



Tostock Chronicle

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Merry Christmas



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Health

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Out of hours GP	111
West Suffolk Hospital	01284 713000

Samaritans	01284 75000
Drugs Hotline	0800253253
Crime Stoppers	555111

Police

Non-emergency	101
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Travel

Bus: www.travel-galloway.com	01449 766323
Rail: 084548595	
Dial a Ride: 01284 724545	

TOSTOCK VILLAGE ALL FOOLS NIGHT



Saturday 5th January (12th Night)
6pm to 9pm
Tostock Village Hall

Family entertainment for the young and the young in heart . Everyone welcome.

Brush off those post Christmas blues.

Bring a plate to share.

Tea, coffee and squash available or bring your own drinks.

Empty your cupboards and bring along any left over non perishables for our Food Bank collection box.

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Parish News

KEEP TOSTOCK TIDY

The Parish Council have taken note of many residents' views that the village is starting to look slightly scruffy and uncared for! It seems such a pity as the village won the **Best Kept Village** award for several years.

It has been suggested that we follow the lead of other villages and seek **volunteers** to help tidy up the village. Some ideas so far are

- a litter picking day
- speed signs and gateways tidying and cleaning
- trimming around telegraph poles
- cutting back hedges around playing field
- maintaining The Leys and pond



The Parish Council would like to support this initiative by inviting all residents to a **Social Evening** with mulled wine and nibbles to enable you to register your interest. Any other ideas for improving the look of the village would be welcome.

It is suggested that there would be four **Tidy Up Tostock** days in the year, starting in the spring when the weather starts improving. Dates could be advertised in the Chronicle when it is clear that spring has started!

So please join us **on Friday 14th December at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.**

We look forward to seeing you there.

Christmas Tree on The Green

The Parish Council is pleased to sponsor a Christmas Tree on The Green this year. Following a number of suggestions Councillor Fletcher researched and organised the installation and purchase of lights and tree.

Now that the installation method has been established and lights purchased future cost should only be for the tree.

We are very grateful to Eva Da Re for raising money for the Christmas tree at her cake stall at the village picnic.

Also thanks to Andy Taylor for installing the tree support.



Hope you enjoy the tree. Wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas.

Parish Council

Proposed Development Tostock Place

A development is proposed of up to **40 houses, plus a 40 bed Care Home with 12 assisted living bungalows**, which is clearly a material increase on the current housing stock of approximately 198 houses with implications for the villages infrastructure.

The proposed development is at Tostock Place would site the houses adjacent to New Road and the old A45. The Care Home would be sited north of Tostock Place nearer Church Road.

The Parish Council recently had a meeting to consider this development and minutes of that meeting will be available on the village website soon.

A web site has been setup by the planning consultants for this development. It contains more details and plans of the proposal. It can be found at this address

<http://www.tostock.csaenvironmental.co.uk/>

It should be pointed out that at this stage a formal planning application has not been submitted but is likely to come forward in the spring or at the latest in summer .

The Parish Council will consider this proposal further at our next **meeting on 12 December** in order to consolidate a response to the developers on behalf of the village as a whole.

In addition, the developer's website includes a feedback form for individual comments from villagers and we would encourage you to participate as the developers are anxious to hear your response so as to take these into account where possible.

Litter Picker Contract



The Parish Council is seeking to contract a **Litter Picker for Tostock.**

Quotations are invited for 2 hours per week. Equipment will be provided, such as black bags, litter pickers, gloves etc.

The work can be undertaken on any weekday or at weekends. The 2 hours can either be split or done on one occasion each week.

The contractor should also have the ability to respond to calls from villagers for an 'immediate' need for clearance of litter.

All roads and footpaths should be covered in a 4 week period.

The contract will be for twelve months with the option to extend year on year based on a satisfactory yearly review.

Applications to carry out the work, together with the cost and should be sent in writing to:

Mrs. Sandra Brown, Temporary Parish Clerk for Tostock Parish Council, Chapel House,
Elmswell Rd, Great Ashfield IP31 3HH or by email to sandra_brown60@hotmail.com

Applications to be received by 7th December 2018

Tostock Village Hall News - October & November 2018

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, 24th January 2019 at 7.30pm

YOUR IDEAS please..... Do you have any suggestions for improving or adding to our Village Hall and its playing areas?

If so, please let us know. Email: hannahgracejones@hotmail.com

A further **TOSTOCK CASINO NIGHT** is planned for **Saturday, 2nd March 2019** (Date to be confirmed)

A fun night on the old fashioned Casino tables.

More information in the next Chronicle



TOSTOCK FIREWORKS

A big **THANKS** to all who helped out!
It was a well-attended and fun village event.



TOSTOCK'S ANNUAL VILLAGE QUIZ

£100 raised for Children in Need.

Thanks to all who came & well done to the winning team.

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Derrick Poole 01359 270197

Gardners Arms

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Our generous villagers have done it again! You have topped last years total

Hopefully we will carry on that tradition Thank you all and very well done **Dianne**

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

November 2018

Many thanks for your very kind and generous support again, this very special centenary year.

A total of £967.82 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, Roy Debenham, Liz Duvall, Barney Harrison, Lyn Mills, Judy Swallow, Steve and Jill at the Gardeners .

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

Richard Duvall
Local Honorary Organiser.



To each and every one of you that has contributed to
The Tostock Chronicle.

An important communication piece for the whole community.
It is *very much appreciated* and long may you continue to be involved.

All the local business's that sponsor the Chronicle: Andy's Auto's, G L Cars, Green Matters, Rothwells , Eco Sweep, Clare Graves, C J Computer Services, Jane Hamblin, Ticehurst Gravel, Elmswell Pest Control, Cracknell's of Thurston, D B L Garden Services, Janine Arnold, Grange Butchers of Woolpit, Pippa Swallow, Andrea Alderton. **Gipping Press**

All the volunteer's who contribute: **Clubs:** Past & Present **Anthony Scully**, Indoor Bowls **Doreen Buckle**, Book Club **Julie Harrison**, Church News **Jeanne O'Reilly**, Fruit & Veg Comp **Barney Harrison** Our Vicar: **Katherine Valentine, The Village Hall Committee, The Parish Council, District & County Councillors** and our new very pleasant, efficient (temporary) New Parish Clerk: **Sandra Brown**

Resident contributions: **Derrick Poole** for Country Life, **Pauline Haywood** for her own words of Poetry, **Rachel Newport, Gayle Moyle, Dianne Mathews**, **Chronicle Photographer:** **Jim Langlois**, proof reader **Pip Fletcher** and proof reader and helper with Advertisements, **Sharon Burman** and Many More!

