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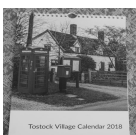


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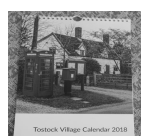
December 2017— January 2018

# Seasons Greetings to All



Latest

Saturday 2nd December 7.00 for 7.30pm  
Christmas Miscellany & Tostock Village Archives  
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[www.tostock.suffolk.cloud](http://www.tostock.suffolk.cloud)

District Councils

See village website:

[www.tostock.suffolk.cloud](http://www.tostock.suffolk.cloud)

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01359 240298

Out of hours GP

111

West Suffolk Hospital

01284 713000

#### Police

Non-emergency

101

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Bus: 01449 766323

[www.travel-galloway.com](http://www.travel-galloway.com)

Rail: 084548595

Samaritans

01284 75000

Drugs Hotline

0800253253

Crime Stoppers

555111

**DIAL A RIDE**

**01284 724545**

## Events coming up to look forward to...

Saturday 2nd December 7.00 for 7.30pm

A Christmas event in the Village Hall - No entry fee

**Christmas Miscellany** with Mark Mitchels

Also

view the **Tostock Village Archives**

Please bring a plate of finger food to share

& your own drink



A really enjoyable interesting nostalgic evening

**Sat 2 Dec 7.30pm**  
In the Main Hall at  
Beyton Campus

# LET'S DO IT! CONCERT AGAIN

In support of Dive-Aid, working to  
restore the Swimming Pool in Beyton

Given by  
**Octave**  
East Anglia's foremost  
Vocal Ensemble

including  
Lots of favourite carols,  
as well as some for  
you to join in

**TICKETS: £10**  
(school age children free)

Come and have a swimmingly-good time!

Available from Cathy Case 01368 270785 or [cathy.case@unwclub.net](mailto:cathy.case@unwclub.net)

## Charity Coffee Morning

On **Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup>** at **10:30 am** in the Village Hall  
In aid of the *refugee Rohingya children* seeking safety in **Bangladesh**.



Please come and support our efforts to help.

## Carol Singing



### **Norton Salvation Army Band**

Play for Carol Singing



In St. Andrew's Church at **7pm on Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup>** .

Refreshments afterwards .

Collection in aid of the Band , and St. Nicholas Hospice .

Do come and join in !

## Dates to look forward to in 2018

### **Tostock Art Show**

This will take place on the usual third weekend in June with a difference

Fri, 15 June 2018, **Preview Event**

Sat, 16 June 2018

Sun, 17 June 2018

and

### **Open Gardens**

Sun, 17 June 2018



**Regular updates on the Art Show and Open Gardens will appear in future issues**

# Tostock Village Hall News - Dec 2017 & January 2018

The next meeting of the Village Hall Committee will take place on  
Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

## **TOSTOCK TOAD RACING**

LIVEN UP JANUARY: FUN FOR ALL

**Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Email [Hannahgracejones@hotmail.com](mailto:Hannahgracejones@hotmail.com) for more information or call  
on 272633

SEE POSTERS IN THE VILLAGE & A FLYER TO YOUR HOUSE NEARER  
THE DATE.



## **TOSTOCK BONFIRE & FIREWORKS**

Thanks to everyone who helped and to all who came  
- it was a great night and will be back next year.

KEEP CALM &  
**CEILIDH**

on.....

## **TOSTOCK CEILIDH**

**SAT, 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018**

Join us for an enjoyable night with good music,  
good dancing & good company.

Table Tennis Table is installed and in use!  
Grab your bats and ball & enjoy using the table.



## **TOSTOCK VILLAGE HALL YOUR LOCAL VENUE**

**Competitive Rates of Hire Round Tables**

**Insured for up to 120 people**

**Good Parking**

**Marquees available for hire**

Contact Doreen Buckle on 270605 or [tostocktvh@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tostocktvh@hotmail.co.uk) to reserve it for your Event



## **\* Notes from the Tostock Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

### **Public participation**

Concern was expressed at the absence of minutes of the previous meeting. It was explained that this was due to the Clerk's illness.

