep up the good work!

Sue Eburne, Treasurer

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DELIVERY OF THE TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

We would like to say a very big THANK YOU to all the people who voluntarily deliver the Tostock Chronicle to every household six times a year. Mrs. Pam Durrant has been one of these people for many years but now feels the time has come for her to give up. Andrew Marriott has kindly offered to take on the delivery of Church Road from June 2003 and will follow in his Father's footsteps. Eldridge Marriott was one of the "lads" who delivered the very first Tostock Chronicle in May 1955.

TOSTOCK GARDEN CLUB

At our February meeting, apart from discussing the next year's activities, a number of members brought along photographs to show the progress in their gardens over the previous twelve months. Over a glass of wine these were so admired that we shall certainly seek to do the same thing next year.

The committee welcomed Sharon Markell who "volunteered" to join the small band who keep the Club going.

ALL MEMBERS AND IN FACT ANYONE WITH THE SLIGHTEST INTEREST IN GARDENING MIGHT LIKE TO MAKE A NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS TO WHICH ALL WILL BE WELCOME.

Tuesday 29th April. 7.30 p.m in the Village Hall. A talk with slides on FUCHSIAS by Messrs Bartrum and Bromley

Tuesday 13th May .A visit to Highmead Nurseries, Thurston (near the Victoria Pub) Travel in our own cars .Meet at Tostock Village Hall 6.30.p.m

Thursday 12th June. There is an opportunity to join the Tostock Past Present Society in a visit by coach to Somerleyton Hall, nr. Lowestoft. There are wonderful gardens here around a splendid Mansion and there is a famous Maze, picnic area, tea rooms etc Total cost which includes fare, entrance and guided tour £12. TO RESERVE SEATS PLEASE PHONE D. COPELAND 271591 A.S.A.P.

Saturday 28th June. Joint visit with Rattlesden Garden Club to Hill Farm Garden, Bures. An afternoon event travelling in our own cars. Full details later.

Sunday 27th July. Another joint visit to the National Trust Wimpole Hall & Gardens. Full details later.

Saturday September 6th. VILLAGE FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW.

THIS YEAR WE ARE INTRODUCING TWO NEW ITEMS FOR JUDGING ON THE EVENING BEFORE THE SHOW AND WHICH YOU WILL NEED TO THINK ABOUT SHORTLY.

1) The tallest sunflower in the village.

2) The best hanging basket or container PLANTED BY THE OWNER.

LET'S HAVE PLENTY OF ENTRIES WHICH WILL BRIGHTEN UP TOSTOCK THIS SUMMER.

Tuesday November 18th. 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. A Flower arranging demonstration by Eve Fenner. This will require a little preparation by those attending and we hope that many villagers will want to try their hand.

In 2004 we shall have our AGM on Tuesday February 3rd so start snapping your photos soon and on March 16th we are to have a talk by Roger Harvey on Helibores.

DETAILS OF ALL THESE EXCITEMENTS WILL BE CONFIRMED NEARER THE DATES AND IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER OF THE CLUB PLEASE JUST COME ALONG AND SEE HOW FRIENDLY IT ALL IS.¹

¹ We also intend to have talks by visiting lecturers in October 2003 and January 2004

