

# TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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APRIL - MAY 2009

## Parish Council

### MINUTES OF TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2009

PRESENT:     Councillors:   S Walker, Mrs M Beales, R Wadsworth, J Hines & D Harman  
                  Chairman       Mrs V Malcom  
                  Clerk            Mrs M Bottomley

#### **NOTE:**

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, there was a public forum (4 villagers present) with queries on First Responders, Highmoor House, road subsidence Norton Road.

APOLOGIES - Cllr Mrs P Parson. M Burman & Mrs D Plester

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

#### MINUTES OF MEETING 19.11.08

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting were approved as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly.

#### MATTERS ARISING

- 365 Tree on The Green: Urban Forestry had provided a report on the current state of the tree and would be sending a copy to Mr Mitchell the Tree Officer at MSDC. They recommended that the tree be felled and councillors therefore needed to make a decision as to a suitable replacement. Black Poplar or a tree which would have a similar visual impact in the village. Mr Mitchell to be contacted about the felling and also asked about a suitable replacement.
- 386 Footpath behind Perkins Way: Mr Scrivens the SCC Rights of Way officer had apologised for the lack of response concerning a further area of the path deteriorating and advised he would meet with Cllr Mrs Beales on site to inspect and discuss further.
- 506 Proud Manhole cover on the Green: Chase Highways again on this matter.
- 507 Footpath Map: Cllr Harman advised he was continuing to make enquiries to obtain more durable signs for the village.
- Website: Defer to next meeting.
- 540 Street Cleaner: MSDC had now provided funding for this service along with a jacket, equipment and waste bin. Clerk asked to clarify collection dates for the bin.
- 546 Grit Bins: Highways had left small piles of salt throughout the village to use on the roads during bad weather and which looked rather messy. Cllr Harman suggested purchasing containers for the salt and the meeting agreed that whilst it was too late for this winter, the matter should be reviewed in August or September before the onset of next winter.
- 547 Mr Wybar – Birkett Long: Clerk to contact Birkett Long concerning the residents at The Barn not receiving correspondence in relation to the posts and maintaining the grass outside the property. It was also understood that the parishioner had asked to 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 accordingly.

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

The FOI Act came into force at the beginning of 2005 but approval for the existing publication scheme expired on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008. All public sector organisations were being asked to adopt the new model publication scheme and make this available to the public w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009. There was no requirement to return any paperwork or to create any new information. Cllr Harman proposed adopting the new model, seconded by Cllr Walker. All in favour.

## MANAGEMENT OF THE LEYS

The ditch by the pond /Chestnut tree on The Leys has not yet been cleaned out by Highways. Pipework runs under the road to the ditch. The meeting also noted that there was also a drain cover down Flatts Lane which took storm water. CSD/Highways to be chased clearing out the pipe.

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING SURVEY (Item 434) - defer to next meeting

## REPORTS

**District Councillor:** Following the Christmas holidays very little to report - decision on the new boundaries should be announced on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Police:** Since the November meeting there had been 3 crimes reported - 2 burglaries and 1 criminal damage. Police advised that if properties were to be left for long periods it may be a good idea to leave some lights maybe on timers so that they come on at different times in different rooms etc., within the property. Additionally advise a friend or neighbour to just key an eye on the premises. 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 present. Make sure your vehicles are locked at all times even if they are parked in a garage when not in use.

## FINANCE

547 **Village Hall insulation:** Councillors felt that an application for funding should be made by the V.Hall to County Councillor Mrs Jane Storey under the Locality Budget once the Village Hall had received a report on the advantage of having cavity insulation in the premises.

548 **Village Hall Car Park:** The village hall car park was in a very poor condition and parts had been churned up by vehicles creating an unacceptable and dangerous walking area. The Committee had written asking whether there were funds available from the Parish Council to support the project of refurbishing the whole area of the car park. An initial quote for the work was also submitted.

Councillors were prepared to consider the project but queried whether grant funding from Suffolk County Council and/or Mid Suffolk District Council had been investigated. Clerk to respond and the matter would be reviewed at the next meeting.

549 **Precept 2009/2010:** Papers were circulated to all councillors and following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Walker to precept for £4,000, seconded by Cllr Hines. All in favour.

