

BT PHONE KIOSK

Arrangements had been finalised for the adoption of the kiosk. Information regarding standing charges for electricity had also been received. This item could now be removed from the Agenda

MANAGEMENT OF THE LEYS

Cllr Burman reported that the ditch by the pond /Chestnut tree on The Leys needed cleaning out.

Pipework ran under the road to the ditch. Historically this was cleaned by Highways. Further discussion on the pipework highlighted the fact that there was also a drain cover down Flatts Lane which took storm water. CSD/Highways to be contacted to clear out pipe.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING SURVEY (Item 434)

Cllr Mrs Plester circulated recent correspondence from the landowner who had been approached but who's proposal to provide low cost housing in exchange for building 3 dwellings that he could sell at current value had been declined. Cllr Mrs Plester agreed to liaise with MSDC on the matter.

REPORTS - No reports received

FINANCE

544 **Village Hall funding:** A letter from the VHMC had been received in respect of assisting the Committee to insulate the loft and cavity walls of the hall. The present insulation was not up to the recommended level and heating the hall was proving costly. VHMC already had considerable demands on their finances and hoped the Parish Council would view their request favourably.

No figures had been provided as to the expected savings if the project was to proceed and councillors agreed they needed to know what savings could be achieved. Cllr Mrs Beales proposed writing for the information. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Malcom – all in favour.

545 **Cheques:** It was resolved the following cheques should be drawn:-

Chq.

820	S.ACRE (insurance re fireworks)	£ 90.00
821	Tostock V.Hall (August hire)	£ 5.50
822	Tomlinson Ground Care (lock pin)	£ 4.82
823	Clerk (Nov/Dec sal/exp)	£321.87
824	BDO (2008 audit)	£470.00
825	MB Trees (See Item 542)	£940.00

Income: : £55.00 Advertising & £140.30 RPA £246.99 bank interest Reserve A/c

Current A/c £7,626.90 **Reserve A/c** £38,139.58

471 **Review of Risk Assessment:** Ongoing

546 **Grit Bins:** Rather than have the road salt delivered by SCC left in heaps throughout the village Cllr Harman proposed purchasing 6 free standing green grit bins. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Malcom - all in favour. Delivery to be to Cllr Harman's address.

PLANNING

Planning application supported by the Council:-

3345/08 Land adj. Highmoor House, Norton Road. Change of use part paddock to domestic garden. Re-siting of existing stable onto paddock

Applications granted by MSDC:

3146/08 Hazel cottage, Ash Lane. Single-storey rear extension

2906/08 Land adjoining Foresters, New Road. Severance of land and erection of one detached bungalow. Creation of new vehicular access

Committee meeting 19th November 2008:

3097/08 Land at Norton Road - 4 new dwellings behind 2-4 Norton Road with access via a new private drive between 2 & 3. Erection of new retaining walls and fencing at frontages of 2 & 3 Norton Road. Formation of new vehicular access to frontage of No.1 Norton Road.

MSDC Core Strategy :- correspondence to be passed to Mr A Borley for information.

Consultation on application to be determined by SCC:

Ticehurst Gravels, Ticehurst Farm, Drinkstone. Retention of weight bridge, associated buildings and stockpiling area for the storage of recoverable inert waste and recycled aggregates and residual materials, and realigned access track, and restoration of area in conjunction with the restoration of adjacent approved waste disposal area by 31st March 2012.

Proposal approved – with no comments - by Cllr Harman, seconded by Cllr Hines. All in favour.

MID SUFFOLK LOCALITY PILOT PROJECT – NOMINATIONS

Cllr Walker and Cllr Burman have expressed an interest and will consider applying. Sara Blake at the Corporate Strategy and Partnerships Team at Endeavour House to be advised.

CORRESPONDENCE

Various brochures for circulation

NHS Outline consent to dispense – Barham. Tabled
Calendar from John Deere. To be passed to Mr C. Buckle

Natural England – agreement expires in September 2009. Discuss future of The Leys with Ms S Stone at a meeting to be scheduled for mid March 2009.