Our Dedicated and reliable Chronicle Delivery Team: **Sue Marriot**, who has delivered the Church Road area for many a year and **John & Katherine Lintin** who currently deliver to almost **ALL** of the Village.

Without you the Tostock Chronicle would not exist, Once again a heartfelt **THANK YOU**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Shirley Nice



Mid Suffolk District Council

Tree for Life

New parents who live in Mid Suffolk are being invited to apply for one year pilot of a Tree for Life scheme, offering parents a chance to plant a tree in the district to mark the arrival of new family members. The scheme aims to encourage the planting of trees and promote the benefits which trees bring to communities. This was an initiative suggested by the Greencom Group at MSDC.

The trees can be planted in the family's garden, including in those of council tenants. However those who do not have a garden are also welcome to apply, with council officers ready to provide details of suitable community orchards where the child's tree may be planted instead, or they may be planted in the gardens of grandparents who live in Mid Suffolk, or potentially at the parents' place of work, child's nursery or local school as well, if the property owners agree.

Any tree gifted as part of the scheme must be planted within the Mid Suffolk district.

This scheme covers trees for both new born and newly adopted children, with all families who received a new member between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2018 welcome to apply.

During the November to January period Mid Suffolk will run two events at which families can collect their trees and learn more about how to plant and maintain them. At these events families can learn about the scheme, what trees are available and how they will be planted, with activities planned for older brothers and sisters at the event as well. Details of these events will be sent to applicants to the scheme.

Applications for a Tree for Life must be submitted by 7 January 2019, with planting due to take place in January, which offers the best time to plant trees.

The application form can be found on the MSDC website
<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/communities/tree-for-life/>



Tostock Remembers

I am sure many of us have stood before the War Memorial in the church, read the names and felt sad at the waste of life. However after the brilliant Exhibition and amazing research done by Jeanne and Mike O'Reilly, those are no longer just names but real people who lived, worked and played in our village. We really do walk in their footsteps as we walk across the Green, down the lane-and across the fields.

The wonderful Exhibition, so thoughtfully put together by Sue Marriott, John Walker, Jeanne and Mike, gave us all much food for thought. It also seemed to have inspired the village to get on board and be part of the special weekend.

Thanks to Pauline and Paul Heyward's generosity in supplying the wool, and Pauline's inspirational help, poppies were knitted and created in all sorts of ways. Flowers were arranged in Regimental colours and artefacts assembled, making for a really fabulous display.

And who could forget John's Tostock Tommy!
 All those involved should be proud and happy
 that their hard work means that, hopefully,
we do not and must not ever forget.



Gail Moyle



List of men born in Tostock and served in WW1

Surname	Forenames	Year of Birth	Regiment	Service Number	Number of Medals
Allen	Sidney F	1892	Royal Scots. Fusiliers	1323	3
Borley	Robert	1881	Suffolk Regiment	202923	2
Borley	William	1889	10th London Regiment	422981	3
Buckle	Frederick J	1887	Royal Field Artillery	41165	3
Buckle	Bertie	1891	Machine Gun Corp	672792	
Buckle	Clarence C	1898	Royal Sussex Regiment	315007	
Clarke	Albert G	1898	Suffolk Regiment	4003	2
Clarke	Samuel	1878	Suffolk Regiment	8935	3
Clarke	Edgar	1875	Cambridge Regiment	327340	2
Davey	Sidney F	1882	Royal Army Service Corp	7766	
Downing	Arthur C	1898	Royal Garrison Regiment	90169	2
Everitt	John E	1894	Suffolk Regiment	36217	2
Everitt	Frederick J	1897	Bedford Regiment	30668	3
Everitt	Alfred	1885	Royal Army Service Corp	80693	3
Everitt	Sidney F	1892	Bedford Regiment	4076/200457	3
Finch	Harrey	1878	Suffolk Regiment	18559	2
Finch	David S	1897	Suffolk Regiment	20956	
Frost	Albert	1893	Suffolk Regiment	12101	3
Fuller	Victor Mark	1878	Royal Artillery	97419	2
Fuller	George A	1882	Royal Navy	174895	
Haselwood	Charles	1888	Suffolk Regiment	12978	3
Huffey	Herbert	1893	Suffolk Regiment	47587	2
Huffey	Victor Mark	1897	Suffolk Regiment	12915	3
Huffey	Cyril	1892	Cyclist Corp	9818	2
Lomax	Leonard Frank	1896	Royal Garrison Regiment	4136/294499	2
Huffey	Frank	1895	Royal Garrison Regiment	70364	2
Murton	Herbert	1888	Machine Gun Corp		2
Marriott	Herbert	1885	Suffolk Regiment	22451	2
Phillips	Thomas William	1887	RAF royal flying corp	42767	
Ramsbotham	George	1882	Norfolk Regiment	25965	2
Ramsbotham	John E	1893	Royal Garrison Regiment	123663	2
Ramsbotham	Bert	1886	Royal Garrison Regiment	101623	2
Ramsbotham	Sidney	1886	west yorkshire Regiment	168815	2
Sladden	Reginald George	1898	Royal Fusiliers	13176	
Steward	Albert T	1897	Royal West Kent Regiment	15530	3
Watts	Henry	1884	Suffolk Regiment	13177	3
Waylett	George	1897	Royal West Kent Regiment	18101	2
Waylett	James	1893	Suffolk Regiment	471864	3
Waylett	William F	1898	Norfolk Regiment	26858	
Wright	Geoffrey W	1900	East Surrey Regiment		
Wright	Thomas	1878	Suffolk Regiment	41250	2

WW1
TOSTOCK

We will remember them



St Andrew's Church News



Dates for Diaries !

Advent Sunday Dec. 2nd ,the annual Posada begins ,with Mary ,Joseph and their donkey on their journey around Tostock , hoping to find a home with some kind family .Please look after them for one night and then pass them on to another family – Mary and Joseph enjoy all kinds of adventures , they have been to school, they go shopping and just what mischief the donkey gets up to can be read in Mary's Diary . It would be wonderful if the travellers could be brought to the Crib Service at 3pm on Christmas Eve to finish their journey at the stable .

Tuesday Dec. 11th The Charity Coffee Morning at 10:30 in the village Hall . This year in aid of "Save the Children " as there are so many war zones and disasters around the world . It was felt that they would know where the money raised might be best used .