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

<u>Chq.</u>		
835	Tostock V.Hall (hire)	£ 11.00
836	Digital Copier Systems (cartridge)	£ 99.88
837	Viking Direct (stationery)	£ 37.78
838	Command Pest Control (treatment)	£105.76
839	Clerk (Sal/exp)	£168.81
840	Stonham Parva PC (1/6 <sup>th</sup> SLCCsub)	£ 22.17
841	Command Pest Control (treatment)	£ 29.92

**Income:** : £15.00 Advertising    **Reserve A/C:** £138.14 Interest  
**Current A/c** £5,929.67            **Reserve A/c** £38,277.72

551 **Audit:** The Annual Return for closure of audit was noted. Auditors had pointed out that the Firework event should not be incorporated in the Section 137 figures. (acceptance proposed by Cllr Mrs Malcom, seconded by Cllr Hines. All in favour).

471 **Review of Risk Assessment:** Ongoing

PLANNING - None

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH – The Chairman had advised the Committee that Tostock did not wish to join the Speed Watch Community

SCC – Public Rights of Way – Cutting Programme  
Clerk to request copy of footpath map

CORRESPONDENCE

SCC – Cllr Briefing Olympic Games 2012 – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at The Cedars Hotel  
NHS Outline consent to dispense – Elmswell

SCC – Waste Core Strategy – Consultation on Strategic sites – ends 30<sup>th</sup> January 2009.  
Youth Club – re meeting with officer to set up youth Club.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 29th APRIL**

**7-30 pm in VILLAGE HALL**

**THIS PUBLIC MEETING GIVES RESIDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR REPORTS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MID SUFFOLK COUNCIL AND SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL AS WELL AS SUFFOLK POLICE AND OTHER AUTHORITIES. THIS IS AN IDEAL TIME FOR QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED.**

**YOU ARE INTIVITED TO ATTEND IF YOU POSSIBLY CAN.**

**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, TOSTOCK**

**CHURCH SERVICES APRIL/MAY 2009**

5th April	10.00 a.m..	Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Pakenham</u>
12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Easter Day - Family Communion
19th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Norton</u>
10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Morning Praise
17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer

There will be a devotional service on Good Friday morning, 10<sup>th</sup> April, at 10.00 a.m. and we then Celebrate the joy of the resurrection on Easter Day at a Family Communion Service beginning at 10.00 a.m. We do hope you will be able to join us at these services.



## VILLAGE OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2009

As you may be aware, the Village of the Year Competition has been running in one form or another since at least 1974.

Village of the Year is not about being a pretty village. It is about community spirit, the care taken of the village, the attitude towards caring for the natural environment and how wildlife, fauna and flora are protected for everyone to enjoy, the parish council and special activities, social events and services provided.

**Marks will be awarded under the following categories:**

Community Spirit	30
The Parish Council	20
Protecting the Environment	20
General appearance of the village	20
Special activities that impress judges	10

**100**

**The Parish Council are looking for a volunteer(s) to co-ordinate the above. If you could help please contact the clerk Marilyn Bottomley for further details tel: 01284 789303**

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

## CHURCH NEWS

Our next Coffee Morning will be held on Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am in the Village Hall.

A reminder about the Church AGM, also on Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm at the Church - we hope to see more parishioners present this year!

Easter Lilies can be ordered from the Churchwardens. We shall be decorating the Church on Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am, so helpers will be needed. Please volunteer if you have time to spare!

We have received a very interesting letter from Helsington PCC, in Cumbria, where they also have a splendid war memorial, painted by the hon. Marion de Saumarez 1885-1978. Apparently the artist only painted two memorials, one in St John's Church in Helsington and one in St Andrew's Tostock. Both are on canvas, fixed to wood, but Helsingtons is much larger, stretching on both sides of the Chancel window, showing beautiful Angels, all modelled by local girls. Marion de Saumarez was a talented portrait painter of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, but she ceased painting after completing the two war memorials. We have sent photos of our memorial to Helsington.

Jean Muir was known to us all as a very special person. She was unfailingly interested in every event and occasion, taking lots of photographs, and always interested in everyone's family happenings. She was a cheerful, smiling presence on her walks around the village. In her final illness she was an example and an inspiration due to her deep faith and her uncomplaining attitude. We shall miss her very much and we send our condolences to Iain and family.

Floodlights –

March – sponsored by Sir John and Lady Kemball in memory of family members.

April – Sponsored by Mrs Cynthia Dean in memory of her late husband Col. Dean and their wedding anniversary on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs Deans Memoirs –

In October 1941 the Regiment left for Singapore, arriving just before February 1942 when Singapore was invaded by the Japanese Army. Peter spent the following years as a prisoner of war, enduring terrible hardship until the war ended. During all that time, I and his parents received only two letters from him. He was finally released and we met in London in October 1945. That evening we went to The Savoy, both in battledress, and had to explain ourselves to the head waiter. We were married on April 27<sup>th</sup> 1946. Army life was full of incredible events, but I think our posting to Vienna was the most enjoyable, where we made life-long friends, apart from needing Russian permission to travel anywhere. My journey to Vienna to join Peter was called 'Operation Henpeck' and in case we had to be evacuated, it would become 'Operation Hop-it'.