A question was raised as to the *\*possibility of summarising and reducing the amount of space taken up on Parish Council issues and that this was putting people off reading the Chronicle*. It was explained that this was a matter for the Editor of the Chronicle and that for detailed information people could be directed the website.

Concerns were raised about Norton Road ditches being overgrown and full of debris increasing the risk of flooding which presents an additional hazard in cold or wet weather.

The issue speeding along Norton Road was raised and it was suggested that flashing speed warnings may reduce this. This was discussed at the last meeting and would require volunteers from around the village to move the signs around.

It was also asked if the litter picking arrangements included the village hall.

Tostock Football Pitch. The Council supported the suggestion that an application for Section 106 funding available to the Parish Council be applied for seeding, rolling and treatment of infestation of both pitches on the playing fields.

Request for Publicity Funding for the Art Show/Open Gardens This would cover the cost of posters and banners. It was agreed that the applicants be invited to attend the next Parish meeting to present their ideas and costings taking any account of any resources they had to contribute.

### **Village Matters**

#### **The Leys and Green Tracks**

Councillor Perks will contact the contractors to establish the start date for this work.

#### **Gateway Signage**

The Parish Council proposals have received an encouraging response from the new highways engineer. SCC has an agreement with a gateway supplier which will be followed up.

#### **The Telephone Box**

A further meeting with the contractor should enable an order to be placed to have it painted (£1,300 funding from reserves).

#### **The Fireworks Event**

This was very successful and contributed to a buffer fund to cover any losses from bad weather in future years.

#### **Tree Warden**

P Fletcher volunteered to find out what is required of a tree warden in order that she may act in this capacity on behalf of the Council.

**Date of Next Meeting – 17th December 2017.**

\* these are notes, for full details please refer to website [www.tostock.suffolk.cloud](http://www.tostock.suffolk.cloud)

## Reporting a problem to the County or District Council

Both Suffolk County Council and Mid Suffolk District Council provide online reporting facilities that anyone can use to report a problem. The Parish Council encourages anyone spotting a problem to use this online reporting facility. It is not too difficult to use!

**Suffolk County Council** deal with the following problems:

- ◆ Debris, weeds or mud on the road
- ◆ Empty salt grit bin
- ◆ Flooding
- ◆ Drain-manhole cover
- ◆ Grass cutting
- ◆ Missing or damaged barriers or guardrails
- ◆ Blocked drain
- ◆ Obscured, missing or damaged sign
- ◆ Pothole
- ◆ Pavement defect
- ◆ Public right of way
- ◆ Public transport problem
- ◆ Traffic signal or pedestrian crossing
- ◆ Tree or hedge affecting the highway
- ◆

Go directly to the Highways Reporting Tool, <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/> to report any of the above.

**Mid Suffolk District Council** deal with the following problems:

- ◆ A grounds maintenance issue
- ◆ Debris, weeds or mud on the road
- ◆ Street Litter and Dog Waste
- ◆ Dead Animals
- ◆ Graffiti
- ◆ Fly - tipping
- ◆ Noise Nuisance
- ◆ Street Cleansing
- ◆ Abandoned Vehicles
- ◆

Report any of the above problems to Mid Suffolk District Council at <http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/report/>



## St Andrew's Church Tostock

(Benefice of Pakenham, Norton & Tostock with Great Ashfield, Hunston & Stowlangtoft)

Priest-in-Charge Revd Katherine Valentine Tel 01359 235095

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### SERVICES DECEMBER 2017- JANUARY 2018

Our beautiful and ancient church is open daily for visitors and private prayer.

#### DECEMBER

- 3rd BENEFICE SERVICE** 9.30am -for 10am family@church CHRISTINGLE at Pakenham
- 10th** 3pm CAROL SERVICE (bring gifts to put under the tree for children at Bury Women's Aid Centre)
- 17th** 10am Morning Prayer
- 24th Christmas Eve** 3pm Crib Service (children come dressed as Shepherds, Wise Men or Angels).
- 25th Christmas Day** 10am Family Festival Communion
- 31st** 10am **BENEFICE COMMUNION**

#### JANUARY

- 7th BENEFICE SERVICE** 9.30am for 10am family@church at Pakenham - We three Kings
- 14th** 9.30am Holy Communion
- 21st** 6pm United service at Norton Salvation Army (see below)
- 28th** 11am Morning Prayer

#### Countryside Church at The Croft

**Mondays 18th December & 15th January - 10am.**

An informal service of prayer and praise for everyone, held at The Croft.