Sunday Dec. 16th at 3pm in Church , the Carol Service , when we collect gifts for the children in the Bury Refuge .

Thursday Dec. 20th , the Salvation Army Band in Church – a wonderful evening with refreshments Starting at 7pm .

Monday Dec. 24th , the Crib Service for all the Benefice at 3pm .

Tuesday Dec.25th Christmas Day Festival Family Communion at 10am.

Latest news

The **Christmas Fair** took place yesterday (**November 24th**) . The Hall looked very colourful with all the red and white tablecloths and the decorated stalls . There was a lovely friendly atmosphere with lots of people enjoying the lunches and teas .

All the stalls were busy , and a total of **£827** was raised for Church funds .

So many people have worked hard to make the day a success , the stall -holders , those organizing the Raffle and the competitions , the hard -working ladies in the kitchen , the people who helped to set out the stalls , thanks to you all ! Also thanks to all those who donated items for sale , and prizes for the enormous Raffle . The hampers were won by Julie Harrison and Val Kemball .

The bells were rung muffled before the Service and open following the Service as part of the "National" Ringing Remembers."



Jeanne and I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped make our Remembrance weekend such an enjoyable experience. Special thanks must go to **Mike O'Reilly** for all the research he carried out, finding the histories of our 13 men, plus the list of another 30 who returned from the war. Also to **John Walker** for the exhibition he displayed so wonderfully and for making our own "Tostock Tommy" who guarded the door. The flower ladies, **Julie Harrison, Rosemary Lister, Rosemary Pearson Lynne Jones, Lynne Murrell, Di Grimes, Gail Moyle, Jane Putt,** and **Pauline Haywood**, who created such beautiful displays to represent each man in their Regimental colours. To all the poppy knitters and those who made poppies out of other materials. I'm sure those who saw the displays were quite impressed with all your work. To **Anthony Scully** and The Past and Present Society for the loan of the Village Archives, which people found very interesting, also for erecting and dismantling the display boards in Church. **Rod Scott** from Beyton for the pieces he loaned us and for spending Saturday with us dressed as a WW1 soldier. Thanks especially to **Holly Weaver** for her help with our posters and to **Anne Freeman** for printing all our information posters which we displayed in Church. Anyone else who came and helped over the weekend and last but not least all those who came over the weekend .It was lovely to see the church being used for this communal event and shows what can be done when we all work together. We raised £300 for The Royal British Legion during the weekend. The Remembrance Service on 11th November was very well attended, the Service gave us all a chance to remember those who gave their lives so we can live in this beautiful village, the piece **Barney** read was especially moving. The bells were rung muffled before the Service and open following the Service as part of the "National" Ringing Remembers." A further £245 was donated through the collection on Sunday.

Once again thank you Tostock for all your support. Sue and Jeanne.

WW1 Memorials

Like many of the post-war baby boomers I knew little of the two world wars in childhood and early adulthood. Schools taught history up to and including the early Victorian era – anything else was modern! So as a child all I registered were the areas of London that were bombed out and hadn't yet been rebuilt.

But adulthood, and especially the death of my parents, brought a need to find out more about both conflicts, but particularly the First World War – the Great War. My father had been commissioned in the latter part of 1918 – aged 18, so had been spared the horrors of the trenches, but my grandfather was a pilot in the Royal Flying Corps – forerunner to the RAF, and was killed in a tragic air accident in 1916, when my mother was still a baby. Two uncles were killed, in Africa rather than in France, but still I felt a connection to the conflict.

Finally, in 2014 I made the journey to Belgium and Northern France. The plan was to be at the Menin Gate to hear the Last Post, and to visit Tyne Cot cemetery and Thiepval monument.

At Ypres the Flanders Field Museum in the Cloth Hall was an eye opener, but the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate was stunning. The memorial holds the names of over 54,000 soldiers who died in battle before 16th August 1917, and have no known grave. Every evening at 8pm the Ypres Fire Brigade members sound the Last Post in memory of those men who defended their country. As the last notes ring out they are followed by the haunting words – *They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old: age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.* I don't think anyone can deny the shiver that runs down the spine as the poppy petals fall from the roof.

So to Thiepval - the vast memorial built on the hill overlooking the Somme river. After seeing the visitors centre museum, I climbed the path to the memorial. A vast lawn leads up to the building and as you climb the steps the view of the Somme Valley spreads ahead. The memorial holds the names of over 72,000 soldiers who died in the Somme sector before 20th March 1918, most of whom died in the 1916 Somme offensive. The small cemetery holds a few graves of British and French soldiers, mostly unnamed. On the simple French crosses a single word *Inconnu (Unknown)*, on the British Portland stone headstones a longer tribute *A Soldier of the Great War - Known unto God.*

On the final day I visited Tyne Cot cemetery. Tyne Cot holds the graves of nearly 12,000 soldiers – almost eight and half thousand of them unknown. The memorial wall around gives the names of a further 35,000 who died between August 2017 and November 2018, and who have no known grave. As you pass around the memorial and into the cemetery a voice reads out each name on the memorial. The extent of the cemetery and the rows of stark white Portland stone headstones takes the breath away. I was told to think of each headstone as a soldier but it was almost unimaginable.

For months after this trip I was still recalling the sights I had seen with disturbing clarity. This was perhaps reinforced by a visit to the Tower of London to see the installation *Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red* in November of 2014, a river of red ceramic poppies filling the moat. A temporary but very fitting memorial to all those who perished.

Thiepval



Photos: Tyne Cot

Art Show and Open Gardens a Great Success

Thanks to enormous support from across the village this year's Art Show and Open Gardens made a profit of **£2,700.00**. The money will be split equally between the Village Hall and St Andrews Church. Money raised during the weekend included contributions from the following areas:



• Art Sales	• £850.00
• Raffle/Catalogues	• £500.00
• Teas and refreshments	• £550.00
• Open Gardens and Plant sales	• £420.00
• Jon and Janets' fudge, jams, pickles etc.	• £250.00

One Man and His Dog by Peter Gammon, was voted the visitors' favourite painting in the Show.



Peter Gammon with his painting,
'One Man and His Dog'
which was voted the visitor's favourite.

We received some lovely feedback regarding how much the artists, villagers and visitors had enjoyed the weekend. Our first Preview Evening attracted a good crowd and everyone appreciated the excellent canapés and refreshments. A Preview Evening is set to become a regular addition to the Art Show.

