



Season's Greetings

TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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DECEMBER 2003 - JANUARY 2004

TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

A warm welcome was extended to your new councillor Maureen Beales who joined the 6 Councillors attending Tuesday's Parish Council meeting along with your C.Cllr Mrs Sue Sida-Lockett. The parish council now has its full complement of 9 councillors.

Advance Notice - Local Plan

A series of workshops is being organised and the one most relevant to Tostock parish is to be held at

Main Hall, New Green Community Centre, Thurston on Monday 15th December from approximately 12.30 to 7.30 p.m.

There will be an opportunity for local people to talk informally to members of the local plan team and to give their views on relevant planning issues and the priorities for their communities. This is an opportunity for people to "have your say" and influence the content of the new Local Development Framework.

Library Links

Local shops in Rougham and Badwell Ash have set aside space for library books and this scheme will be up an running in either February or March of next year.

Rookery Farm - Very much ongoing. There were a total of 198 complaints for September and 29 for October.

Planning Applications

Applications have been received from

L/B/236/03 : Crispin Cottage, The Green. Replace garage roof with "Country Clad" galvanised metal roof (dark green or Dark Grey) and replace garage doors with new doors of same type and spec.

1244/03 Land south of Pineacre Norton Road. Erection of four bedroom dwelling with garage

Although the following application was refused by the Parish Council, Mid Suffolk wrote explaining why they had decided to grant the application.

955/03 Strawberry Cottage Norton Rd Erection of 3 bedroom dwelling, double garage and new access

Approvals by Mid Suffolk

1100/03 Ticehurst Barn. New first floor offices

746/03 Land south of Reynolds House, Church Road. Proposed dormer to rear and rooflight.

Tree Preservation Order No.313 Tostock House dated 16th October 2003.

Application for renewal of public entertainment licence, Tostock Village Hall.

Date of next meeting

7th January 2004.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, TOSTOCK

CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

<u>7th December</u>	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at Tostock
	3.00 p.m.	Christingle Service at Pakenham
14 th	11.15 a.m.	Family Service and Baptism
	6.30 p.m.	Evensong with Advent Readings and Carols
21 st	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion [BCP]
	3.00 p.m.	Carol Service
24 th	3.00 p.m..	Crib Service
25th Christmas Day	10.00 a.m.	Family Service and Communion
<u>4th January</u>	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Pakenham</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	10.00 a.m.	Morning Praise

Once again the season of Advent is upon us and preparations for Christmas gain momentum. There are many anxieties and uncertainties in the world today and we are constantly reminded of this by scenes of terrorist violence shown on our television screens. It is into this situation that God speaks to us through the sending of his Son – the Prince of Peace – born in a Bethlehem stable. Hope is once again expressed in the angel's song of praise and goodwill to all people.

I hope you will be able to celebrate with us at St. Andrew's the true message of Christmas. We prepare with a special Advent Evensong with readings and carols on 14th December at 6.30 p.m. The Carol Service will be on 21st December at 3 p.m. and the Crib Service – particularly for the children – will be on Christmas Eve at 3 p.m. On Christmas Day there will be a Family Service and Communion at 10.00 a.m.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all joy and blessing this coming Christmastide.

Ian Hooper
Rector

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH CAROL SINGING
THURSDAY 18th DECEMBER
MEET AT THE TELEPHONE KIOSK
6.30 pm

PROCEEDS FOR ST.NICHOLAS HOSPICE

TOSTOCK GARDEN CLUB

We were very sorry to have to cancel our October meeting at the last minute and apologise to those who were not informed soon enough. Sadly, at the last minute our Lecturer fell ill.

However our Floral arrangement evening on the 17th November appears to have been a great success, well attended and with much to learn. Even some of our men were seen to be enjoying themselves, trying their hand at this popular art. Furthermore some new club members were enrolled which is very good news.

You will be glad to learn that our next talk will be AFTER CHRISTMAS. On January 6th 2004 at 7.30.p.m Andrew Tokely of Thompson & Morgan is to speak in the Village Hall on "Growing and showing vegetables" So please make a note of the date, come along and bring your friends.

Finally do come along to our AGM and Social evening to be held on Tuesday February 3rd at 7.30.p.m when we talk over the past year and our plans for the future over a glass of something. This is always a lighthearted affair and members bring along photos of their successes in their gardens over the previous 12 months. So please get snapping even now or if you still have that film in the camera then finish it and get it developed!