Come and sing your favourite hymns (carols in December), chat with friends, and enjoy the refreshments.

#### **CAROL SINGING WITH THE NORTON SALVATION ARMY BAND**

Thursday 14th December 7pm

in St Andrew's Church

All welcome

in aid of St Nicholas' Hospice

with Christmas Refreshments!

#### **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18TH-25TH JANUARY 2018**

UNITED SERVICE AT THE SALVATION ARMY IN NORTON SUNDAY 21ST JANUARY 2018 6PM FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS

**TO HELP WITH YOUR CHRISTMAS PLANS: - CHRISTMAS SERVICES & ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES AROUND THE BENEFICE**



# St Andrew's Church News



The Remembrance Sunday Service was well-attended ,with all the traditional hymns and laying of the poppy wreath on the Memorial .

This year , Guy Bishop read out the names of those Tostock Men who did not return and are recorded on the War Memorial . A wooden cross for each man was placed in the churchyard .

Today ( **Nov . 18<sup>th</sup>** ) , we held our **Christmas Fair** , at the Village Hall . The hall was full of activity from early morning until the opening at 12 o'clock . All the stalls were brightly decorated and full of interesting items ,especially the Raffle , with five packed hampers and many other prizes . The pop-up-cafe had wonderful soups which were very popular as soon as the customers arrived . It was good to see so many people coming along , some from far -away places like Felixstowe ! It was a very happy and successful occasion . Thanks to all our wonderful helpers for their hard work , and to everyone who made donations , and to all who supported the Fair .



November 19<sup>th</sup> , the Christmas Fair has raised an amazing total of £1078 for Church funds !

Thanks to everyone who made this possible !

In December we have several important events to remember !

**Sunday Dec.10<sup>th</sup> at 3pm** , the Carol Service , with the collection of gifts for the children in the Bury Refuge .

**Tuesday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.** The Coffee Morning in aid of the Rohingya refugee children who have been driven out of their homes and are seeking refuge in Bangladesh . We hope to see lots of people to enjoy the coffee and chat .

**Thursday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** The Salvation Army Band will be playing Carols in Church ,always an amazing event ! refreshments are served afterwards . Do come and join in .

**Sunday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.** The Crib Service .

**Monday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Day , Family Communion **at 10am** .

The Floodlights are sponsored this month by Margaret and Keith Osbourne , to celebrate their 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary .

## Calling all Tostock gardeners!



Tostock will be holding its Open Gardens on June 17<sup>th</sup> 2018 as part of the annual art show weekend.

If you have opened your garden to the public before or are interested in opening for a first time then we would love to hear from you.

The Open Gardens is a chance for people to see our great range of gardens in Tostock. Gardens do not have to be large or grand, most people are just interested in how people have planted their plot and what plants grow well.

If you would like to open your garden then the main requirement is that you need to be able to welcome people and answer any questions people may have between 11 and 5 on the 17<sup>th</sup> June.

For further information or to confirm your interest then please contact:

Gail Moyle 270787

or

Jeanne O'Reilly 270337

# Tostock Village 2018 Calendar.

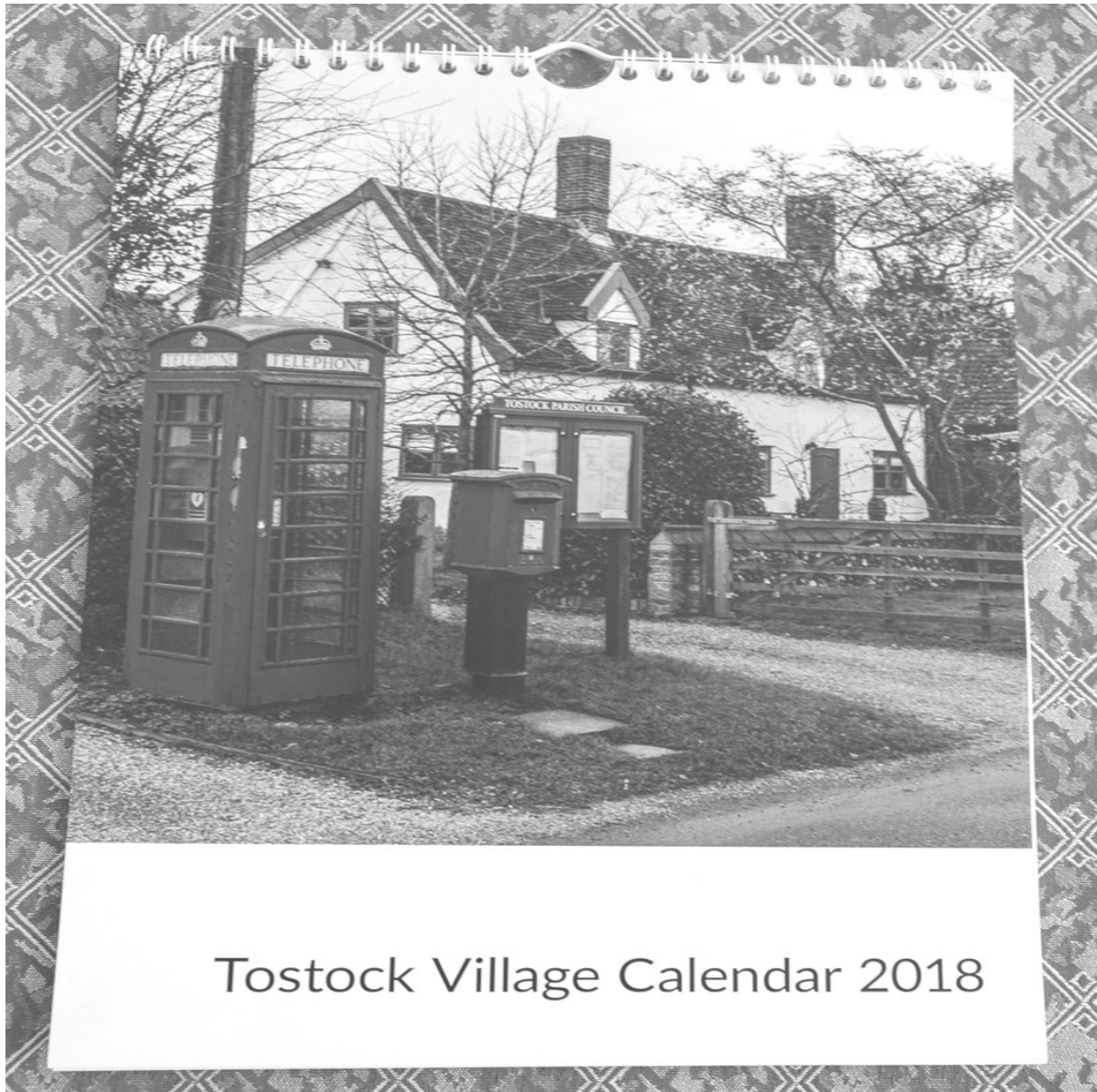


Photo of the front cover of the calendar.

Derrick Poole, Andy Nott and Jim Langlois have taken on the responsibility of collecting the pictures and having them printed into a calendar.

The calendars will be available to be purchased at the Xmas Bazaar at a cost of **£5 each**.  
The profits will be shared between St Andrew's Church and the Village Hall.

The points of contact are :

Jim Langlois 01359 270456 and Derrick Poole 01359 270197

If people wish to buy direct from us.

