

**TOSTOCK
CHRONICLE**

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including a full colour version of the Chronicle
Is available on our village website.

www.tostock.pc.org

Season Greetings



to you all!



**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



Tostock Village 2020 Calendar are Now Available



£5 each.

Can be purchased directly by contacting the following

Jim Langlois 01359 270456

Derrick Poole 01359 270197

The Gardeners

As usual the profits will be shared between the Village
Hall and St Andrews Church



St Andrew's Church, Norton
(IP31 3NB)

Presents

A Christmas Concert

Featuring



The
Tudor Rose Singers

Friday 20th December 2019 at 7.30pm

Festive Refreshments including Mulled Wine
will follow the performance

All Welcome

Admission Free!

(Donations on the night in aid of St Andrew's Church)



For further details please contact Martin Wood at dli.etal@tiscali.co.uk or 01359 242367

ATTENTION



Our animals can re-cycle xmas trees for the villagers (yes, eating them) so they are welcome to drop them after Xmas, at the gate of **Tostock Animal Parks**, which is located on the road that leads to the fly-over. Also in general, if villagers who grow vegs or fruits, they are most welcome to drop any of them that is surplus to requirement, including blemished ones at our gates, they will be gratefully received by our animals



FLOWER MEADOW

We would like to reply to the letter published in the last Edition of the Chronicle ,which was not in support of the Village Hall Committee's decision to create our own "Conservation area ", on one of the Playing Fields . We take note of the views and concerns of the residents of the Croft , but there are many people in the village who are very supportive of the decision to allow the grass to grow and to sow wild flowers .

Last Summer it was a pleasure to walk through the area which will become the meadow , along the paths mown through the grass by our helpful grass-cutters !

We are urged by environmentalist organisations to create such areas where land is available , to increase the bio-diversity of our countryside . This is a wonderful opportunity for Tostock to contribute to the National project , and we would like to ask residents to continue to support our Village Hall Committee in their efforts .

Signed,

Lynne Jones, Jeanne O'Reilly, Pip Fletcher, and others.



TOSTOCK TIDY DAYS

4th TOSTOCK TIDY DAY

This initiative was set up under the auspices of the Parish Council with the aim of engaging as many people as possible with improving and maintaining the village whilst having a little fun along the way!

As we enter the darker days of winter, we wanted to reflect on what we believe has been a successful year and thank all those who helped to make it happen.

We held 4 Tostock Tidy Days during which we think you will agree we achieved a lot.

Litter was picked throughout the village, footpaths and kerbs were cleared, swept and excess grass and moss growth cut back on large parts of New Road, Church Road, Norton Road and Wood Close. Areas around the newly erected village gates were cut back and tidied. Hedges around the village playing field were cut and the ditch between the playing field and Norton Road was cleared and strimmed. The play area at the village hall was also tidied up. The signs throughout the village are also regularly cleaned for which John Linton deserves special thanks. Without all those who participated this would not have been possible

We hope to build on this success in 2020 and beyond and will plan next year's dates and publish them in the Chronicle early in the year.

The more people we have involved the more we can achieve to make Tostock a village that we are all proud of and continue to enjoy living in!

So, if you have not yet been able to join us on a Tidy Day please come along to one of the days next year - you never know it could be fun and the coffee and cakes at the end are great!

Thank you to all the 2019 volunteers who turned up and did such sterling work. We hope you found it as enjoyable and satisfying as we did.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

See you all next year

From: Jim Debenham, Brian Jenkins, Adrian Malcom, Anthony Scully and Jim Langlois.

A Heartfelt Message to My Friends and Neighbours.

I am unable to individually write Christmas Best Wishes this year,

Therefore I am facilitating the Chronicle to do so.

I would very much like to :

Wish all my friends and neighbours a very

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

and send

Very best wishes for the

NEW YEAR



From myself and my family **THANK YOU** so much to everyone for all your kindness you have shown me throughout the year.

I am quite touched and truly appreciative.

