

# TOSTOCK

# CHRONICLE

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JUNE - JULY 2010

## Parish Council

26 residents attended the Annual Parish meeting in the Village Hall on 28th April 2010. chaired by Cllr.D.Harman. Clerk Mrs.M.Bottomley. Also present Cllrs.M.Beales, S.Waitkins, D.Plester, E Wadsworth W.Moore and M.Burman. Cty.Cllr.Jane Storey and Dist.Cllr.Carol Milward. Apologies from Cllrs.P.Parsons and V.Malcom together with Mark Jull, Val.Kemball, Mike O'Reilly and Cynthia Dean.

Minutes of the 2009 A.P.M. had been circulated. These were discussed and questions asked about actions taken by the parish council on issues raised at that meeting. After these were answered by the chairman or clerk they were duly approved and signed.

The balance sheet was also accepted after some questions were answered. The opening balance was £43,287.60. Income £5,865.91. Expenditure £12,492.17. leaving a closing balance of £36,661.14.

Both the Cty.Cllr. and Dist.Cllr gave their reports but nothing had been received from Suffolk Constabulary. Reports were also received from various village organisations and the Poors estate showed an opening balance of £756.39. Income from allotment rents and shares £344.72. Payments to eligible residents £300.00. leaving a balance of £801.11. An official survey has now been carried out on the allotments and plots adjusted accordingly to measure 21 feet by 90 feet.

**PLANNING MATTERS** There was a number of complaints from residents in Norton Road regarding the problems with the builders and their disregard for the planning rules contained in the permission. There is a lack of response from the district authorities and the only help given is by Dist.Cllr.Milward who stated that she was not always in agreement with the planning committees but could do nothing about the outcome but vowed to take back to the council the feelings of this meeting. Residents have had to put up with abusive language from some of the builders which has resulted in the police being summoned to the scene on several occasions.

The T.V.A.also raised questions regarding the Meadow House site and why the parish council were not represented at the Planning meeting in January bearing in mind the number of objections raised on earlier applications to develop this site and the fact that this is a major issue to a large number of residents.

The dumped soil in Norton Road is to be investigated by the P.C. As Dist.Cllr.S.Walker does not attend any parish meetings he is to be written to requesting that he attends some parish council meetings and so share the work with C.Milward in future.

The meeting then closed at the scheduled time of 8-30pm.

A Parish Council meeting then followed attended by the same councillors and several of the residents also remained for this meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th Feby.were approved and signed. Michael and Belinda Baully then gave a presentation of their eventual plans to landscape their existing gravel pits to create a summer touring caravan and camping site with 144 pitches. A number of questions were raised mainly dealing with the possible increase of traffic through the village.

**TOSTOCK WEBSITE** Cllr.Waitkins informed the meeting that Matthew Cleary had withdrawn from this project and another source is to be investigated. Karl Seeley volunteered from the floor and will talk with Cllr.Waitkins who will report back at the next meeting.

Seven cheques were presented and approved for payment.

**REPLACEMENT PHOTOCOPIER** This was again put on hold until the next meeting.

**RISK ASSESSMENT** As this has been ongoing for such a long time it was agreed to get the necessary paperwork back from Cllr.Malcom and for each councillor to complete a section.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS** LB0915/10 Demolition of Meadow House Flatts Lane. Cllrs.Harman, Burman and Plester all declared an interest and left the meeting. After discussions by the remaining councillors it was unanimously voted to recommend refusal of this application as it did not fulfil any of the conditions required for the demolition of a building in a conservation area.

**P/A 0900/10** Erection of side extension to Romney Cottage the Green. No objections but a request that the builder should take extra care re any lorries or vehicles being parked on the Green.

**S.A.L.C.** In house meeting arrangements on hold until the next meeting.

**NORTON ROAD DEVELOPMENT** A further long discussion took place on this problem following on from the Parish meeting and the parish council has promised to take action.