Dates for the 40th Anniversary

Next year is the Art Show's 40th Anniversary. Planning is already underway to make it, with your help, a wonderful weekend!

Preview Evening	Friday, 14th June 2019
Art Show	Saturday, 15th June 2019
Open Gardens	Sunday, 16th June 2019

ARWENS PROGRESS

Dear all

Here's the latest gymnastics news!

After a 16 week injury in April we finally went back to gym but very unconfident and nervous and with very little help and encouragement from the coaches Arwen was on the brink of giving up gymnastics' altogether, we decided to push for a place at pipers vale gymnastics club in Ipswich, she had been on there waiting list for almost a year, after just 1 phone call she went for a trial at the end of August, but was straight away told she was way above the level they had anticipated so a week later we were back again for another trial for county grades , these levels begin at 1 & finish at 6, automatically Arwen was put into grade 5 and also qualified for the regional team ! Although the drive is awful through rush hour over the Orwell bridge on a Tuesday and Friday night it's been worth it as her confidence has improved 100 % she is not afraid to try anything new and the coaches have been fantastic encouraging her all the way to "just go for it" when she asks if she can try something new they help her as much as needed to achieve it, and she is progressing in leaps and bounds, from the photos you can see she has mastered a tuck back on high beam, landing perfectly on her first attempt she has also mastered a 1.5 twist on floor and a double front somersault into the pit from the tumble track she is currently learning to "round off tuck back" off the vault table which after her accident was her biggest fear, so she is progressing rapidly !

"Watch this space for further news in the new year"

Keep it up!

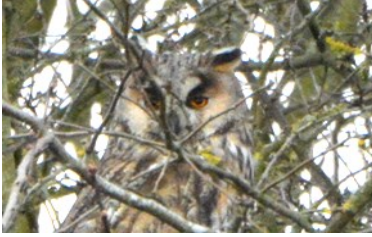


Arwen is one of the very talented children of **Rachel and Darren Newport**

(a very much part of the community family)

COUNTRY LIFE – D. Poole Number 24

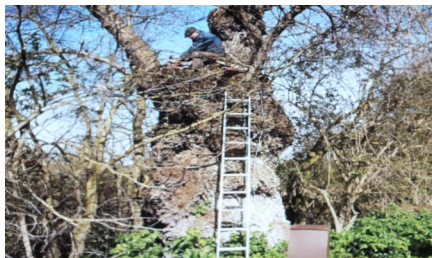
I have had a sensational past 20 months with my involvement and through seeing Owls, and it is not just with Barn Owls. For the first time ever I've helped a friend to raise 2 Tawny Owlets, also another first on the 29th March this year I spotted and photographed a pair of Long-Eared Owls in the Blackborne Nature Reserve formerly Grove Farm. I was rather hoping they would stay on and breed, but just appeared to be roosting there for about 5 days before flying off elsewhere. It would be great if it was to become a breeding site for them.



By way of appreciation to Lady Val Kemble who kindly informed me that a Little Owl regularly perched in a concaved hole up high in the Barns conversion on the Leys in amongst the ivy and regularly dropped down onto the front lawn to feed in front of Val's kitchen window. Also another Little Owl is using a box I made and put up in an Oak tree behind Wood Close along the ride going towards Rectory Farm. As yet I have no proof that any Little Owls have bred in that box so far, it has been present in that tree for 2 or 3 years now so I am hoping the time will come when I can say I have helped breed Little Owls. Here are the pictures of the 2 Little Owls.



The season started last Spring 2017 when 2 different friends both asked me to make them a box each. Paul Nunn from West Stow had been hearing Tawny Owls regularly most nights outside his front bedroom window so I went over and investigated, telling him exactly which tree was suitable and which branch to put up a box, I even volunteered to make it for him. Unbeknown to him the box was quickly occupied by a pair of Tawny Owls, however it was not until this Spring March 26th 2018 when the 2 baby Owlets emerged at the front of the box, little did he know that he had got Owls there. see the first 2 photos up above of the baby Tawny Owls. Also on March 26th 2017 Jillian Macready who owns a plot of land down Oaks Road, Thurston with the intention of turning it into a private Butterfly Nature Reserve also asked me to make and put up a box for her as part of her development for the Nature reserve which I agreed and went and put up for her. Again it wasn't too long before it too was occupied, this time by a pair of Barn Owls. The 2 Owls seemed to regularly use the box throughout 2017 continuing on into Spring of this year. When I checked the box on Tuesday the 17th July this year there were 3 eggs in it, but unfortunately felt rather cold and failed to hatch off. Probably they were a juvenile pair and the eggs were not fertile, or simply there was not enough food around which put them off, or possibly the "Beast from the East" took its toll.



Between December 2017 and March this year there were Barn Owls galore flying around Black Bourn Nature Reserve, you could see them almost every day. Just a reminder the Reserve is less than a mile from Tostock down Norton Road on the left. There was a couple of occasions during that time we had as many as 4 out hunting together all at the same time, other occasions at least 2 or 3. However, after feeling very optimistic they would breed there this Spring in the boxes provided it proved not to be the case.

It turned out to be a very poor breeding season across the entire County this year, there seems to be so much failure throughout.

In early April was when I spotted the Long-Eared Owls in the Black Bourn. Back home in Tostock our own community project we had some very good news – for the 3rd consecutive year we have bred Barn Owls, albeit just 1 Owlet this year. When I checked the box on the 17th July there were 2 chicks, one was very weak indeed and did not survive. Presumably Jack and Jill were parents again. They had the usual harassment from the Rooks and Jackdaws in the Park, but this year for the first time bred in the box across the road from the Leys in the Oak tree which is in the ancient meadow and farmed by Robert Baker (contract farmer). On August 16th at 6pm Patrick Barker from Suffolk Wildlife Trust conducted the ringing ceremony and what an enjoyable occasion it was. You just need to see the expression on people's faces to see why. The Owlet was sexed a female, weighing in at 368.2 grams and was predicted as 42 days old.



About 32 days old (6- August)



Maeve



Tom Stocking and son Ted



Robert Baker and Pauline Hawes

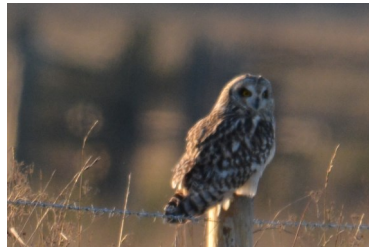
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Since that night the female Owlet has grown and flourished well, and up until 31st October was still in the box. These next 2 photos show her with her first kill and the second photo at about 70 days old and is almost fully grown now - you would not think it is the same Owl



The Leys and that vicinity is proving to be a good place to see Owls, so keep your eyes open.