From **Reta Stevens**
(The Old Post Office)

On behalf of the villagers and myself

A very big **Thank you** to our volunteer deliverers of the chronicle:

John and Kath Lintin, (who deliver the majority of the village) and **Sue Marriot**.

These lovely dedicated people deliver throughout the year come rain or shine!

Also a big **Thank you** to all those who contribute: the village hall committee, all of our clubs, Church news, The Parish council, (including our new clerk) **Sharon Burman**, and especially **Derrick Poole**, **Jim Langlois**, and **Sarah Reader** for your support in producing our village magazine

Very much appreciated.

The Tostock Chronicle is an important communication piece for the whole community, without you the Tostock Chronicle would not exist.

Have a very **Merry Christmas**

And a Happy Prosperous

New Year

Shirley Nice



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

November 2019



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

A total of £580.19 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, Liz Duvall, Barney Harrison, Mark and Corrinne Jull, Vanessa Malcolm, Lyn Mills, 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.



DIANNE & ARTHUR WOULD LIKE TO SAY:

**THANK
YOU**

Thank you for everything you did to help make Coffee Morning a huge success. Together we raised

£500.00

Every single item baked and every coin dropped in a box has helped change lives.



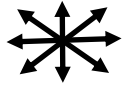
WORLD'S BIGGEST
**COFFEE
MORNING**

Fundraising for
**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**
RIGHT THERE WITH YOU

Organised in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC020907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland.

Just for Fun

Test your knowledge of Tostock Village. There are 15 properties hidden in this grid, all of which are on The Village Green. Any direction



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13. R----- (6) COTTAGE
14. S----- (10)
15. S----(5) COTTAGE

Answers on page 27

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Tostock Quiz

Seven teams competed at the Tostock quiz in the village hall on Friday 15 November.



Everyone enjoyed the light-hearted contest and the eventual winners were the 'Norty Quizzers' (pictured above) who have the pleasure of setting the questions next year!

Thanks to all who attended - we raised £50 for 'Children In Need'.

As a vegetable grower and allotment holder, this year has proven to be just an ordinary mediocre year. With the long hot Summer drought taking effect, most of my plants and seeds died off early, or quickly got smothered by weeds which don't seem to get affected by drought. To resolve the problem it would have meant spending longer hours up at the allotment weeding which I wasn't prepared to do, so I more or less gave up on the matter. Because of the drought situation full credit must go to Julie and Barney for going ahead with staging the Fruit and Vegetable show in early September, when it began to look as though it would have to be cancelled. What a good decision it proved to be. Although exhibits were down it was another brilliant show and well attended, standards were very high in all classes – well done to the organisers. However, it wasn't all gloom and doom. September and October brought the rains and so a resurgence of growth to the gardens, benefitting the Squash, Pumpkins and Marrows etc. bringing about a glut of these vegetables, so out came the recipe books. One of my wife Penny's specialities is her Pumpkin tart. In my search through the books I came across something I've not heard of before that is Pickled Grapes – stick a bunch of grapes in front of me and they wouldn't last long enough to get to the pickling stage (pardon the expression) anyhow here are 2 recipes for you to have a go at – 1. Smashed Squash on Toast and Pickled Grapes 2. Penny's Pumpkin Tart. If either of these two are too much trouble, then Squash Soup is much easier.