In the year of 1955 there was a brilliant British ballad singer by the name of Dickie Valentine, that particular year he had no fewer than six top hit records in the hit charts, come December of that year he reached the number one spot with the enormous successful song called "The Christmas Alphabet". That was in the days when records were the big old 78 R.P.M vinyl. However that song gives me the idea to bring Tostock's countryside indoors and do my own Christmas Alphabet. If any of you are inclined to do your own then by all means do so – you can use the same words but change the meanings. I will be glad to hear from you and I'm sure I can find you a small prize should you do so, drop it into my letterbox 3 Wood Close, *we can have a little bit of fun comparing.*

**A/** Apple – we go right back to the beginning, the Garden of Eden and the forbidden apple that Eve picked and offered to Adam to take a bite. To this day its still a tradition to put an apple in the Christmas stocking, and yes we still give each other a stocking at the bottom of the bed.

Angels – were prominent at the time of the birth of Jesus. First Angel Gabriel appeared in front of Mary telling her not to be afraid and that she would bare a son, and to Joseph telling him to marry her.

**B/** Baubles – baubles have replaced the old fashioned paper chains, and today are quite a feature. My favourite are the scarlet red ones, followed by purple, gold and silver.

Bells – Its always a joy to hear the Tostock Church bells especially at Christmas, well done to Sue and her team of ringers. Lets not forget the hand bells and mechanical ones too, they all create the atmosphere.

**C/** Church – The Church is one foundation. Its God's house of prayer and worship and is the main hub of the village. One in all, all in one. I honestly feel much happier when I leave the church as opposed to going in.

Cards – show that we all care for one another, and thats the way it should be.

Carols – I love the build up towards Christmas and there's nothing better than singing the lovely Carols. We all have our favourite ones – mine is "In The Bleak Mid Winter" and "Silent Night"

Cake – There is an art and skill in making the Christmas cake and we should teach our young generation to get involved with making one, not get drawn in by buying from the Supermarkets.

**D/** Decorations – A few people in Tostock go to great lengths to decorate their property on the outside throughout December for us all to enjoy - well done to you all. Modern materials used in decorations today simply get better with tinsel, which glitters and sparkle, led bulbs with solar energy and bright coloured flashing lights – makes it all spectacular.

Donkey – The little Donkey comes into its own at Christmas with the image of the long and dusty road carrying Mary to Bethlehem.

Dates – We've always had Dates as far back as I can remember.

**E/** Eastern Star – The Star which led to Bethlehem that shone so bright.

Evergreens – That keep our woods and countryside alive during the bleak mid winter.

**F/** Father Christmas – Long may he reign, it wouldn't be Christmas without him, we must not forget Frosty the Snowman

**G/** God – God our Father, The Immortal, Almighty God

Gospel – My own personal highlight of the entire 24 hours of Christmas Day is the moment the gospel is read out at our Church, preferably by Katherine. In the beginning was the word, and the word was made God, through him all things were made, and the word was made flesh etc. etc.

**H/** Heaven, Holy Spirit – Heaven is God's providence, our destination through the Holy Spirit

Homes – Homes and families are where we spend the happiest days of our lives and should be appreciated. We ought to remember all people less fortunate than ourselves, who are ill and in hospital, also the lonely and homeless people.

Holly – I absolutely love this shrub and every garden should have one,

**I/** also the Ivy.

Icing - "icing on the cake" we've all used that expression, therefore we must preserve the tradition of a Christmas cake with the icings and trimmings on top – Santa, Snowman, Robin, Holly and Tree etc.

**J/** Jesus Christ – The birth of our Lord Jesus is what Christmas is all about.

Joseph – Its no coincidence they both begin with a J.

Joyful – Reason to celebrate and be joyful.

**K/** King – Herald the King of Egypt who slew all the children born in Bethlehem and wanted to kill Jesus.

Kiss – Is a sign of Love, a show of affection, and a way of greeting each other.

**L/** Love – There's no greater or better word in the dictionary than Love. We should love one another the same as God loved us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Love could destroy all hatred and the world would be a much better place.

**M/** Mistletoe – A parasitic plant with white berries, a kiss under it is suppose to bring you luck.

Mince pies – I'm partial to these.

Mary - Mother of the Messiah who was born in a Manger.