I have mentioned and photographed 4 of the 5 species of the U.K's Owls, as yet I haven't spoken about the Short- Eared Owls. While Short-Eared Owls can be found in the U.K. all year round it's the winter months that sees the influx of numbers with birds escaping the harsh winter conditions of Scandinavia, Russia and Iceland. One of the hot spots to see them is Burwell Fen, which is less than 30 miles from Tostock. So as to achieve my ultimate goal which is to photograph all 5 species in one year I must act in the next two months. Now with only a week to go before this issue is emailed onto Shirley I must act fast now. So on Friday 2nd November when I awoke there was not a cloud in the sky, the weather looking perfect off I set. On my arrival at the Fens I was quick to meet up with my rival photographers, the news I received from them on arrival was very good – 3 Shorties had already been seen and photographed earlier in the week. So it was just a matter of time and patience, less than 2 hours in fact at 2pm the 1st one took to the skies, shortly followed by 2 more. My luck was in, my achievement accomplished – all 5 of U.K. species of Owls seen and photographed in less than a year and a 30 mile radius from Tostock.



Short-Eared Owls taken at Burwell Fen, Cambridgeshire on the 2nd November.

Some of the photos are featured in the Tostock Calendar 2019 which are on sale now at £5.00 each. I would very much appreciate your support by purchasing the village Calendar which you can obtain direct by phoning me on (01359 270197) Many thanks in advance

January can be a quiet boring period so why not spend some time creating something, giving a home to something, going somewhere, plant something in the garden and feeding something. First of all creating something – why not find a small patch in the garden where you can create a wildlife friendly water feature or pond, no more than a metre square. Ponds are a great way to give nature a home and now is a good time to start pond building, make sure you fill your pond with rain water from your water butts. Once it is filled and a liner is properly settled into place the edges can be covered by turfs of grass or slabs to give a pleasing appearance, and to protect it from the sunlight. Frogs and Toads prefer larger ponds but you can attract them to your smaller water feature too. Create corridors of cover next to the pond so they can move in or out and add a few logs or stones for shelter to increase your chance of seeing them. Giving – why not give a bird or hedgehog a home by either by making it or buying one, but it would be nicer to make one. Find a suitable place for a hedgehog box either behind a shed or greenhouse, make sure there is a hole in the hedge or fencing for it to manoeuvre about. A bird box you can hang up almost anywhere – branch, tree trunk, garden shed or fence panel, but PLEASE be aware of cats. Going somewhere - Snowdrops will be soon be blooming. As I have mentioned in the past Chippenham Park is a very a good place to see them. Perhaps visit a Wetland Trust to see Wildfowl, Cranes, places like Lackford Lakes for Kingfishers, Lakenheath Fen, Hickling Broad and Welney are just some other places to go to. Do not forget Burwell Fen for the Owls. Planting something in the garden – If the ground is soft enough to dig in your garden you can plan for future Winters by planting shrubs, Rowan and Hawthorn are excellent in a wildlife friendly garden, while Willow and Dogwood will add a splash of colour to a drab garden, be careful around areas of leaf litter and log piles as not everyone will be up and at it yet - lizards, hedgehogs and frogs will still be hibernating so try not to disturb them. You can also make a nice flower display with a suitable coloured washing-up bowl, prick a few holes in the bottom, fill it up with compost or soil and pot it up with some bulbs which you can get ready grown from garden centres, such as Snowdrops, Hyacinths, Crocus, miniature Daffodils, or Cyclamen, or 3 pots of Hellebors which is the Christmas Rose. You can now place your flower feature anywhere in your garden for the best view – middle of the lawn, patio etc.

Do not forget to feed your birds and hedgehogs.

Happy Christmas



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DECEMBER

2nd	<i>BENEFICE SERVICE</i>	9.30am	-for 10am family@church at Pakenham	CHRISTINGLE!
9th		9.30am		Holy Communion
16th		3pm		CAROL SERVICE
23rd		11am		Morning Prayer
24th	CHRISTMAS EVE	3pm		CRIB SERVICE - children invited to dress as angels/shepherds/wise men
25th	CHRISTMAS DAY	10am		FAMILY FESTIVAL COMMUNION
30th	<i>BENEFICE SERVICE</i>	10am		<i>Benefice Communion at Norton</i>

JANUARY

6th	<i>BENEFICE SERVICE</i>	9.30am	for 10am family@church at Pakenham	GIFTS!
13th		9.30am		Holy Communion
20th		6pm		Evening Prayer & Praise
27th		11am		Morning Prayer

SERVICES AT THE CROFT

Mondays 17th December - Carols & Mince pies

& 21st January at 10am - Songs of Praise.

All welcome to come to this informal act of worship where we sing our favourite hymns, pray for our village and share extremely nice refreshments!

CAROL SINGING IN ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WITH THE SALVATION ARMY BAND

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Look out for the invitation coming through your door!

SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER - CHRISTINGLE!

come at 9.30am to make your Christingle orange. This service celebrating Christ the light of the world is a wonderful way to start to prepare for Christmas!

SUNDAY 6TH JANUARY - GIFTS
- celebrating the visit of the Wise men to the infant Jesus.

NORTON SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT
8th December 4pm in St Andrew's Church Norton
Get ready for Christmas!

Come and enjoy this fun concert of carols, Christmas songs and readings. Christmassy refreshments too!

Donations in aid of St Andrew's Church and The Children's Society.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AROUND THE BENEFICE

please see below for all our Christmas services so you can find something to fit your diary and family commitments. Bring all your family and visitors along - everyone welcome to celebrate this wonderful season!

CAROL SERVICES

16th December: 2.30pm at Hunston, 3pm at Tostock, 6pm at Norton

23rd December: 3pm at Stowlangtoft, 5pm at Great Ashfield, 6.30pm at Pakenham

CRIB SERVICES:

children invited to come dressed as angels/shepherds/wise men.

24th December Christmas Eve: 3pm at Tostock

25th December Christmas Day: 10.30am at Great Ashfield

MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

24th December Christmas Eve: 11.30pm Great Ashfield

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

9.30am Norton Family Festival Communion

9.30am Hunston Family Festival Communion

10am Tostock Family Festival Communion

10.30am Great Ashfield Crib Service

11am Pakenham Family Festival Communion

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - ONLY JUSTICE

18TH-25TH JANUARY 2019

The aim of this annual week of prayer is to pray for the unity of all Christian people as we share Christ's ministry. We are fortunate in Norton to enjoy good relations between all our churches, so we pray with thanks for this and for the deepening of our friendship, and for the Christian church around the world, for greater fellowship and understanding. All are welcome to come to any of the events in Norton below.