Colours at this time of year, and how the rusty reds and oranges are mirrored in the amazing array of Squashes and Pumpkins on display at Farm Shops and Markets. There is a Squash (gourd) for every occasion and this first recipe works beautifully with the nutty round Onion Squash, though the Butternut Squash would be a perfectly acceptable substitute. We're all so familiar with Avocado Toast. It's time to mix it up with a vegetable that can be seasonally sourced in the U.K. and lends itself wonderfully to a huge array of additional toppings. Here are the ingredients needed -2. Thick slices of Sour dough, 1 Onion Squash or Butternut, 2 cloves of Garlic minced, 2 sprigs of Rosemary, 2x3 tbs of Olive Oil (1 to be used in step 4) and (1 in step 5) this will apply to the salt and pepper as well, ½ lemon zest, handful of Kale leaves or you can use Swiss Chard, 75gms of Feta cheese, 500gms red or black grapes, 250 ml red wine vinegar, 50 ml water, 65gms castor sugar, 1 tbs black peppercorns and 1 tbs mustard seeds and 1 tbs of sal **Method 1** – First of all prepare the Pickled Grapes as they need to infuse for at least an hour, but will keep in the fridge for up to a week and are delicious in salads or part of a cheese board. Put the vinegar, water, sugar, salt and spices in a small pan and bring to the boil for a couple of minutes, leave to cool for 10-15 minutes.

2 – meanwhile, pick the Grapes off the stalks and slice each one in half, divide them between 2 sterilised 500 ml jars, then pour over the pickling liquid to cover the Grapes. **3** – Heat the oven to 180 degrees, peel the Onion Squash, or Butternut then cut in half length ways and scoop out the seeds from the middle. **4** – Chop the flesh into wedges, and toss in 2 tbs of Olive Oil, Garlic, salt and pepper. Arrange on a baking tray with the Rosemary sprigs and roast for 30-40 minutes, turning halfway to roast evenly. **5** – While your Squash roasts, roughly tear up your Kale leaves or Chard discarding the very thick middle stalks and place in a bowl with the remaining Olive Oil, lemon zest, salt and pepper. Gently massage the Kale or Chard for a couple of minutes until the leaves are soft and delicate. **6** – Once the Squash is roasted transfer to a bowl and roughly mash with a fork, toast your Sour dough and top with a good smear of the smashed Squash, a handful of Kale leaves, crumbled Feta and a scattering of Pickled Grapes. Sit back, eat and enjoy. (serves 2) for 4 or more just double the ingredients

Pumpkin Pie

Pumpkin Pie is often considered to be a very American dessert, made with a time saving tin of pumpkin puree, and given out only when friends across the pond are having a Thanksgiving Party, but when made from scratch it is a delicious autumn dessert. Ingredients (Pie crust) - 250g plain flour, 1/2tsp salt, 125g cold unsalted butter cut into cubes, 65g ice-cold water (Filling) - 250g pumpkin puree from 1 Pumpkin, 125g brown sugar, 200ml double cream, 3 eggs, Pinch of salt, 1/2tsp ground ginger, 1/2tsp ground cinnamon. **Method 1.** In the bowl of a food processor pulse together flour, salt and butter until they resemble coarse breadcrumbs, add the water to the bowl and mix until the dough just comes together into a ball, then tip the contents out onto a piece of cling film, wrap, and rest in the fridge for at least an hour. 2. Pre-heat your oven to 190 degrees. Cut your Pumpkin in half if small, or quarterly if slightly larger, and scoop out the seeds from the middle. 3. press flesh side down in a roasting tray with a pinch of salt and a few teaspoons of water and then roast for 50-60 minutes until cooked all the way through. Turn off the oven and leave the Pumpkin to cool on a wire rack. 4. Once cool enough to handle peel the skin away from the flesh, and whizz up the flesh in a food processor until completely smooth. Place a sieve over a bowl, then tip the contents of the food processor into the sieve and set aside for at least half an hour for the orange liquid to drain out, leaving you with a thicker puree. 5. While the Pumpkin is draining, on a well-floured worktop, roll your pastry out to approx. the thickness of a pound coin. Grease a 20 cm pie dish with butter and carefully drape your pastry into the dish and push into the edges. 6. Pierce the base with a fork a few times then put the dish in the fridge to rest for 30 minutes. Turn the oven back on to 170 degrees. 7. Once rested, line your pastry case with greaseproof paper and baking beans and bake for 20 minutes, remove the baking beans and paper and bake for a further 10 minutes until the base is golden. 8. in a large mixing bowl, whisk together your Pumpkin puree, sugar, cream, eggs, salt and spices until you have a creamy consistency. 9. Pour in your Pumpkin mixture and return to the oven for another 35/45 minutes until the filling is set, but still has a wobble in the middle. Leave to cool on a wire rack then slice up and serve with a generous scoop of cream or ice –cream, you can chop up a few chunks of stem ginger and mix into the ice-cream.