547 Mr Wybar – Birkett Long: The residents at The Barn had advised no correspondence had been received from the solicitors in respect of the posts and maintaining the grass outside the property. Additionally the parishioner had asked if he could take down and repaint the village sign. Councillors were appreciative and grateful to accept his offer. Clerk to check matters with Birkett Long and write to Mr Peck.

ITALY

Holiday home for rent in Le Marchè, ITALY. 'Il Vecchio Panificio' is situated on the edge of the Sibillini National Park.

The house has a large lounge, kitchen and separate dining room, 4 double bedrooms, (2 double and 2 twin) and 2 bathrooms. Outside there is a terrace and large garden with a parking area for 3, possibly 4 cars.

The house is located in the small and very rural hamlet of Illice, just above Lake Gerosa. It is a 10-minute drive to Comunanza for day-to-day shopping. (market on Saturday mornings)

The beautiful old Roman town of Ascoli Piceno is a 35-40 minute drive away (street market most mornings in the small central squares).

Rome is about a 4-hour drive away. There is a local bus service for those who prefer not to drive, but 'take in' the scenery en route.

It is approximately 50 minutes car journey to the nearest coastal towns of Pedaso/Altidona/Grottammare and is roughly a 1½-hour drive from either Ancona or Pescara Airports to the house.

Lots of wonderful scenery, old medieval villages perched atop the surrounding hills and an ideal location for those who like hiking/mountain biking.

The house is vacant from May to October. Long lets considered.

'Il Vecchio Panificio' is a non-smoking, pet free home.

For further details, please contact Denis Harman on 01359 270283
or e-mail: denis.harman@btinternet.com

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, TOSTOCK

CHURCH SERVICES FEBRUARY/MARCH 2009

1 February	10.00 a.m..	Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Norton</u>
8	10.00 a.m.	Morning Praise
15	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
22	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
1 March	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at Tostock
8	10.00 a.m.	Morning Praise
15	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
22	10.00 a.m.	Mothering Sunday Service

Ash Wednesday, 25 February marks the beginning of Lent. There will be services of Holy Communion at 10.00 a.m. at School Close, Norton and at 7.30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Pakenham.

A Lent Group will meet in Tostock at Roger and Rosemary Lister's commencing on Wednesday, 4 March at 7.30 p.m. for five weeks. The Course this year is "Great Events, Deep Meanings". It will give us the chance to reflect on five of the important Holy Days in the Christian Calendar. These will be Christmas, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter and Pentecost. Great Events with deep meanings for countless thousands of people all over the world. They not only give a shape to the year but can also give a shape and meaning to the whole of our lives. **All will be welcome.** Further details can be obtained from The Rector, 01359 230287.

On Mothering Sunday, 22nd March, there will be a special service at 10.00 a.m. in the church.

I hope you will be able to join us at some of these services. A warm welcome awaits you.

Ian Hooper
Rector

Two very successful and enjoyable informal meetings have been held in The Community Room of The Croft, arranged and led by Rev.Sam Long Priest in Charge.

The idea of these meetings is friendship, fellowship and community spirit. A very short informal service is held, followed by tea or coffee with cakes and biscuits and a friendly 'chat'.

It is hoped to arrange these meetings on a monthly basis on the third Monday of each month.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 16th FEBRUARY AT 10-00 am
and on

MONDAY 16th MARCH AT 10-00 am

EVERYONE WILL BE WARMLY WELCOMED

The Advent Posada went very well this year, Mary, Joseph and their donkey travelled around Tostock, being warmly welcomed in many homes, starting in Norton Road,. Millie and Daisie Mildenhall told Mary and Joseph about the Carols by candlelight service at the Cathedral, then Beth, Jordan and Amy Seeley found the visitors when they came home from school. Jordan showed them how he was going to be an Innkeeper in the School Nativity play.

Mathew Walker took Mary and Joseph to an auction where Joseph was able to buy a bale of hay for the donkey, then off they went to spend time with Freddie and Megan Hood, where they heard about the Christingle service. A most exciting day was spent at Beyton Middle School, with William Dunn, Mary and Joseph were interested to see if he was working hard in class. They also went to Isobel's swimming lesson, but felt that The Sea of Galilee was much warmer to swim in!