**N/** Nuts – You can not have Christmas without a mixture of nuts – Walnuts being my favourite.

**O/** Open – The joy on tiny faces when they open the presents.

Oranges – I still put one in the stocking.

Oven – Well done all you women who cook such a good Christmas dinner with all ovens on the go. Some of us men would be hopeless without you, I wonder how many disastrous dinners up and down the country. I've never known one.

**P/** Plum Pudding – Like the cake, preference to the homemade as opposed to the bought one, its still part of the Christmas dinner.- (don't forget to put the tanner in) - 5p

Paper – Its still good to see the colourful Christmas wrapping paper.

**Q/** Queens Speech – Another highlight is to tune into the Queens Annual Speech.

Quiz – In our household we always round off the evening with various quizzes

**R/** Rudolph – The image of Rudolph the red nose reindeer pulling Santa and the sleigh along the rooftops never leaves you.

Robin - The Robin is part of the scene throughout our British winter in the garden or on the cards and calendars



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**S/** Santa Claus – You just can't image Christmas without him around.

Stocking – Its still important to get into the spirit of the day so yes we do still give each other a stocking full of little goodies, then indulge with a tippie of malt whisky and a mince pie afterwards.

**T/** Tree – Its great to bring the outside in with a decent size real spruce fir tree and give it its own space in the corner of the room fully decorated with a glow of an open fire that gives the warmth and charm of the season.

Toys – Its nice to see the children playing with their new toys.

**U/** University – Kings College, Cambridge is the first that comes to mind, nothing fits the mood better than the choir singing. All the lovely Carols in candle light in the Kings Chapel capturing the atmosphere.

**V/** Vegetables – The Brussel Sprouts hate or loathe them they're part of todays Turkey roast. I prefer roast parsnips myself.

Vicar – In Katherine we have the best, always inspirational, devoted and divine. Her greatest attribute is her vocal voice producing warmth and sincerity. Her sermons and addresses in the Church News are a joy to listen to and read.

**W/** Wisemen – We all know the story of the three Wisemen so we'll move on and have a glass of wine and a Walnut whip, and then send our good wishes to one and all.

"White Christmas" - The most ever played song of all time at this time of year by Bing Crosby which is something we all dream of A White Christmas.

**X/** Xylophone – My first ever musical Christmas present, I bet some child somewhere will get one as a present this Christmas.

**Y/** Yule Tide cake or Yule Log – You've got to have one along with the more modern Stollen cake which is my preference.

**Z/** Zion City – Holy Hill in ancient Jerusalem

I am now off to play the 78 record of Dickie Valentine's Christmas Alphabet.

Best wishes to you all

**Happy Christmas**



The nearest thing you can get to an Angel – the lovely Barn Owl in which I took just a mile from Tostock down the new Blackbourne Nature Reserve formerly Grove Farm.

## News from The Tower.



Here we are at the end of another year, we are most delighted to welcome Jim into our little band not only an accomplished ringer but another useful member of the maintenance team, we've had an array of visiting bands some old friends who come every year and some new ones, who hopefully will want to return. We've had one Wedding and two Baptisms to ring for, we rang with muffles on for Remembrance Sunday, and paid our own tribute to The Queen and Prince Philip's 70th Wedding Anniversary by ringing a series of call changes including Kings, Queens and reverse rounds. We have managed to ring for every service in Tostock even if at times with a reduced band, we are looking forward to ringing over the Christmas period and for New Year. we are always on the look out for more ringers so if you want to give it a try come along and give it a go, you can contact me on 270143. On behalf of The Tostock Ringers I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Sue Marriott.

## The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

November 2017

Many thanks for your very kind and generous support again this year.  
A total of £549.62 was raised from the various collections in the village.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the collectors and helpers:-

Pat Armstrong, Sue Bishop, Doreen Buckle, Roy Debenham, Liz Duvall, Barney Harrison, Mark and Corrinne Jull, Judy Swallow, Steve and Jill at the Gardners .

Also the congregation at the Remembrance Sunday service held at St Andrew's Church, Tostock.

Richard Duvall

Local Honorary Organiser.