Pumpkin/Butternut Squash Soup

1 Squash diced, 1 medium Onion chopped, 1 clove of Garlic crushed, 100 ml Vegetable stock. In a heavy-based saucepan saute the onion, garlic and squash for about 8-10 minutes until lightly coloured. Add the stock and bring to a gentle boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 10-12 minutes. Pour into a food processor or blender and reduce to a fine liquid. Season to taste.

Now here is something for the children to make this Christmas :-

Here are the 2 templates for you to copy – 1. Simple snowflake 2. Petal snowflake
By increasing the size of the template you can make your Snowflakes a whole lot bigger

Floating snowflakes



Simple snowflake

Step 1: Fold a square of paper in half to make a triangle. **Step 2:** Fold in half again to make a smaller triangle. Put the long edge of the triangle to the bottom, then fold the left point over to the centre so the point is below the bottom edge. This makes a vertical line in the centre. Repeat with the right corner so an arrow shape is made. **Step 3:** Cut off the two overlapping points at the bottom. **Step 4:** Using the download from the website, make the cardboard template **Step 5:** Place the template on the side of the triangle that has no visible folding. Draw around the template with a pencil. **Step 6:** Cut out the shape. Do not cut all the way from one side to the other. **Step 7:** Carefully unfold the snowflake. To hang, tie a length of cotton through one of the holes.

Materials needed

- paper
- pencil
- scissors
- cardboard (for the temp)
- stapler (for ruffled snow)
- glue (for petal snowflake)
- white cotton