Following an enjoyable visit to Blackthorpe Barn to see the Christmas decorations, with the Williams Family, they moved on to Lily and Edward Guirguis' home, where they spent a relaxing evening. Mathew, James and Adam Thompson took Mary and Joseph to a Christmas party before they continued their journey to Henry Clifton's home. He took the donkey for a walk around the village, leaving Mary and Joseph to relax before having a meal with the family.

Maddie and Katie Parsons read the verses which they were practicing for the Carol Service, to Mary and Joseph. The travellers rested briefly with Jordan Markell, when they were given food and drink, the donkey was also watered and fed, before they continued their long journey to the Marriotts. Mary helped Hannah to make cakes, while Joseph watched the TV news with Eldridge, but they both fell asleep! The donkey made friends with the cats, until it was time for them to move on, all the way to Thurston. Here they were welcomed by baby Toby and his family. Mary helped with his bath and bedtime bottle, while Joseph watched.

On Christmas Eve, at the Crib Service, we welcomed Mary and Joseph and the donkey at the end of their long journey visiting so many homes and being warmly cared for as they awaited the birth of their baby.

Carol singing around the village on December 18th raised £50 for St Nicolas Hospice, thanks to Rosemary Lister.

Coffee Morning Tuesday February 10th at 10.30am in the Village Hall.

The PCC met on Tuesday Jan.20th at Jasmine Cottage, by kind invitation of Dr Gath. The meeting was chaired by the Rector. All PCC members were present.

The Annual Report and Accounts were presented and discussed. Mrs O'Reilly proposed that they be accepted, seconded by Miss Sherwood.

The Deanery Review Recommendations were discussed. The Church AGM and Vestry meeting is to be held on Tuesday April 14th at 7.30pm in the Church.

******TOSTOCK BROWNIES******

We currently have a few vacancies for girls aged between 7 and 9. If your daughter would like to join us on a Monday night in the village hall between 6:20pm and 7:40pm for an hour and a half of various activities (games, crafts, cookery, to name but a few of the things we get up to) she will be more than welcome. The cost is £1 a week. For further details, please contact Allison Schofield on 01359 241430.

Tostock Past and Present Society

Members enjoyed their visit to the Eastern Angles production of 'The Haunted Commode' at Ipswich Sir John Mills Theatre in December and the supper at the Gardeners Arms.

Our next meeting will be the A.G.M. on Monday, February 2nd at 8 pm, followed by a talk by Mike Dean, entitled 'A Potted History of Ixworth.' Subscriptions are now due at £10 per person. A very interesting series of talks and speakers has been booked for the year, so why not come along and join us.

On Monday, March 2nd, there will be a talk on The history of the Mid-Suffolk Light Railway given by Keith Frome. Later in the month on Tuesday 10th March at 7.30 pm, Clive Paine will be continuing his history of Norton, which proved so popular last year.

On sorting through some old papers that the Society has been given, it was interesting to find a balance sheet of a Fete in August 1932, when the profit made was £30.14.9d. The advertisement in the B.F.P. cost 5s.! Many of the sideshows have not changed from our annual fetes and bazaars today, for example, bowling for pig, hidden treasure, cake competition, aunt sally, bran tub, clock golf, teas, dancing and sports.

Any queries, please contact Heather Spencer, tel. 270395.

Tostock Book Club

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 24th February 8 pm at Rookwood, New Road and members will be studying books by Doris Lessing. The March meeting will be on Tuesday, 24th March, 8 pm at Pine Acre, Norton Road and the book to discuss *The Girls of Slender Means* by Muriel Spark. Any queries regarding the books, please telephone Julie Harrison, tel. 270247.

We have now read 64 books since the Club began in January 2004.