Material for 2019 originates from the churches of Indonesia, where there is a strong emphasis upon the need for unity alongside the nation's ethnic and religious diversity. It also highlights issues of economic injustice which is very relevant in a country that has recently suffered so much from natural disasters.

UNITED SONGS OF PRAISE AT THE SALVATION ARMY
Norton Sunday 27th Jan 6pm - All welcome

TOSTOCK POORS ESTATE

IF THERE ARE ANY OLDER RESIDENTS OF TOSTOCK (Must have been resident for at least two years)

WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR THE CHRISTMAS CONTRIBUTION, COULD THEY PLEASE CONTACT

SHARON MARKELL. TELEPHONE NO: 271190 FOR AN APPLICATION FORM.

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Tostock Bookgroup



The Bookgroup

As I write, the votes are coming in to choose next year's mix of books for our programme of good reads. The list will be available to members after the November meeting.

We don't have a meeting in December, so on 23rd January we will have a poetry meeting at Pineacre, by invitation of Sarah Scully. Please share poems you have enjoyed, possibly by Philip Larkin, Carol Ann Duffy or Ted Hughes, or another favourite poet.

Please bring a wrapped book for the "lucky dip", which will provide the basis for the February meeting.

Julie Harrison 270247



Tostock Carpet Bowls Club



We are now into the Winter Carpet Bowls Season. Have played three away games in the Bury League, winning two out of the three games.

December games as follows:

- Friday 7- Woolpit - away Joe Rice Cup
- Monday 10 - Honington & Sapiston - home
- Monday 17 - Woolpit - home - Joe Rice Cup - Suffolk League

January 2019

- Monday 7 - Thurston - home - Knockout cup
- Tuesday 15 - Ixworth - away
- Monday 21 - Badwell Ash - home
- Tuesday 29 - Badwell Ash - away

Our annual Club Dinner this year will be in January and will be at the Stowmarket Golf Club.

Looking forward to continuing our winning streak.

Doreen Buckle
Secretary.

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Tostock Past and Present Society



In October, Brian Thurlow entertained us with a very interesting reenactment about 2 evacuees from the East End who came to stay on an East Anglian Farm during the second World War. They did return to the East End before the end of the blitz, and Brian, dressed as a Pearly King, was able to vividly recount what life was really like during the dreadful bombing and destruction. Many positive comments were made about his talk.

Our meeting on November 6th "The Lost Aerodrome of Elmswell" took place in **St Andrews Church Tostock**. We were combining our event with the Church to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War in 1918 and the Tostock Archives were on view the previous weekend.

The information and talk about the lost aerodrome has been put together by the extensive research of the Elmswell History Society and in addition to our members 30 non-members attended an excellent evening on local history.

Many thanks to Jeanne O'Reilly and her team for the WW 1 exhibition which was very much appreciated by all the visitors. I would also like to thank the volunteers who looked after the archives during the weekend

Sarah has put together an excellent programme for 2019 and we will be welcoming back many good speakers from the past. **The outline Programme is set out below** and there should be something to appeal to everyone.

February 5th- AGM + Dr Helen Geake **After Roman Britain: Who were the Anglo- Saxons**

March 5th- Ashley Cooper **Local Antarctic Associations: Scott's Polar Expedition**

April 2nd – Will Cranstoun **The Black Bourn Valley Nature Reserve (Suffolk Wildlife Trust)**

May 7th- Miriam Stead **The Bawdsey Story** -The history of the Bawdsey Manor Estate which became RAF Bawdsey, the world's 1st operational RADAR station

June 4th- Dr Nick Amor **The Suffolk Medieval Cloth Industry**

Sept 3rd- Pip Wright **For the Rest of your Natural Life: Suffolk convicts transported to Australia 1787-1867**

October 1st- Stuart Bowell **The History of Advertising**

Nov 5th- Jason Salisbury **Suffolk Farmhouse Cheeses, our journey**

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

***Notes from the Tostock Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 10th October 2018**

Present: Cllrs R Perks (Chairman), J Kearsley, D Blundell, N Cytacki, C Debenham and P Fletcher Mrs S Brown (Temporary Clerk)
Seven Members of the Public

APOLOGIES: Received and accepted from: Cllr S Mansel and County Cllr Jane Storey

REPORTS:

County Councillor **Cllr J Storey**: Apologies had been received and a report had been circulated to Councillors

District Councillors **Cllr S Mansel and J. Levantis**: Apologies given from Cllr Mansel a report had been received and circulated to Councillors. Cllr Levantis attended, a report had been received and circulated to Councillors. Cllr Levantis added to his report with a brief explanation why the Woolpit development appeal was allowed by the Inspector. This was briefly discussed including the design of place/buildings has moved up the agenda.

Village Hall: The draft minutes of the September meeting of the Village Hall on 13th September had been circulated to Councillors. The Village Hall confirmed they were happy to meet a working group from the Parish Council to agree an annual grant. Council discussed and agreed it would be good to have an idea of the grant figure before the precept is decided.

Public Forum: A representative from the Village Hall was in attendance and was happy to answer any questions arising from the draft minutes of the Village Hall committee meeting. They advised an annual grant would be most useful to help with the running costs of the Village Hall in the first instance and possibly larger projects, including the refurbishment of the village hall in the future. Cllr Kearsley highlighted the need to look to future costs including solar power etc for the village hall. The income stream of the village hall is fairly stable and locality funding helps each year. A brief discussion took place with a meeting between the village hall and parish council to be arranged. A resident highlighted the rubbish left at the entrance of a property, the clerk to send a letter. A question was asked on how we collectively look after the village and suggested a group of volunteers going out 4 times a year to blitz the village, this was discussed. Cllr Debenham thanked the team who were already helping in keeping the village tidy with the cutting of hedges etc. It was suggested an article could be placed in the Chronicle with a date for a meeting to try to get a group of volunteers together. A resident who had been burgled had carried out a petition with a number of signatories for the installation of CCTV in the village. It was asked if the Council could acquire quotes for CCTV and the running costs and apply for grants. question was asked on the Councillor vacancies. The Chair advised notices had gone in the Chronicle and on the Notice board asking if residents would like to put themselves forward for co option. The Chair explained the process in regards Councillor vacancies.