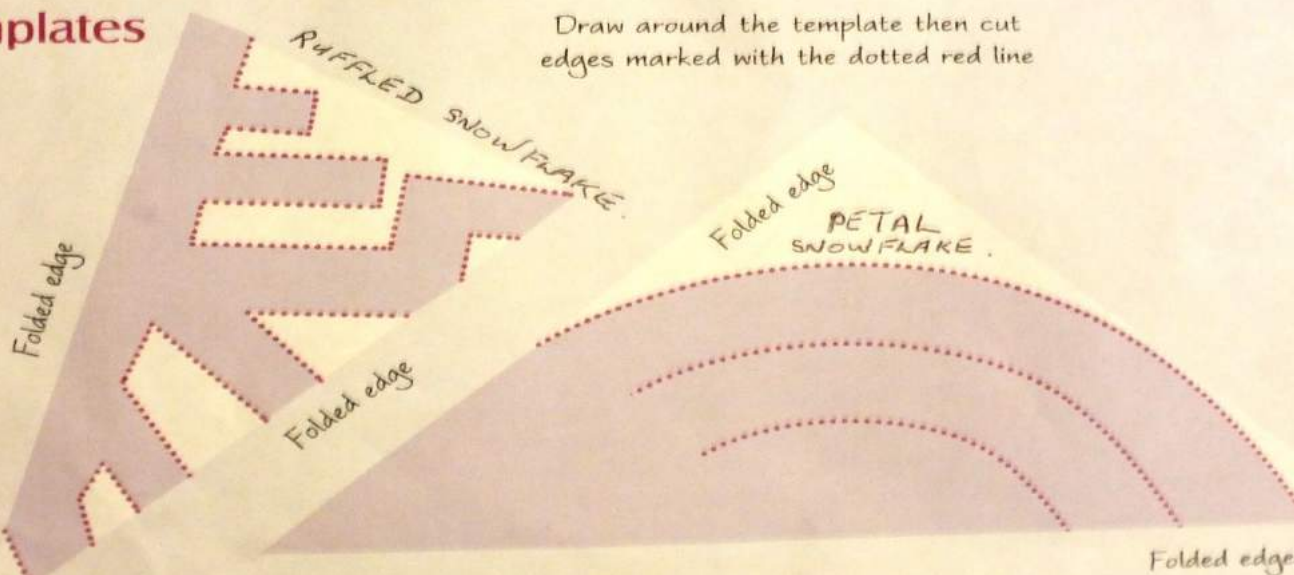


Petal snowflake

Step 1: Fold a square of paper in half to make a triangle. Fold in half again, and again. **Step 2:** Make an arc-shaped cardboard template as shown on the website. With the long edge of the triangle at the bottom and the folded edge on the left, place the template on the triangle and draw around it. **Step 3:** Cut out the arc shape. Then, from the right-hand corner of the arc, make 2 curved incisions along the cutting lines shown on the website. **Step 4:** Unfold the paper. **Step 5:** Put a blob of glue in the centre and fold the middle cut piece from each of the 4 'petals' into the centre. Repeat the process with a second square of paper. **Step 6:** Position one snowflake over the other at an angle so the petals of one are visible through the gaps of the other. Glue the centres of the two snowflakes together.

Templates

Draw around the template then cut edges marked with the dotted red line



Have a Merry Christmas

As some of my pictures will again appear in the **Tostock 2020 Calendar** I would very much appreciate your support in what I am trying to achieve by purchasing a Calendar at £5 each - the money being split between the Village Hall and the Church.

You can purchase 1 from me direct by telephoning (01359 270197) thank you again for your support – Derrick

Tostock Village Hall News: December 2019

The next meeting of the village Hall Committee's is due to take place on Wednesday, 15th January 2020, at the normal time of 7.30pm.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Trial Change: Village Hall Rubbish Disposal

Having taken guidance on best practice from a number of other village hall, we have decided to remove the dustbins which are picked up by MSDC and therefore also remove our main internal bins. **Bin bags will be provided at the hall and all users are kindly asked to take their rubbish away with them.** This change will allow for the easier day to day running and management of the hall, which heavily relies on volunteers from our local community.

Many thanks to all users of the hall for helping to make it work.

A very **big**



...to Paul Heywood for the regular volunteer support that he so has so willingly given to the Village Hall.

Thank you, Paul, it has been much appreciated.



Tostock Fireworks – Saturday, 2nd November 2019

Despite much uncertainty relating to the weather that was forecast, the fireworks were able to safely go ahead and were once again a success, with enough raised on the night to cover the costs, as well as make a donation to a local charity.

Many thanks to all who helped plan, set up and provide first aid/ marshalling support, as well as safely manage the bonfire and set off the fireworks on the evening. Our thanks too to the Parish Council who provide the health and safety framework to allow the event to take place.

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 01359 270605 or tostocktvh@hotmail.co.uk to reserve it for your Event

St Andrew's Church News



December is always a very busy month for us all – starting on Dec .1st, with our special Service at 3pm , to celebrate the restoration of the Bells 20 years ago ! It does not seem so long ago when we worked so hard to raise the funds with so many events and such generosity from village people and Charities . Revd .Carl Melville will preach at the service , as he came to learn to ring with us at Tostock all those years ago .

Please come and join us .

Also on **Dec. 1st** , Advent Sunday , the Christingle service will be at Pakenham ,as part of the “Family at Church”, 9:30 for 10am . Following the Service , our Advent Posada will begin ,when Mary, Joseph and their donkey begin their journey around Tostock . If they arrive at your door ,please take them in and look after them , then pass them on to another family next day .

They Have been staying with kind Tostock families for about ten Christmas journeys now, and have had many amazing adventures ,which are written down in Mary’s diary ! On Christmas Eve , we hope to see them arrive at the Crib Service at 3pm .