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The WENT Community First Responders Group

Happy First Birthday to the WENT Community First Responders Group

Dealing with 999 calls they have responded to 134 calls in their first year, Tony France, their Co-ordinator told us;

The calls have ranged from Heart Attacks, Strokes, falls and Diabetic Coma's. We cover the villages of Woolpit, Elmswell, Norton and Tostock. In July we started to cover Stowlangtoft, Hunston, Langham, Badwell Ash, Long Thurlow, and Great Ashfield.

We have raised funds to provide four sets of equipment.

We wish to say thank you to all the organisations and people who have helped us with our fund raising.

We also wish to say thank you to the Paramedics, Woolpit Health Centre and their staff for the help they have given us through the year. With out their help we would not have been able to start the group and keep going.

The Role of the Responder; having been called by the Ambulance Service after a 999 call our role is to be first on scene. We are trained in basic life support, oxygen therapy and the use of a defibrillator. Our principle aims are to improve the numbers of patients surviving cardiac arrests and other life threatening conditions such as choking and respiratory arrest.

New members

If you would like to learn basic first aid which takes place over a weekend and is carried out by the Ambulance Service and join our group please call 01359 240208 and speak to Tony France.

Perhaps you would like to come to one of our monthly meetings and get a feel for what the role is about.

Would you like to make a difference and possibly save someone's life? If you would like to make a difference and help your community; then become a Community First Responder

If you are a local group and you would like a member of the Responders to come along and give a brief talk about the role of the responder please just call Tony

HELP REQUIRED

The residents of The Croft Bungalows are finding it difficult to convey glass bottles and jars to the bottle bank.

If any residents can help from time to time please contact Mrs.Mary Austin 270602.

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Monday 30th March 7.30pm Pakenham Village Hall. Tickets £25
"Easy Entertaining"

Ticket includes welcome drink, food tasting and Q&A session with Justin.

Tuesday 31st March 11.30am Pakenham Village Hall. Tickets £30
"Cooking for Friends"

One ticket holder will be selected to bring a 'ready, steady, cook' style bag of ingredients to challenge the chef.

Ticket includes a two-course meal with accompanying wine during which Justin will be available to answer any questions.

Cash bar

Chance to purchase cookware and fine wines.

Tickets available from Norton Pre-School. Please telephone
01359 232736 or 07984 611369



All proceeds donated to Norton Pre-School (registered charity 1020883)



THE TOSTOCK SCALLIWAY
by Bob Copping

There are still a few copies of this interesting little book available at The Old Post Office or The Gardeners Arms priced £4.95.



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

POLICE STATION, COOKS ROAD, ELMSWELL, IP30 9DB

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Your Local safer neighbourhood Officers are PC 354 Haygreen & PCSO Pendergast

Email Midsuffolksouth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

CRIME FIGURES

Between the period of the 14/11/08 and the 13/01/2009 there has been 3 crimes reported in the parish of Tostock, which are as follows;

2x Burglary Dwelling Both properties are unoccupied during the week as occupants work away, entry gained to one of the properties via a small kitchen window once inside an untidy search has been carried out but nothing stolen. At the second property a front window has been forced and again once inside an untidy search has been carried out but unfortunately on this occasion jewellery and silverware has been stolen.

Our scenes of crime officers have lifted an identical footprint from both properties and also a cigarette butt from one of the rear gardens close to the kitchen window that was forced.

1x Criminal damage Damage caused to metal gate/post at the entrance to a commercial premise whilst possibly trying to gain access, nothing stolen just the damage caused.

Problems within other villages in the area

Car crime seems to be on the increase again in some surrounding villages, so please make sure that valuables are removed from vehicles at night especially any Satellite Navigation Equipment as this seems to be very popular at the moment!!!! It also goes without saying Please make sure your vehicles are locked at all times even if they are parked in a garage when not in use.



David Ruffley MP and the association have received replies to the issues raised at the Public Meeting in July of last year. Many questions were not answered and replies are still being pursued.

The Annual General Public meeting will be held - probably in February - the date will be fixed at the TVA committee meeting at the end of January.

Please watch for notices.

PLEASE NOTE Items to be included in the next Chronicle should reach Jean Wheeler at the Old Post Office by 22nd March