# A BIG THANK YOU!

You helped us raise

**£350.00!**

at Macmillan's World's  
Biggest Coffee Morning

Together we've helped to make a huge difference to people facing cancer. So, we'd like to say thank you – we couldn't have done it without you.

**Thank you for being  
the icing on the cake.**

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DONATED.

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## TOSTOCK VILLAGE QUIZ



**Martin Hayman, Hannah Jones, Alan Jones, Gillian MacDowall and Graham MacDowall**

were the winning team at this year's Village Quiz. They are pictured here proudly displaying the Quiz Shield.

As a bonus, they get to set the questions for next year!

Ten teams enjoyed testing their brains in this popular and lighthearted event.

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## Tostock Flower and Vegetable Show

\*After all bills have been paid we hope to publish the accounts of the show in a future chronicle.

\*as promised from last issue



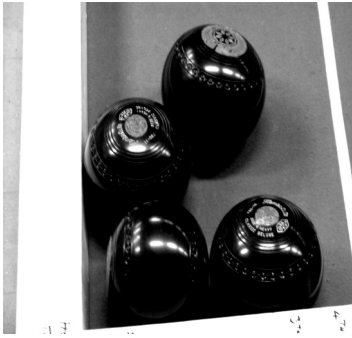
Here are the accounts for the 2017 Flower Show.... we ran at a loss,

but the shortfall was met out of the funds of the former Tostock Garden Club, held by the Show treasurer.

| <u>Income</u> |                | <u>Expenses</u>        |                |
|---------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Show entries  | £108           | Stationary             | £21.74         |
| Door          | £32            | Printing Schedules     | £33            |
| Raffle        | £44            | Judges expenses        | £40            |
| Teas          | £28            | Cash Prizes            | £60.80         |
| Donations     | £9.39          | Prize Vouchers         | £45            |
|               |                | Trophies               | £87.50         |
|               |                | (engraving & purchase) |                |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>£221.39</b> |                        | <b>£288.04</b> |

Balance = -£66.65

Julie Harrison (show secretary)



## Tostock Carpet Bowls Club



We have played about four league games now in the Premier League. December is going to be a busy month for us as we have two cups to play for.

Monday 4 - home to Needham Market - Joe Rice Cup

Wednesday 6 - away to Brockley - league

Monday 11 - home to Gt Whelnetham - league

Thursday 14 - away to Brockley - Knock-out Cup

Monday 18 - away to Cockfield - league

### January 2018

Thursday 11 - home to Brockley - Knock-out Cup

Thursday 18 - home to Hundon - league

Doreen Buckle  
Secretary

## Tostock Bookgroup

We have just had the last meeting of 2017, and spent some of the time choosing the titles to be read in 2018.

These are as following, though we will not be reading them in this order.....

*Restoration* by Rose Tremain

*Started Early, Took My Dog* by Kate Atkinson

*Magpie Murders* by A Horowitz

*Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout

*A Boy Made Of Blocks* by Keith Stuart

*The Long Song* by Andrea Levy

*The Taxidermist's Daughter* by Kate Mosse

*The Warmth of the Heart Prevents the Body from Rusting* by Marie de

*The Year of Living Danishly* by Helen Russell



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In addition we will have our usual "Lucky Dip" at the January meeting, and there will also be a poetry evening.

The meeting on the **24<sup>th</sup> January 2018** will be at Pine Acre, by kind invitation of Sarah Scully. We will be discussing *The Trap* by Kimberley Chambers. I hope to have a few library copies. Don't forget to bring a wrapped book for the Lucky Dip.

Julie Harrison  
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harrisoj69@hotmail.com

## Tostock Past and Present Society



Our autumn programme was well supported. First of all we welcomed back Peter Driver who gave us a fascinating account of Suffolk Men at Waterloo. This was followed in October by Donald Hill who brought to life the brave seamen, who have manned the Caister Lifeboat since the 19th Century. Donald donates all the money raised from his talks to the Caister Lifeboat who are not part of the RNLI.

Finally in November we welcomed Stephen Cook who use to run the Churchgate book shop.