SO REMEMBER THE DATES...JANUARY 6TH AND FEBRUARY 3RD AND OF COURSE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL.

Tostock Past and Present Society

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6th : 7.30 pm : MEMBERS EVENING : this year is in the form of a Pie and Punch Evening with a few extras! Friends of members are welcome, but please check with the secretary for details.

MONDAY, JANUARY 5th : 8 pm : a Talk by Gwyn Thomas, Chief Archivist of Suffolk Record Offices, on the Suffolk Regiment in the reign of Queen Victoria.

Jackie Livingston, our Speakers secretary, has arranged an excellent range of speakers for next year. Subs remain at a very reasonable £6 per person.

Our Society's book - TOSTOCK PAST AND PRESENT was launched in May 2000 to mark the Millennium. Due to popular demand, this has now been reprinted. For the benefit of newcomers to the village, this 168 page book was compiled by 12 members of our Society plus one other (namely Brown Owl). There are chapters on the church, chapel, farming, shops and crafts, housing and families, the school, the War Memorial in the church, wild life, the Workhouse, the village in the Second World War. Many humorous anecdotes crop up along with interesting families and personalities, especially those centred round the Pub.

There are eight pages of colour photographs and 12 pages of black and white photographs. We would suggest that this book would make an ideal Christmas present for anyone interested in our village, available from Heather Spencer, Bosmere, Perkins Way, Tostock, price £8.50 (as before) and £10 to include postage and packing.

WOOLPIT HEALTH CENTRE

' Out of Hours' Arrangements

Changes from the 1st December 2003

Please read this important information about the way in which we provide urgent medical care when the surgery is closed.

The Doctors in this practice are joining the local GP Co-operative from the 1st December 2003. The GP Co-operative covers the 'out of hours' calls for local Health Centres and has been providing good quality care for a number of years.

These arrangements only apply when the surgery is closed from 6.30pm – 8.15am weekdays and from 12 noon on Saturday until 8.15am Monday, and on Bank Holidays. Normal daytime surgery working hours are unaffected.

The duty doctor to cover 'out of hours' calls may not always be one of the doctors from this surgery but they will always be an experienced local GP.

The duty doctors on call are based at Stowe Health, Violet Hill, Stowmarket and Northgate Business Centre, Next to Swan Surgery, Bury St Edmunds. You will be asked to attend the nearest base to you if medical attention is needed. If you are too ill to travel a doctor will visit.

Therefore if the surgery is closed and you have an URGENT medical problem please telephone:-

SUFFOLK DOCTORS ON CALL 01473 299622

This emergency number can be heard by phoning the surgery on 01359 240298 outside of normal working hours.

Drs Brain, Pearson, Aung, West, Ridsdill Smith and McColl.

THANK YOU TOSTOCK

By the time you read this we shall have flown the Gardeners Arms and you will be getting used to your new Landlord and Landlady DAVID & SUE. We wish them all the best and feel sure you will look after them as you did us.

We depart with mixed feelings naturally, as we made a terrific number of friends in the last eighteen years,. not just us but Emma and Kate as well.

However, time moves on, and we must also, but we take a lot of happy memories with us from THE BEST VILLAGE IN ALL OF SUFFOLK!

AND YES TOSTOCK DOES EXTEND A VERY WARM WELCOME TO DAVID AND SUE WYNNE AND THEIR 20 MONTH OLD SON CALLUM.

At present the GARDENERS ARMS is offering quite an extensive menu of good home cooked foods on

Monday to Saturday 12.00 noon to 2.00 pm

Wednesday to Sunday 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

In January they are planning to refurbish the kitchen and to open up a non-smoking dining area which will be 'child friendly'. The usual activities of Pool, Darts and Quiz Nights will continue and they are organising a **CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS EVENT** and **FATHER CHRISTMAS IS HOPING TO ATTEND.**

Please ring 270460 for further details.

SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY 14th December - CHORAL EVENSONG with ADVENT at 6-30pm
Marjorie Read and her singers have kindly agreed to take part and we hope to see a good attendance - PLEASE COME AND JOIN IN!!

SUNDAY 21st December - CANDLE-LIT CAROL SERVICE and NATIVITY PLAY at 3-0pm. We shall again be collecting gifts for the children of the Bury Refuge, so please mark your parcel for GIRL or BOY and the approximate age.

WEDNESDAY 24th December - CHRISTMAS EVE - The Crib service at 3.0pm - a chance to think about the real meaning of Christmas, when the children place the figures in the crib as we hear the Christmas story.