PLANNING:

The Chair advised re Perkins Way a number of residents adjoining the land had requested a meeting with the Developer/Floods & Water Officer/Planning Officer in regards surface water and drainage. The response received had been negative, not enough information to make a meeting worthwhile. Applications decided by Planning Authority:

Application DC/18/03618 Highmoor House, Norton Road – Erection of two storey extension – Granted

Application DC/18/03604 Crosswinds, Flatts Lane – Monkey Puzzles fell – Does not wish to object

Application DC/18/03477 Land north of Village Hall - Landscaping scheme – Approved Condition(s)

Application DC/18/03098 Willow Cottage, The Leys – Single storey extension – Granted

Application DC/18/03120 Foresters, New Road – 2no Dwellings – Granted

Application DC/18/03190 1 Bungalow, New Road – Rear & Side extensions - Granted

VILLAGE MATTERS:

Telephone Box update: The works had been completed the Clerk to contact Brems for the invoice. Cllr Debenham advised a resident had highlighted the ‘crowns’ had not been painted gold and he has offered to carry this out as they have the gold paint.

It was also stated the Post Box needs repainting, Cllr Blundell advised this is not owned by the Parish Council and he had already spoken with the postman who was passing a request to the Post Office for it to be painted.

Norton Road – Ditches and Trees: It was advised the hedge cutter had been along Norton Road and one tree had been taken down. The clerk to write to the landowner for an update.

Dog Waste Bins – Cllr Perks updated Council, one dog bin had been installed outside the village hall and had already been used and emptied. There were a further two bins to be installed and this would be carried out as soon as time permitted.

Speed Stickers – Cllr Fletcher updated Council still had a number of speed stickers with a further article to be placed in The Chronicle including a photograph with the speed sticker on a bin

Christmas Tree on The Green: Cllr Fletcher had circulated a report on the various options and costs.

CCTV: A petition received from a resident for the installation of CCTV in Tostock had been circulated to Councillors. The Chair had researched the issue and advised it was not straightforward and highlighted specific legislation which relate to Parish councils as well as reading extracts from the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012. Criminal incidents in Tostock, taken from the Suffolk Constabulary website over the last year has been circulated to Councillors. Councillor discussed the effectiveness of the system to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour, GDPR issues and the key issue from legislation showing a ‘pressing need’ for CCTV. It was highlighted in rural areas, if residents or business owners felt a need for CCTV they often install these themselves as long as the CCTV is on their land and directed at their premises/land. A suggestion was made that Neighbourhood Watch might be the way to go.

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It was recognised that people do worry about rural crime but from the list of incidents in Tostock from the Suffolk Constabulary website, there has not been a lot of incidents in the area.

A number of interruptions from a member of the public were received. Council agreed to invite the Community Policing Team to a public meeting to give advice to householders on how to prevent crime and anti social behaviour. To seek the Community Policing Team's advice on the appropriateness and

effectiveness of CCTV in Tostock to prevent crime.

Village To Do List: The Chair read out a list of suggestions for the improvement of the village received available, Council discussed with Cllr Kearsley proposing going ahead with the Christmas tree on The Green seconded by Cllr Cytacki with a maximum spend of £600 all in agreement. To consider underground power supply and possibly water next year. Thanks were given to Cllr Fletcher for all her work investigating this.

Speed Indicator Displays: Cllr Perks updated Council still looking at one further site.

Parking on The Green: No response had been received.

Fireworks on the Leys: The Clerk confirmed the completed special event form had been sent to the Insurance Company. Chair advised that at the recent meeting held to organise the firework event on 3 November it was felt a number of extra materials were needed to improve safety following last year's event. It was also suggested a voluntary team of residents could carry out a tidy of the village for example 4 times a year. Council agreed to promote a community event and arrange an informal meeting, mid December, in the Village Hall with refreshments for those residents who may be interested in volunteering to help keep the village of Tostock looking at its best. The Chair to check when the Village Hall is available in mid December for the meeting, to place on the next agenda.

Maintenance of verges and village gates: Included in the discussion above.

ITEMS FOR THE CHRONICLE: Article on bin speed stickers, Councillor vacancy

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

To confirm the date of the next scheduled meeting, as **Wednesday, 14th November 2018 at 7.30pm** in the village hall.

*** Notes from the Tostock Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 14th November 2018**

Present: Cllrs R Perks (Chairman), J Kearsley, D Blundell, N Cytacki, C Debenham, P Fletcher and S Mansel

Mrs S Brown (Temporary Clerk)

Four Members of the Public

REPORTS: County Councillor Cllr J Storey: Apologies had been received and a report had been circulated to Councillors, it was highlighted locality funding was still available. District Councillors Cllr S Mansel: A report had been received and circulated to Councillors which included: CIL funding, Local Investments, Business rate retention, joint local plan, housing consultations, tree for life scheme if information is available to place in The Chronicle, bin emptying and Councillor locality budget of which some funds are still available. Council briefly discussed and Cllr Mansel advised she and Cllr Levantis would welcome applications.

TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS: No one had come forward.

Public Forum:

A request for funding was made for x3 planters – x2 smaller planters approximately 20" square and 1x larger planter 3' long the cost for materials was approximately £86 (this does not include labour). It was hoped residents would adopt a box and hopefully care for the plants re-planting when necessary. The aim is to have the boxes in place by May 2019 if some funding was available. The clerk to seek permission from SCC Highways for the boxes to be placed on the verge in the first instance. Cllr Blundell asked if the grass would be trimmed around the boxes, it was advised this would be part of caring for the flower boxes.

TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF LITTER PICKER: The Chair advised the current litter picker had decided to stand down a resident had come forward to act as a litter picker contractor. Council discussed and agreed to place an advert in The Chronicle asking for any Contractor to quote for litter picking in the village. To place on next agenda. Cllr Cytacki advised there appeared to be more rubbish off Church Road. The Clerk informed Council GL Cars had advised this was not their rubbish as they have a commercial contract for all the waste and refuse. Council discussed and felt this may be a case of fly tipping the Clerk to contact MSDC to advise them.

TO CONSIDER PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY EVENT & INFORMAL MEETING: Council discussed the request from the last meeting made by residents for the Parish Council to facilitate a Community event/informal meeting for the promotion of working parties to help improve/enhance the village. Council agreed to hold the Community Event on the evening of **Friday, 14th December** if not available on Tuesday, 18th December.