Stephen gave us an excellent presentation on the Printed Book and brought along numerous examples both old and new.

Our new year begins on **Tuesday Feb 6th 2018**. The AGM takes place at 7.30pm and we have been fortunate to follow this on, with an excellent speaker - Martin Taylor who will be giving a talk on Secret Bury St Edmunds, including some of the more unusual stories from Bury's past.

### Forthcoming Events

February 6th- **AGM + Martyn Taylor Secret Bury St Edmunds** - Some of the more unusual stories from Bury's past.

March 6th- Peter Davidson **Ups & Downs: Barnardo's Foster Children in Suffolk 1890 - 1950**

April 3rd- Peter Barnes **The Royal Yacht, from a sailor's point of view.**

All our regular meetings are in Tostock Village Hall and commence at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of each month.

Non-members are always welcome.

For further information contact Anthony Scully 01359 270482 email [a.rod.scully@gmail.com](mailto:a.rod.scully@gmail.com)

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Please get in touch if you need advice. **Deadline 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

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# Tostock Village Hall Committee



## Can you be our new Chair?

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Our current Chair will stand down in April. The role involves chairing our meetings and being involved in current and future fundraising.

This is a great opportunity to be involved with an active Committee and give something back to our Community. No previous experience necessary, just fresh ideas and some of your time.

Contact Hannah on 272633 for more information  
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I am sure you agree a thriving Parish Council is needed to help look after the interests, services, environment and facilities of Tostock. If you can offer some time, share your particular knowledge and experience and get involved in areas of interest and concern, why not join the Parish Council. Applicants must be over 18 and live or work in the village.

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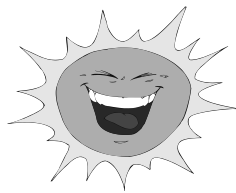
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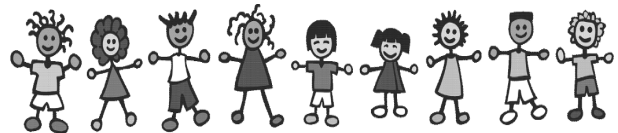
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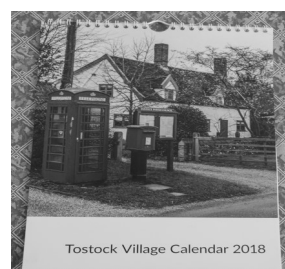
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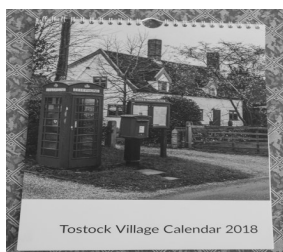
### December 2017

 **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>**  
 Toddlers  
 9.45 – 11.30am - Village Hall


 **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Charity** Coffee morning  
 10.30 - 12 noon - Village Hall


 **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**  
 Parish Council meeting  
 7.30pm - Village Hall


 **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**  
 Bowls  
 7.30pm - Village Hall





### January 2018

 **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup>**  
 Toddlers  
 9.45 – 11.30am - Village Hall

 **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>**  
 Coffee morning  
 10.30 - 12 noon - Village Hall

 **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>**  
 Parish Council meeting  
 7.30pm - Village Hall

 **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>**  
*Book Club*  
 8pm - Pineacre

 **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>**  
 Bowls  
 7.30pm - Village Hall

 **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>**  
 Bingo  
 2.30-4pm - Village Hall

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## Dates to Remember

### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

Past & Present– Mark Mitchels - **A Christmas Miscellany:**  
**A celebration of the festive season – Village Hall - 7.30pm**

### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

Lets do it concert- Beyton Campus - 7.30pm  
 (fundraising for swimming pool)

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Carol Singing with Norton Salvation Army - St Andrews Church - 7.30pm

### **Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**TOSTOCK TOAD RACING** –(latest details: Hannah 01359 272633)

#### Deadlines

COMMUNITY GRANTS      **16<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

#### Dates to look forward to:

**SAT, 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018**  
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#### **Art Show**

**June 15th, (preview), 16th & 17th**  
**Fri/Sat/Sun**

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