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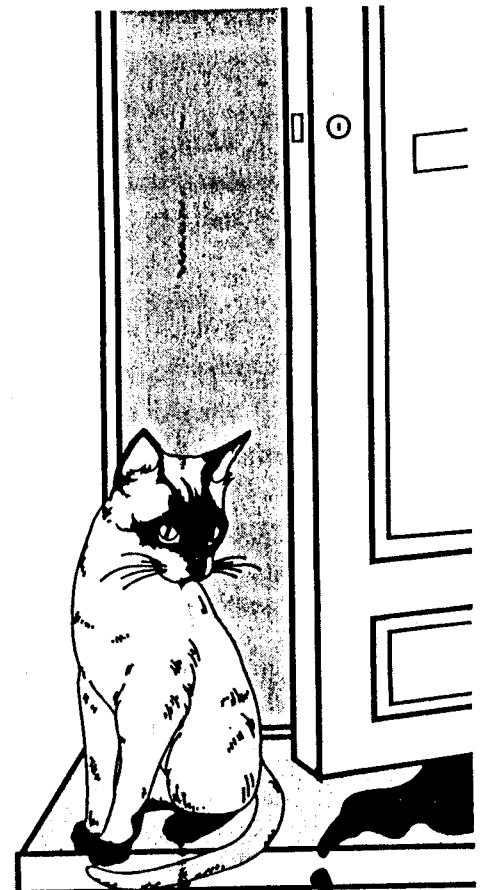
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NATIONAL MILLS WEEKEND at DRINKSTONE MILLS 10th and 11th MAY 2003
1 - 5 pm

PLEASE REFER TO THE PARISH NOTICE BOARD FOR FULL DETAILS

WEDGWOOD DAY HOSPITAL

Thanks to so many generous friends Gail is thrilled to be able to announce that monies raised for the Wedgwood Day Hospital is in the region of £2,000 twice the amount we had expected to make. The cheque will be presented to them on 1st April. Sincere appreciation is expressed to all in the village for their concern, support and help over these past very difficult months.

THANK YOU ALL
Gail and Nick

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We have our second COFFEE MORNING on TUESDAY 8th April at 10-30am in the VILLAGE HALL.

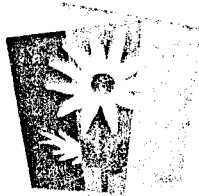
Again on TUESDAY 13th MAY we will have another COFFEE MORNING at the VILLAGE HALL starting at 10-30am

Both will include a raffle and our usual stall.

WE HOPE TO SEE AS MANY OF YOU AS POSSIBLE AT THESE EVENTS

NORTON PRE-SCHOOL

SPRING FAIR



SATURDAY 10TH MAY

10.00 AM – 12.00 NOON

at

Norton Village Hall

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CAR BOOT SALE (£5.00 / CAR)

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DISABILITY
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January 2003

The West Suffolk Disability Resource Centre (DRC) is an independent Centre offering support, advice, information and services for people with a range of disabilities in West Suffolk in a one location.

The DRC based in Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk offers a wide range of services to the 23,000 disabled people in West Suffolk. It is a partnership venture between Papworth Trust, Local Health Partnerships NHS Trust, Suffolk County Council Social Services, West Suffolk Crossroads, Suffolk West PCT, Central Suffolk PCT, Rethink Disability and Anchor Staying Put Trust. The DRC provides a one-stop centre for disabled people and their carers:

The DRC is aimed at promoting independence and has a wide range of services including: respite care, advice on adapting your home, independent living advice and assistance, speech and language therapy, small household repairs, wheelchair service, physiotherapy, specialist support services for people with learning disabilities or neurological conditions and general information and advice ranging from how to find accessible holidays to where to find a plumber you can trust. With other services such as employment advisors and hearing and sight impairment support teams running sessions from the Centre. By having a range of service under one roof we can offer a comprehensive range of services to disabled people in the area.

The DRC is also home to a large assessment and exhibition centre where disabled people, carers and other health or social care professionals can come and try out a range of equipment. The Disability Living Centre includes a bathing area with specialist WC's, baths and showers and a range of bathing aids. The kitchen houses adjustable height sink, hob and worktops and includes a range of aids and environmental controls. The lounge area has a range of seating, aids for people with visual impairments and a through floor lift. The upstairs bedroom area has a range of beds, hoists, dressing aids and a stair lift. To make an appointment to visit this assessment area, please contact us on the numbers below.

There are a range of transport providers who come to the Centre and we can give you advice on the best way to get here. Some of the services in the Centre can be offered to you in your own home if you are unable to travel to the Centre. If you come by car free parking is available.

If you think there is something we can do to help you, a friend or family member or you would like to find out more please contact us:

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