**CORRESPONDENCE** A letter has been received from the owner of Park Stud outlining some difficulties he has been experiencing, but at this stage it is felt it may not be a council matter and possibly referred to the Planning Dept to check on planning permission regarding the activities on this site. There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.10 p.m.

J.E.W.

## St. ANDREWS CHURCH

Church Services for June and July 2010

Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup> 10am Benefice Service at Tostock

Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup> 10am Morning Praise

Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup> 10am Holy Communion BCP

Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup> 10am Morning Prayer

Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup> 10am Joint Benefice Service at Pakenham

Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup> 10am Morning Praise

Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup> 10am Holy Communion BCP

Also 6.30pm Songs of Praise

Friday July 23<sup>rd</sup> 7.30pm Licensing of Revd. Mrs Kathleen Valentine at St Mary's Church Pakenham

Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup> 10am Morning Prayer

The Songs of Praise will be held to celebrate the Village Fete and Wedding Festival at 6.30pm on July 18<sup>th</sup>, so we hope to see lots of people, if you have a favourite hymn, let Jeanne O'Reilly know please and we will try and include it.

Planning for the Fete on July 17<sup>th</sup> is going on. We have offers of various Stalls and Activities, and more would be welcome. Prizes for the Raffle are coming in, but again we need some more good prizes or a contribution towards them. We are very grateful for all contributions and offers of help.

On July 23<sup>rd</sup> we shall welcome the Revd. Mrs Katherine Valentine to the Benefice, she will be Licensed by Bishop Nigel at Pakenham, and the new Rectory will be at Norton.

# Parish Council

The Annual Parish Council meeting was held on 26th May chaired by Cllr.D.Harman.

Present Cllrs.M.Beales, S.Waitkins, P.Parsons, V.Malcom, M.Burman, W.Moore,D.Plester and Ed.Wadsworth.

Clerk Mrs.M.Bottomley.

Also present 11 parishioners.

**ELECTION of OFFICERS**

**CHAIRMAN** Cllr.D.Harman

**VICE CHAIRMAN** Cllr.M.Burman

Some councillors abstained from voting.

**PUBLIC FORUM** Mr.B.Harrison reported on the Young Peoples Group which had been very successful for 6 months and had attendance of between 20 - 40 during that time.However due to circumstances it has had to be left on hold for a while to get a new leader and will be reviewed in the autumn when it is hoped to restart the group. The P.C. have been thanked for their support.

Most parishioners had attended the meeting because of their concerns regarding the planning applications to demolish The Bunglings on The Leys and to build a house on the same site.

Plans were looked at and discussed by both councillors and parishioners.The agreement was that there were no objections to the demolition of this property but major concerns regarding the proposed replacement. It was agreed to oppose this out line planning with objections which included - a 4 bedroomed property was too large on the site and encroachment on The Leys - height too high with no consideration for neighbours - the floor space would be increased by 80% - slate roof would not be in keeping with pan tiles as used on nearby dwellings and the development would be out of keeping bearing in mind that this is within a conservation area. The refusal was proposed by Cllr.Harman and seconded by Cllr.Wadsworth with all councillors in full agreement.

Concerns were raised from the floor as to why the Parish Council did not send a representative to the recent planning committee meeting regarding the demolition of Meadow House. It was pointed out that when the TVA was formed the aim was to work with the PC as the latter was limited in its powers and the TVA had no restrictions. This worked very well with the previous chairman but now it seems that the PC are opposed to the TVA. Cllr.Malcom (the previous chairman) said this should be resolved and the two bodies should work together as before and the TVA had supported the PC on several issues. The feeling is that if a parish councillor is also a member of the TVA he or she must declare an interest in the subject under discussion and not take part. It was agreed that this must be investigated further.

**SALC** in house training to be arranged for September.

**DEDICATION OF TREE** Rev.Sam.Long is to take a small service at the start of the Village Fete and the P.C. will be making a donation to Help the Heros.

**FOOTWAY** The possibility of a footway from Highmoor House to Perkins Way is to be investigated.

**EDF/BT poles on the Green.** Enquires are to be made about the possibility of these being placed underground.

Five cheques were approved for payment.