Council agreed to supply mince pies, mulled wine and soft drinks all in agreement for a maximum budget of £150 to cover the event. All Councillors, if available agreed to help with the event. The Chair to send out email invites to all village organisations and an advert to go in The Chronicle along the lines of:

As requested by Residents – **A Christmas Community Event** – Mulled Wine and Mince Pies – Help Improve the Village – Come along to **Volunteer** – with the Date and time of the event.

TO CONSIDER VILLAGE HALL GRANT: The Village Hall had supplied the annual list of expenditure for 2017 & 2018 and capital expenditure for projects they hoped to carry out in 2019. The Chair advised it had previously been agreed for an annual grant to be given to the Village Hall rather than small amounts throughout the year. Council discussed Cllr Mansel proposed an annual grant of £2000 seconded by Cllr Cytacki this was carried by a 6 to 1 majority decision. To review the grant annually, it was also noted the Parish Council could give further monies to the Village Hall for capital projects using the Reserve Funds or CIL monies.

TO CONSIDER BUDGET 2019 - 2020: Proposed budget 2019/2020 had been circulated to Councillors. The Clerk and Council went through each item on the budget two items were amended Capital projects changed to grant to Village hall and training was changed to £500 Cllr Fletcher highlighted possible royal events may need to be taken into consideration Council discussed and agreed to add earmarked reserves of £500 for royal events. Cllr Mansel proposed Council accept the budget as attached to the minutes seconded by Cllr Fletcher all in agreement.

TO CONSIDER PRECEPT 2019 – 2020: Council discussed and Cllr Perks proposed a precept of £8285 seconded by Cllr Mansel all in agreement.

PLANNING: Cllr Perks left the room. Application DC/18/04677 Land adjoining Foresters, New Road: Outline planning application erection of 3no. Two storey dwellings and 1no single storey dwelling: Cllr Kearsley took over as Chair, Council discussed Cllr Kearsley proposed objecting to the application seconded by Cllr Fletcher all in agreement with the following comments: x This is back-land development not in character with the rest of the properties on this road which are all built parallel to the road. x This would increase traffic on a narrow road x No pavement to allow residents to walk safely to the centre of the village x Part of the development is outside the settlement boundary x Outside the 30mph limit, if granted SCC would need to consider moving the 30mph limit x The Parish Council would highlight the piecemeal nature of the applications on this site; it would be preferable to have a single plan. Cllr Perks re-joined the meeting.

VILLAGE MATTERS:

Norton Road – Ditches and Trees: the Clerk advised the land owner had been contacted for an update and been informed it was in the hands of the contractor.

Dog Waste Bins – Cllr Perks updated Council in the order to secure the dog waste bins 3 straps were required at an approximate cost of £19 + VAT each all Councillors in agreement for the purchase of the straps. The Chair to inform the clerk of the size of strap needed.

Speed Stickers – To take to the Community Event Cllr Fletcher to place another article in the next edition of The Chronicle.

Christmas Tree on The Green: Cllr Fletcher updated Council the hole should be completed by Sunday and the Christmas lights have been purchased. Council thanked Cllr Fletcher for all her work. It was noted some monies had been collected by a young resident to go towards the Christmas tree.

Speed Indicator Displays: Ongoing.

Fireworks on the Leys: The Chair advised this had been a very successful event.

Parking on The Green: Ongoing, it was reported this was still a problem; Council discussed a Councillor to have a word with a resident. To place on next agenda

CCTV: The Chair advised he had spoken to the Community Engagement Officer who was happy to give a talk on home security. Council agreed to invite the Officer to the Annual Parish meeting to place Home Security presentation on the next agenda

Village To Do List: This had been discussed above under the Community Event. j). Flower boxes at gateways: Council discussed Cllr Mansel suggested budgeting for compost and plants for the future Cllr Fletcher proposed a grant of £120 for x3 flower boxes as outlined by resident seconded by Cllr Mansel all in agreement.

Land for tree planting: Cllr Fletcher circulated information from The Suffolk Tree Warden Network and the Woodland Trust on the opportunity to plant trees in the parish, unfortunately it was too late for this year but it was ongoing and it was hoped to apply for trees for next year. Council discussed and agreed Cllr Fletcher to look into approaching SCC the owner of land on Flatts Lane if they would like trees planted or if they would like to transfer the land to the Parish Council to plant trees. It was noted the trees can be planted on any residents land. To place an article in The Chronicle.

ITEMS FOR THE CHRONICLE: Speed Stickers, Flower Boxes, Tree for Life Scheme, Christmas Community Event, Litter Picker Contractor.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

To confirm the date of the next scheduled meeting, as **Wednesday, 12th December 2018 at 7.30pm** in the village hall.

An **extra planning meeting** to be held on **Wednesday, 21st November at 7.30pm** in the village hall.

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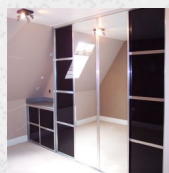
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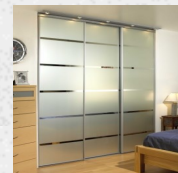
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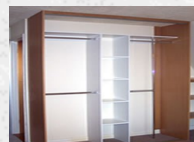
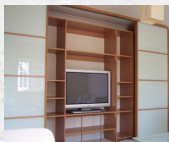


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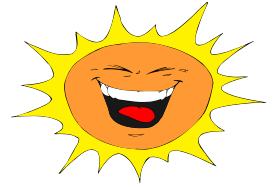


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Social evening

Friday 14th 7.30pm

Village Hall

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DATES TO LOOK FORWARD TO:



January 2019

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Saturday 5th January

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For the months of **FEBRUARY/MARCH 2019**

Entries for the next chronicle must reach Shirley Nice

Before **19th JANUARY 2019** preferably in word

email: shirley.nice@btinternet.com

Mid Suffolk District Council Waste and Recycling Christmas & New Year Bin Collection Schedule 2018-2019

Please ensure your bins are presented by 6.30am on the day of collection

Tuesday 25th December Thursday 27th December **2 days later**

Recycling

Tuesday 1st January Thursday 3rd January **2 days later**

Refuse

Tuesday 8th January Wednesday 9th January **1 day later**

Recycling

There will be no **brown** bin collections over Christmas and New Year (between 24th December and 4th January) Please refer to brown bin collection calendars available on: www.midsuffolk.gov.uk for details

From **Monday 14th January 2019** normal waste and recycling collections resume

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