Tuesday **Dec.10th** , our regular **Coffee Morning , at 10 :30 am** , will be our Charity event , this year in aid of The British Red Cross Appeal for Syria , so we hope to have lots of people to enjoy the **Refreshments and conversations , as well as the Raffle !**

Sunday **Dec. 15th** is our **Carol Service , at 3pm** , when we collect gifts for the children at the Bury Refuge .

Thursday Dec. 19th the **Salvation Army Band** will be playing carols in Church .This has become a very popular annual event , with refreshments . Please note that this year we shall start at 7 :30

Tuesday **Dec . 24th** , Christmas Eve , the Crib Service is at 3pm , when the children are encouraged to come as angels , or shepherds ,and we hope to welcome Mary and Joseph with their donkey .

The Midnight Service of Holy Communion is at Tostock this year , starting at 11:30 pm .

Jeanne O’Reilly

TOSTOCK POORS ESTATE.

IF THERE ARE ANY OLDER RESIDENTS OF TOSTOCK (MUST HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT FOR TWO YEARS) WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR THE CHRISTMAS CONTRIBUTION, COULD THEY PLEASE CONTACT **SHARON MARKELL TEL 271190** FOR AN APPLICATION FORM.

ALL ENQUIRIES TREATED WITH STRICT CONFIDENCE.

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS NEED NOT APPLY.

St Andrew's Church Tostock

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

Rector: Revd Katherine Valentine Tel 01359 235095

Email: katherine@kavalentine.plus.com

Website: for more details of all our churches - including Tostock - see the national Church of England website
www.achurchnearyou.com

Our benefice Church magazine is also available online at www.vcnews.org.uk

SERVICES DECEMBER 2019 - JANUARY 2020

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

DECEMBER

1st ADVENT SUNDAY

BENEFICE SERVICE 9.30am for 10am family@church at Pakenham - CHRISTINGLE!

3pm Bells Anniversary Service

8th 9.30am Holy Communion

15th 3pm CAROL SERVICE - bring a gift for a child in the Bury
Women's Aid centre.

22nd 11am Morning Prayer

24th CHRISTMAS EVE 3pm CRIB SERVICE
11.30pm MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

25th CHRISTMAS DAY 10am FAMILY FESTIVAL COMMUNION

29th 10am *BENEFICE COMMUNION AT GREAT ASHFIELD*

JANUARY

5th *BENEFICE SERVICE 9.30am for 10am family@church at Pakenham - EPIPHANY*

12th 9.30am Holy Communion

19th 6pm Evening Prayer & Praise

26th 11am Morning Prayer
6pm *UNITED SERVICE FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
CHRISTIAN UNITY AT THE NORTON SALVATION
ARMY HALL (see below)*

SERVICES AT THE CROFT

Mondays 16th December 2019 & 20th January 2020 10am

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! The December service will be Carols & mince pies!!

CAROL SINGING - ALL WELCOME!

Thursday 19th December at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Tostock with the Salvation Army Band.

Delicious refreshments! In aid of St Nicholas' Hospice

THREE SPECIAL SERVICES FOR ADVENT SUNDAY!
CHRISTINGLE/BELLS/EVENSONG - SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS

continued

family@church

9.30am for 10am - St Mary's Pakenham

Breakfast refreshments & Crafts available from 9.30am This service on the first Sunday of every month is run by the whole benefice and is the opportunity for all our villages and families to join together in worship and get to know each other.

SUNDAY 1st December - CHRISTINGLE - a great way to start Advent. Come at 9.30am to make your Christingle!

SUNDAY 5th January - EPIPHANY - celebrating the visit of the Wise Men to the baby Jesus.

BELLS ANNIVERSARY SERVICE ST ANDREW'S TOSTOCK 1ST DEC 3PM

Come to this very special service to celebrate 20 years since the installation of the new bells and ringing gallery in our lovely church - bells which regularly continue to call people to worship, celebrate weddings, and commemorate loved ones. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful ring of bells and a dedicated team of local ringers to play them. You will have also heard them on their Monday practice nights, and hopefully have just enjoyed the music!