Later Peter was given the great honour of becoming Military Attaché in Japan. We travelled with two children and Nanny and we had to accustom ourselves to a very different way of life.

Following the success of our first "BINGO" afternoon, there will be another session on TUESDAY 28th APRIL at 2-30 pm in the VILLAGE HALL.

Do come along - refreshments provided

**ALL WELCOME**

### INFORMAL SERVICES AT THE CROFT

The next meeting lead by Rev. Sam Long Assistant Priest will be held at The Croft Community Room on

MONDAY 20th APRIL 10-00am

MONDAY 18th MAY 10-00am

Everyone welcome at this friendly informal meeting which includes a 'cuppa and cake' and a 'chat'.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE**

NEWS FROM THE TOWER OF ST. ANDREW'S.

Due to the extremely cold weather at the start of the year the bell ringers extended their usual Christmas break into February! But we're back in full swing now and have enjoyed some very jolly Monday evening practices. Our three learners are all doing well, Sally and Jane ring regularly for Sunday services and young Paul from Stowmarket is coming along fine.

Since the beginning of the year we've already had four visiting bands, and we've got another band booked for the middle of April, visitors always say what lovely bells we've got and how lucky we are to have them.

On February 22<sup>nd</sup> our ringing before the service was dedicated to my father John Angus to celebrate his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, although he lives in Thurston he enjoys coming to Tostock Church and listening to the bells (but then he is a bit deaf!!).

Don't forget we're always on the lookout for ringers, so now the evenings are pulling out and all the good T.V. programmes are finished (Dancing on Ice and 6 Nations Rugby) why not wander down to the church on a Monday evening and see what we get up to. Even if the weather's cold you'll always get a warm welcome and a cup of tea or coffee half way through the evening! Sue Marriott. Tower Captain.



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**ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE T.V.A. WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 22nd APRIL at 8-00pm**

**FRIENDS OF WOOLPIT HEALTH CENTRE**

This Trust was set up in January 1985 and since that time more than £250,000 has been received by way of donations. There are no administration charges, so every penny has been spent on equipment or services for the benefit of patients who attend the Woolpit Health Centre. The list of items regularly out on loan is quite extensive, so next time you or a member of your family needs to use one of these pieces of equipment, more than likely it has been bought with funds donated in memory of someone who has died or the many individuals or groups who regularly support this worthy cause.

During the past year the main items purchased have been a set of digital baby scales for £399, a replacement for those bought by the Friends way back in 1986! Also an additional syringe driver for £755 for use in terminal care and a state of the art 24 hour blood pressure monitor for £1,230 as well as an ankle brachial pressure index monitor for £810 for use in the leg ulcer clinic. The annual cost of keeping all the existing equipment in good order is very considerable, being in the region of £3,000.

Very many thanks to all those who contributed to the funds during the past year and to those who use our Co-op share number, which is 215050.

Sue Eburne, Treasurer

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Part of the 2009 Fundraising activities organised by the Tostock Village Hall Management Committee

## **TOSTOCK VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2009, 7.30 pm at the Village Hall**

All current & future users of the Hall invited to attend!

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN 2009!**

**Tostock Ceilidh / Barn Dance - Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

**Tostock Race Night - Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

Part of the 2009 Fundraising activities organised by the Tostock Village Hall Management Committee

And finally. . .

## **The Tostock Village Hall Toddlers Sponsored Bike/Scooter/Walk/Trike/ Run etc.,**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2.30pm, Refreshments**

Tostock Toddlers will be aiming to do as many circuits as possible to help raise funds for a baby changing unit to be installed in the Village Hall.

**If you have a toddler who would like to take part,  
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## Tostock Past and Present Society

Our year has started off with three interesting and lively speakers.

Mike Dean gave an excellent talk on "A Potted History of Ixworth" and we all learnt a lot about our Roman and Anglo Saxon past.

This was followed by Keith Frome telling us about "The History of the Mid Suffolk Light Railway". This talk was enjoyed by railway enthusiasts and was also a real eye opener for those of us with little railway knowledge. We are hoping to arrange a visit to their centre later in the year.

Sixty locals attended our third talk given by the indomitable Clive Paine, continuing his history of Norton up to 1830. Clive will be back next spring with part 3. Clive also returns on April 14<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup> (see below)

We have two more meetings before Easter:

Monday April 6<sup>th</sup>: 8pm The return of Peter Driver who gave such an amusing talk on gravestones in 1999. This time his talk is entitled "It's a grave business" !!

Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup>: 7.30pm Clive Paine (no introduction needed) telling us about "Hardwick House" and why it has disappeared. Hardwick House was the home of the Cullum family from 1620 to 1921. It was the scene of much social life in Bury, and was set in a magnificent park. The last member of the family bequeathed his historical collections to Bury, and these formed the basis of the town museum and record office.

Clive will also be taking us on a visit to Drinkstone Church on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. His church talks are always well prepared and Clive has a unique ability to bring to life, what looks to the rest of us like a bare wall !!

Finally we all need to say a big thank you to Heather Spencer, who has now stood down as secretary after being a founder member and secretary of the society since 1987. Heather will continue to look after the archives and welcomes anyone who wishes to do any research. The archives will be on display at various future events.

If anyone in the village has any ideas about other talks they would like, please do contact us.

Anthony Scully (General Secretary)  
Sarah Scully (Speakers Secretary)  
Tel 01359 270482 Email: [a.r.scully@btinternet.com](mailto:a.r.scully@btinternet.com)

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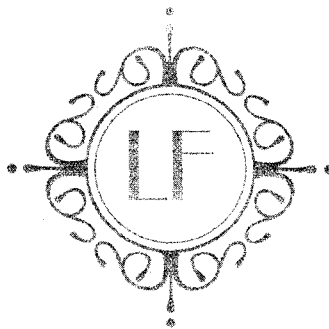
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**for more information and details of other classes.**



## **Tostock Book Group**

The book for the next meeting is "The Girls of Slender Means" by Muriel Spark, though we may return to discussing the March book "Kestrel for a Knave". At the meeting we watched "Kes" on DVD which left very little time to talk about the novel. The April meeting will be on the 21<sup>st</sup>, 8pm at Julie Harrison's, 4 Perkins Way. The book and venue for the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting are yet to be decided. For any information please contact Julie Harrison 270247.



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# A DAY TO REMEMBER

## TOSTOCK GREEN

MONDAY 2nd FEB. 2009

It was such a pleasure to see around the middle of the day, about a dozen school children playing spontaneously and happily on our Tostock Village Green, in about three inches of soft clean snow. They were energetically building snowmen, castles, and all kinds of shapes - joyfully pelting each other, boys chasing girls gleefully - full of the joy of living in what to them was a new environment!

Tostock is a unique and wonderful village, with its exceptionally perfect Green. It has always, in my time (1969 onwards) been so lucky in having an appreciative team of local caring volunteers working hard in their spare time to maintain and improve the excellent standards..

### "FROM A WINDOW ON THE GREEN"

**St Andrew's Church Social Committee**

Many thanks to all who supported the February and March coffee mornings, which raised £246. The Bingo afternoon on March 24<sup>th</sup>, a new venture, caused much hilarity, and we hope to repeat the fun on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2.30 to 4pm in the Village Hall.

The next coffee mornings are planned for Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup>, 10.30am in the Village Hall... see you there!

Julie Harrison 270247

RETA WOULD LIKE TO SINCERELY THANK  
FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBOURS FOR THE KIND  
MESSAGES, CARDS AND FLOWERS WHILE  
IN HOSPITAL.

IN THE MEANTIME KEN AND JOAN BUCKE  
HAVE KINDLY STEPPED INTO THE BREACH  
TO DELIVER MY ROUND OF THE  
CHRONICLES IN ADDITION TO THEIR OWN.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH

# ITALY

Holiday home for rent in Le Marche, 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.

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**If so, contact the Parish Council - we are anxious to work with a local housing provider, in order to satisfy Tostock's requirements for such housing, as identified in the recent local housing needs survey.**

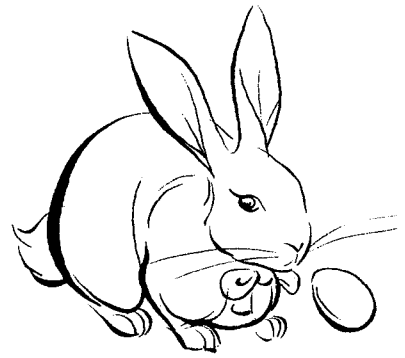
**Mid Suffolk District Council operates an exception policy in respect of land not normally eligible for planning consent but available for affordable housing.**

**Interested?**

**Contact Cllr Mrs Vanessa Malcom,  
Chair of Tostock Parish Council  
Tel: 01359 271272**



# THE 8th TOSTOCK EASTER EGG



**HUNT** Saturday 11th April 2009  
Tostock Village Green

*10.30am at The Green*

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for young and old.

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The Green.

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