

TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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JUNE - JULY 2003

PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish meeting was held on Tuesday 6th May and very well attended, although due to the recent May elections we did not have an opportunity of meeting our two newly installed District Councillors.

Annual reports were presented by your Chairman, Responsible Finance Officer (which inc. accounts for the Parish Council), the Village Hall, the Poores Estate Charity and the Tennis Club and County Councillor.

As already stated, following the local elections we now have two new District Councillors (due to boundary changes) – Carol Milward and Doug Reed. Doug Reed has been in touch since the APM and is looking forward to attending the next Parish Council meeting.

On the subject of the recently dismissed Appeal by Rookery Farm villagers were encouraged to continue contacting Mid Suffolk District Council whenever there was a problem with smells. Skips/tankers were continuing to travel through the village to other sites owned by the owner of Rookery Farm but Mid Suffolk would be re-assessing the situation at a meeting early in June.

HGV's were continuing to use Church Road/New Road despite a notice stating the road was unsuitable for heavy traffic and it was agreed that the police should be made aware of this problem.

The meeting concluded with the Chairman thanking villagers for their support during the year.

Annual Parish Council Meeting

Following the local elections your 8 elected councillors are

Carl Buckle	Adrian Buxton	Stephen Carlton-Walker	Elizabeth Dunn
David Livingston	Vanessa Malcom	Paula Parsons	Diane Plester

Your elected Chairman is David Livingston, Vice Chairman – Vanessa Malcom.

RFO Elizabeth Dunn has agreed to continue as RFO until July when the Parish Clerk – Marilyn Bottomley will take over this responsibility.

Footpaths Officer	- Vanessa Malcom
Tree Officer	- Paula Parsons
Village Hall rep	- David Livingston and Carl Buckle
Poores Estate Charity	- David Livingston (already Trustee) & Carl Buckle

Planning Matters

Applications have been received from

510/03 Tostock House, Tostock	Erect a Greenhouse
473/03 Poplars, Flatts Lane	Ext. over garage with conservatory (revised against Application 737/02)

Both these applications were approved by the Parish Council at the meeting.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, TOSTOCK

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE AND JULY

<u>1st June</u>	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at Tostock
	6.30 p.m.	Open Door – Informal Service at Pakenham
8 th	11.15 a.m.	Family Service
15 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion [BCP]
22 nd	10.00 a.m.	Morning Praise
29 th	10.00 a.m.	Songs of Praise
<u>6th July</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.	Family Service
20 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion [BCP]
27 th	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer [BCP]

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SUNDAY 29th JUNE

SONGS of PRAISE

at

10 a.m.

PLEASE WRITE THE TITLE OF YOUR FAVOURITE HYMN AND PUT IT IN THE BOX AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. COME AND JOIN IN THE SINGING

ALL WELCOME

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NEWS FROM THE TOWER OF ST. ANDREW'S

It seems quite a while ago since we held the quarterly meeting for district ringers back on 12th April, an afternoon that appeared to go very well. There were about 25 ringers of varying abilities who all enjoyed a chance to ring at Tostock. As the afternoon turned quite chilly we all enjoyed a nice hot cup of tea and nibbles provided by Tostock ringers.

The afternoon was rounded off with a shortened Evening Prayer Service led by Revd Hooper.

During our practice session on 5th May we were joined by a group of young people and their tutors from a College of Performing Arts, Colorado U.S.A. (No they weren't all in leotards and leg warmers, or called Leroy and Doris, for those of you who remember the 80's T.V. series!). They were in Tostock as guests of Mr. Neil Dykes and his daughter, who is also a student at the college.