A seating arrangement is to be placed in the bus shelter.

After discussing other matters the meeting closed at 10-30pm

J.E.W.

## A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all those people that helped and attended at the scene of my accident on Wednesday 5th May.

I would also like to thank all the people that have since contacted me (too numerous to mention) for their kind messages of sympathy and support. It is truly heartwarming to know that so many people care. It is sincerely appreciated.

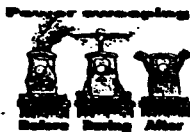
Thank you all very much.  
Caren Mildenhall

There are people who quietly lend a hand to undertake various tasks in the village for which the residents are very grateful, but a special 'Thank You' is expressed to Walter Thompson who has removed weeds etc. from around the existing bench seats in the village, carried out some repair work and treated all the slats with wood preservative.

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## Tostock Past and Present Society

### Visit to Buckingham Palace including the Victoria exhibition

Tostock Past and Present Society are hoping to arrange a trip to Buckingham Palace on Tuesday September 28<sup>th</sup> and non-members are very welcome to join us. The coach will leave the Village Hall at 8am and the cost of the coach, visiting Buckingham Palace, the Staterooms and entry to the 2010 Victoria exhibition is £45 per head. Anyone interested should contact the secretary as soon as possible.

The Society is also arranging a trip to Gressinghall Farm and Workhouse (near Dereham) on Tuesday July 13<sup>th</sup>, leaving the Village Hall at 10am. The cost of this trip is £14 including entry and again non-members are welcome.

Once again the Tostock archives, so well cared for by Heather Spencer, will be on display in the Village Hall from 12 noon to 5pm on both days of the fete weekend (July 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>). This year, special emphasis will be on Tostock Past and there will be many records and photos on display.

### Forthcoming events

Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm - Linda Burrows on "The Women's Land Army in East Anglia 1939-1950"

Tuesday June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm - Visit to Shelland Church with Clive Paine – The barrell organ will be played during the evening.

Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm - Peggy Cole MBE "My Life Story".

Please contact me if you require any further information and/or wish to come on our trips.

Anthony Scully (Secretary) 01359270482 email [a.r.scully@btinternet.com](mailto:a.r.scully@btinternet.com)

### Tostock Bookgroup

The next meeting of the Bookgroup will be at the home of Diane Grimes on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 8pm. The discussion will focus on poetry for a change! Members are asked to bring along a favourite poem to share.

The July meeting will be on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> at the Norton Road home of Julie Routledge. The book for this meeting has yet to be chosen.

Julie Harrison 270247

St Andrew's Church Social Committee

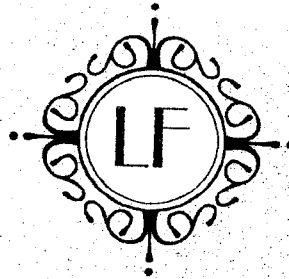
Our monthly coffee mornings in the village hall continue to be well supported and enjoyable events. In April we raised £115.31 for church funds... the May proceeds have yet to be confirmed by the church treasurer but look equally good. The next coffee morning is on Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am... do join us.

Don't forget to come to the tea tent when you visit the Art Exhibition on the 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> June at the church. We will be very grateful for any contributions of home baking to serve throughout both days.

Bingo will be on the 29<sup>th</sup> June and 27<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon at the village hall.

There won't be a coffee morning in July, as we will all be busy with the Village Fete and Wedding Festival on Sat 17<sup>th</sup> (and 18<sup>th</sup> in the church). Also we will be having an afternoon tea party in the garden at Rookwood, New Road, by kind invitation of Jeanne O'Reilly on Wednesday July 28<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

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# TOSTOCK FETE

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12 noon \_5p.m.

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**W.E.N.T.  
Newsletter**

**Issue 7  
Spring 2010**

In 2009, we attended 134 calls – mainly for chest pains, strokes, diabetic issues and falls. Over the past winter months, Swine Flu did not materialise as seriously as had been forecast, and despite the very cold winter, we had only 18 calls in January & February this year.