We are very pleased to welcome Revd Carl Melville as our preacher on this occasion, who used to be a member of our ringing team.

Please stay afterwards for refreshments.

SUNG EVENSONG WITH THE JUBILATE CHOIR directed by Martin Bagnall.

1ST DECEMBER - ADVENT SUNDAY - 6PM - at St Andrew's Norton.

This is a rare opportunity - don't miss it!

Come and enjoy this wonderful choir who are renowned throughout Suffolk. Refreshments after the service.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AROUND THE BENEFICE

To help with your Christmas family plans please see below for Christmas services in all our churches.

CAROL SERVICES - 15TH DEC - 2.30pm at Hunston, 3pm at Tostock, 4pm Community Carol service in Norton Salvation Army Hall (Norton Churches Together).

22ND DEC 3pm Stowlangtoft, 5pm Great Ashfield, 6.30pm Pakenham.

CRIB SERVICES - 3pm on Christmas Eve at Tostock

10.30am on Christmas Day at Great Ashfield.

Children are invited to come dressed as Angels/Shepherds/Wise Men.

MIDNIGHT COMMUNION - Christmas Eve - 11.30pm at Tostock.

CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY COMMUNION - 9.30am at Pakenham, 10am at Tostock, 11am at Norton & Hunston.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - Unusual Kindness

18TH-25TH JANUARY 2020

This year's material has been prepared by the people of Malta and Gozo, and focuses on hospitality, inspired by the hospitality and kindness shown to St Paul when he was shipwrecked on the island of Malta.

We give thanks for the hospitality we share between our churches and for the Christian church around the world and this calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. Our own Christian unity will be discovered not only through showing hospitality to one another, but also through loving encounters with those who do not share our language, culture or faith. All are welcome to come to any of the events in Norton below.

UNITED SONGS OF PRAISE AT THE SALVATION ARMY

Norton Sunday 26th Jan 6PM

UNITED DAILY PRAYER AT 9AM - MONDAY 20th AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

- TUESDAY 21st AT THE SALVATION ARMY

- WEDNESDAY 22nd AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH



Tostock Past and Present Society

Our autumn programme was well attended and we had 3 excellent speakers.

Pip Wright a well known local author and speaker gave us an entertaining and realistic account of Suffolk convicts who were transported to Australia. Stuart Bowell on the History of Advertising reminded us about all the early forms of advertising and slogans before new technology took over. Many members were reminded of the early adverts they remembered from their childhood in the 1950's and 60's. (The evening was very nostalgic).

Our final meeting of the year moved us right into the present, with an account by Jason Salisbury of how he and his wife have set up a dairy and cheese making unit at Creting St Mary. Jason came with an excellent reputation and he did not let us down. He could have been a great comedian and as a raconteur his skills are unsurpassed.

We begin our new year on Tuesday Feb 4th with our AGM followed by John Parnum (yes the John from our village) who will be giving a talk on "Great British Engineers"

John will bring a 'live' steam working model of an Industrial Scene and will fire it up.

Programme for winter/spring 2020

- February 4th - AGM + John Parnum "Great British Engineers"
- March 3rd - Will Lord "Prehistoric Man brought to Life: The 21st century cave man in Our time"
- Saturday March 7th - Doug Patterson "The Mughal Cascade & Conservatory"**
(In conjunction with the Village Hall Management Committee)
- April 7th - "SARS: Suffolk Accident Rescue Service"

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



TOSTOCK CARPET BOWLS CLUB



We have now played three games in the Premier league all away hoping that when we get some home fixtures we might pick up more points.

The Joe Rice Cup away has been played and we should have met them in the return game by the time you read this.