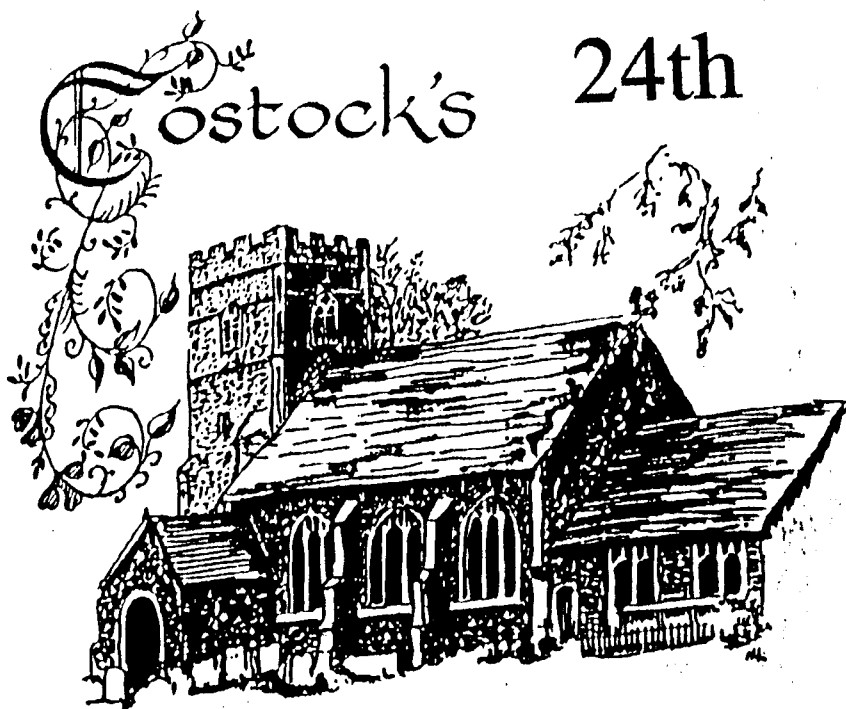
Thankfully for us, our old friend Maurice was on hand to give them a potted history of bell ringing and explain the mechanics of the whole thing before he gave those who wanted a chance to ring a bell.

They rounded off this enjoyable and unusual evening by singing Mozart's "Alleluia" to us.

On the domestic front Mary is getting braver and has rung without a "minder" on several Sundays now.

We of course continue to meet on Monday evenings and always welcome any one, who wishes to come and have a look, you never know you might just like what you see!

Sue Marriott, Tower secretary.



Annual Art Exhibition

Of paintings by East Anglian artists in

TOSTOCK CHURCH

Sat. 21st June 11 am - 9 pm

Sun. 22nd June 11 am - 9 pm

Mon. 23rd June 11 am - 5 pm

Refreshments available

Profits to Tostock Church & Village Hall

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Tostock Past and Present Society

At the monthly meeting on Monday June 2nd at 8 pm, the speaker will be John Howell, talking about *Lowestoft Porcelain*.

Visit to Somerleyton Hall - Thursday June 12th - we have a few seats left on the coach, leaving Tostock Village Hall at 9.30 am. The cost is £12, which includes a guided tour of the house, entrance fee and coach fare. There is much to see at Somerleyton and the roses should be at their best. We should be back in Tostock at about 6 pm. Please let the secretary know tel. 270395, if you are interested.

There is no meeting in July but a visit has been arranged to Leiston Long Shop Museum for Wednesday July 16th, leaving Tostock Village Hall at 10 am in members cars. The cost is £3. This award winning museum is now the home of the Garrett collection - 200 years of local, social and industrial history. Non members are welcome on both trips, but please let secretary know in advance.

CALOR VILLAGE OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2003.

The village has been entered for this award by the Village Hall Committee. The award is open to villages with 500 or less local government electors.

Judging will take place in late June or early July and there will be four categories. They are

COMMUNITY SPIRIT	30 POINTS
GENERAL APPEARANCE	20 POINTS
THE PARISH COUNCIL	20 POINTS
THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT	20 POINTS

Tostock has a great community spirit, always looks good, has a young and active Parish Council and has plenty of projects to improve the local natural environment.

As usual everyone can help by keeping their area neat and tidy.

The Village Hall Committee will be highlighting the progress with the disabled facilities we have introduced and The Parish Council will focus on the development of the Leys. The web site will be up to date and if any village organisations wish to be included on that site, just contact the 'web-master'.

The prize for winning round one is £200 plus a village sign and bronze plaque.

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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We shall be providing refreshments for the ART SHOW on SATURDAY 21st JUNE 11.00am - 5.00pm and SUNDAY 22nd JUNE 2.00pm - 5.00pm
We shall also have a plant stall.