Happily, our Responder Group is going from strength to strength, with the continued and valuable support of Woolpit Health Centre's Dr West, as well as Gary Morgan and Phil Byrne of the Ambulance Service. We now have 6 active responders with 3 in training, and 2 admin assistants. However, we always need additional responders to increase the coverage over our area of 11 villages, so please contact our Group Coordinator, Tony France – 01359-240208 - for further information. Being a First Responder is very rewarding, can fit in with different lifestyles, will help your local community, and provide you with valuable first-aid skills. Full initial training and all equipment is provided, as well as monthly additional training sessions.

We also continue to be supported by all the village Parish Councils, local companies, clubs/societies, private individuals, and village magazines/newsletters. This has enabled the Group to attract and train new members, buy & maintain equipment, and provide warm-protective clothing, vital over the winter months.

For the first time since our Group's inception, all responders and their partners gathered together for a New Year social evening in January.

**How We Are Helping You** – together with the East of England Ambulance Service, we provide a fast response to specific medical emergencies.

**How You Can Help Us** – now that the warmer weather has finally arrived, please ensure that your house name and number is clearly visible from the road, i.e. free from any overhanging foliage. Precious important minutes can be lost by us not being able to find the actual house where our services are required. **Many thanks.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE SERVICES WILL NOW BE HELD  
AT 2-30pm**

**Service in  
the Croft,  
Tostock**

**21st JUNE**

An informal short Service is held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 2.30 p.m.

There is time after the service for tea, coffee, cakes and a chat. All are welcome to come and share in the fellowship, which is enjoyed by an increasing number of people from the village. Yours in Christ, Reverend Sam Long

**19th JULY**

**Tostock**  **Village**  
*Association*

A meeting was held on 19th April chaired by Mark Jull. Jane Sherwood was welcomed as a new committee member in place of Roshdy Guirguis who has resigned because of business commitments. The main item for discussion continue to be the Meadow House site and the various conditions which are not being addressed in connection with the demolition of a building within a conservation area. There are also many irregularities and problems regarding the building of bungalows in Norton Road and the abuse being experienced by some residents from the builders. The Building Officer had acknowledged there were failings in their measurements of the boundaries which are now being dealt with. There are also concerns regarding Health and Safety issues.

Fundraising afternoon - AT VILLAGE HALL - 18th June 2010 ( 2pm - 3pm) - ALL WELCOME

We are the main home-education group for Suffolk. We offer a place for home educators or those considering this path to make contact with others and discover the many different styles of home education.

We have now held three meetings at Tostock Village Hall, and both parents and children are delighted with the facilities. We would like the residents of Tostock to feel comfortable with our occasional presence in their village so would like to invite ALL to our Charity afternoon.

It would be a good opportunity for us to meet each other and answer questions you may have.

Refreshments will be provided, and you may like to bring some change to take part in our various fund raising activities! ( raising money for Brazilian street children) Our sports activities will have taken place during the morning, which should allow for a more leisurely afternoon of socialising and fundraising.

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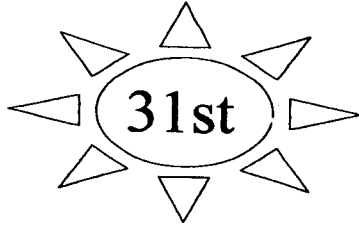
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# ART EXHIBITION

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**Sun 20<sup>th</sup> June 11am-8pm**

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> June 11am-5pm**

Profits to Tostock Church & Village Hall  
Tostock is off the A14 between Stowmarket & Bury  
Refreshments available Saturday and Sunday

## 31<sup>st</sup> Tostock Art Exhibition

The exhibition is first and foremost an opportunity to exhibit the work of local artists, some professional and some amateurs.

It is also an excuse for another village get together. We have lunches and teas for sale; this year in the new marquees (courtesy of the parish council) as well as plants, cards, prints & some local exhibits.

It is an opportunity to show off our beautiful little church and a way of raising money for the village hall and the church.

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