CHRISTMAS DAY - Family Communion Service at 10.0am.

SATURDAY 24th January 2004 - the NEW YEAR PARTY for ALL children.
This will be in the Village Hall from 3.0pm to 5.0pm
FATHER CHRISTMAS MIGHT JUST TO ABLE TO FIT IN A VISIT!

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE

NEWS FROM THE TOWER OF ST. ANDREW'S TOSTOCK.

Well here we are at the end of another busy year. Yet again we have had plenty of visiting bands from near and far and many making return visits. Most recently we were visited by a group of lady ringers from Kent who were here in Suffolk for a weekend tour.

On 30th October we met to say "good bye" to Nick Moyle whose wife Gail is one of our ringers, Tracey Rushton tolled the tenor bell before the service then afterwards we rang for a short while as our tribute to Nick. On Remembrance Sunday the bells were rung half muffled, at the end of ringing each bell was set in turn until only the tenor was ringing, Lionel Grooms then rang the bell eleven times before setting it. The other ringers that day were:- Jeanne O'Reilly, Ann Gath, Gail Moyle Margaret Grooms Mary Simpson and Sue Marriott.

We once again must thank Maurice Rose for his continued support Elizabeth Teverson for giving up her Monday evenings and Colin Cooke and Sal Burrows for all the help and encouragement they give us. All that is left for me to say is "A Very Happy Christmas " and "A Peaceful New Year" on behalf of The Tostock Ringers.
Sue Marriott.

CANCER RESEARCH UK COLLECTION

*The recent collection for Cancer Research
amounted to £139.99.*

*Many thanks to Mrs J Livingston, Mrs P Baully
and Mrs J O'Reilly for their help and thanks to
all who gave so generously.*

Doreen Buckle

MSDChat

You'll have seen MSDC in the press a fair bit recently over the issue of its budget. The matter has still to be resolved and won't be until nearer Christmas. Unfortunately, whichever way you look at it, the situation is not good. We wait to see what the ruling administration will do but we'll be fighting as hard as possible to retain services while minimising the impact on the council tax.

Elsewhere - the major subject for discussion and action remains planning. We keep pushing to try to ensure decisions are determined on a far more informed basis than appears to be the case now. The recent visit by Andrew Good, Chief Executive of MSDC, was a very helpful fresh starting point. We now want to encourage actual site visits for any significant applications. The first attempt to secure such a visit has been successful - in Elmswell - with members of the Northern Area Planning Control Committee, together with senior planning officers, visiting the village in mid-December. We aim to seek a similar approach in Tostock as the need arises. Such a process could prove very effective and will generate a knowledge of the village amongst relevant councillors and officers which should lead to better-informed decision-making.

Last, but by no means least - can we wish you all a very happy Christmas and peaceful new year.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Hopefully you will have seen on the village green, the **Village of the Year Sign**, which has been awarded to Tostock by Mid Suffolk Council, and will be left on the green for 2 years. Tostock was also awarded the Philip Watson cup for the most improved village of the year. Many thanks are due to Mike O'Reilly who put in most of the hard work which led us to victory.

We were not successful in the county round, but feel that we have learnt from the experience and the requirements of the judges. We will try again in 2 years time, and this time, if we reach the county round a small committee of 5 members is envisaged. Each member will be responsible for a separate area.



NORTON PRE-SCHOOL (Bury St Edmunds)

0 - 5 years

Tel 07789 843292

**Meeting at:
Salvation Army Hall
Woolpit Road
Norton IP31 3LU**

Contact address:
Mrs J Bauer
Hollybank
Ixworth Road
Norton IP31 3LJ

'Norton Pre-school is Ofsted registered and caters for children from two and a half to five. In the spring and summer terms separate sessions are available for the youngest children and for the 'rising fours'. If any more information is required our chair person, Mrs Janet Bauer, can be contacted on 01359 232668. Additionally we operate a parent and toddler group from 9am until 11am and this also takes place in the Salvation Army Hall.'

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

A total of **£663** was raised at the Christmas Bazaar on 22nd November. Our grateful thanks to everybody who contributed items and those who supported and helped us on the day.

Our last event for this year will be our **CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING** on **TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER** at **10.30 am** in the **VILLAGE HALL**. There will be our usual **RAFFLE** and **BRING & BUY STALL** and with Christmas in mind it is always a lovely **FESTIVE OCCASION**.

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