There will be an AFTERNOON TEA on WEDNESDAY 23rd JULY at MEADOW HOUSE, FLATTS LANE from 3.00pm - 5.00pm
If wet we shall be in the Village Hall.

PROCEEDS FOR ST.ANDREWS CHURCH

WE HOPE TO SEE MANY OF YOU AT BOTH EVENTS

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NEW BLOOD FOR OLD

During the past year the Village Hall has been significantly refurbished with disabled access, refurbished toilets, and PVC windows and doors. In the next year the hall will become virtually maintenance free with the remaining wooden fittings replaced with PVC.

The Village Hall Management committee is responsible for maintaining the village hall and its amenities for the whole village including a dozen clubs/societies which make use of the village hall. The committee, which meets about six times a year, is made up of the Secretary, Treasurer and four Management Committee members plus one representative from each recognised Village Club or Society.

After a approximately a quarter of a century several Committee members will be standing down in 2004 and new committee members will be needed. Initially you will be co-opted onto the committee with a view to permanent membership in 2004. If you are willing to give up a little time for your village please contact the Chairman Mike O'Reilly 01359 270337 or the Secretary Anthony Scully 01359 270482.

TOSTOCK GARDEN CLUB

Recently Club Members enjoyed two evening events, the first being a lecture on Fuschias by Bob Bartrum and Ernie Bromley and the second a visit to Highmead Nursery at Thurston which included a demonstration on preparing a hanging basket

On Thursday 12th June we have been invited to join the Past & Present Society visit by coach to Somerleyton Hall near Lowestoft. At the time of writing there are one or two seats left and anyone interested should contact Doug Copeland (271591) or Heather Spencer (270395). Cost for the trip £12.

On June 28th, Saturday, we are able to join the Rattlesden Garden Club on their visit to Hill Farm Gardens, Bures travelling in members own cars. Fuller details will be available shortly.

Another date for your diaries to add to those given in the last Chronicle is a lecture on the evening of Tuesday October 7th when Sue Robinson will talk on "Scents for all seasons" and early in 2004—January 6th—Andrew Tokely of Thomson & Morgan will advise us on "Growing and Showing Vegetables."

TOSTOCK OPEN GARDENS

During the past few years this has been a delightful way of spending a summers evening (not always in perfect summer weather) and a number of kind folk have volunteered again to let us see the results of their labours.

Therefore on the evening of Thursday July 10th we are invited to see the following gardens of those who have so far been coerced.

Rookwood, New Road. Courtesy of Mr & Mrs O'Reilly
Woodview, Church Rd. "Markell
Spring Cottage, Flatts Lane "Jane Sherwood
Stone Cottage, The Green "Gail Moyle
Briarley, Leys Rd "Mr & Mrs Bucke
Jasmine Cottage, The Green "Ann Gath

Normally we start viewing at around 6.30 p.m and end around dusk and this year we very kindly invited by Joan & Ken Bucke to join them for a drink & nibbles at the end of the tour.

We hope that this will be another successful occasion and we are grateful to those who have so far come forward.

TOSTOCK TENNIS CLUB

Please contact Elizabeth Dunn, Membership Secretary (270270), or Diane Plester, Secretary (271652), to renew your membership. No change to the membership fees, which are:-

- £25 Family Membership
- £12 Adults
- £6 Students
- £5 Children (under 16)
- Guest Court Fees of £2 for adults and £1 children

Court bookings	MAY	Ann Pillars	270303
	JUNE	Heather Spencer	270395
	JULY	Helen Carter	231095
	AUGUST	Mary Simpson	271308
	SEPTEMBER	Margaret Grooms	270688

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THANK YOU

Although it is rather late in the year our thanks are due to Lionel and Margaret Grooms for the wonderful display of daffodils which brightened up New Road this springtime. For several years then have gradually extended the planting towards the Granary all of which takes time and effort

SCOPE COLLECTION FLATTS LANE

The recent collection in Flatts Lane raised £35.10.
Many thanks to everyone who gave their support.

Edna Buxton