Forthcoming Fixtures:

December:

- Monday 2 - Stanningfield - home
 Monday 9 - Hundon - away
 Monday 16 - Woolpit - home - **Bury League Knock-out**

January 2020:

- Monday 13- Cockfield - away
 Monday 20 - Whelnetham - away
 Monday 27 - Barrow - home



Doreen Buckle

*** Notes from the Tostock Parish Council Meeting on on Wednesday 9th October 2019**

Present: Cllrs J Debenham (Chair), J Kearsley (Vice-Chair), D Blundell, O Boland, P Fletcher, P Boland, G Macdowall and M Johansson
County Councillor Jane Storey, District Councillor Harry Richardson, Mrs S Burman (Clerk)

18 Members of the Public

APOLOGIES: Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Nick Cytacki, District Councillor Wendy Turner.

REPORTS:

County Councillor J Storey: Spoke about an award winning Suffolk care home, a village award won by Woolpit and help available regarding a footpaths specialist. She mentioned the Elmswell Firefighter celebrating long service and stated our appreciation of them all.

District Councillor: Wendy Turner sent a report which had been circulated to councillors and included: The Green Group proposing a motion for MSDC to increase tree planting and the Council Admin voting against, the availability of tours for residents round Suffolk Energy's waste facility – book on their website, Thurston neighbourhood plan had a successful referendum 95.8% voted to go forward for adoption and Stowmarket Middle School site has had 38 affordable homes passed.

District Councillor: Harry Richardson attended and gave a report which included: increase in position to 5.61 years land supply for MSDC means that MSDC have now exceeded the government target for housebuilding and this releases any pressure to provide any additional development. Vote against more tree planting was due to committing MSDC to unfunded purchases of unspecified agricultural land.

Village Hall: None received.

Chairman: The Chairman stated that all the topics he had been involved in since the last meeting were listed on the agenda and he would comment on each of them as the meeting progressed.

UPDATES:

SID Speed Indicator Displays: The chairman had provided a report on pricing. This included 6 poles provided free of charge. It was explained that a data collection unit would be a useful indicator of vehicle numbers and speeds. The next step is to approach the homeowners in the vicinity of the proposed poles and with their agreement, to seek approval from highways.

30 MPH limit extensions on roads leading to and from the village. Cllr Fletcher was already looking into this and as a result the Parish Council had already written to Cllr Storey as is correct procedure regarding the speed limits, when a private homeowner also contacted Cllr Storey regarding the same subject. Some correspondence had passed between the parties and Cllr Fletcher reported that the received reply had been 'standard' The chairman suggested that Highways are asked to come and talk about the situation particular to Tostock before an accident happens. Cllr Storey stated that we had a very good chance of getting a 'concealed turning' sign or similar installed on the approach to Tostock Old Hall due to the very high hedge leading to the entrance. Highways would cover the cost of this. Cllr Storey thought it was very unlikely the speed limit would be changed in the lower part of Church Road. She stated the importance of keeping the pull in clear before the single pass bridge leading to the A1088 and had cleared this herself previously as it tends to silt up when it floods. The River Blackbourne zone is already designated a flood area. Cllr Storey thought it more likely that 30mph could be extended from The Leys to the village entrance.

BENCHES: Two of the three benches for repair had now been repaired and were looking splendid. The very heavy Leys pond bench had been removed today so that a review on it could take place. The chairman thanked Evan for his great work. The chairman provided some examples of new benches in both wood and recycled plastic – he requested that councillors email him with their preference so that he could present again at the next meeting.

THE LOCAL PLAN: Cllr MacDowall reported that no further research had taken place on this.

TO CONSIDER POORS CHARITY MEADOW OFFER: The chairman reported that the offer for the Parish Council to rent the Poor's Meadow had now been withdrawn. Cllr Cytacki had written to Tostock PC that the charity had decided to accept an offer to lease the Norton Road Meadow. Cllr Fletcher stated that she would look into the possibility of another site in the village in the future.

CORRESPONDENCE: A thank you letter from the bowls club for the donation for new team shirts was read out. It was noted that there is team photograph of the bowls club members wearing their splendid new attire in the chronicle.

A courtesy email had been received notifying removal or drastic pruning of a tree beginning to affect the lane and the telegraph wires at Romans Croft – as advised by MSDC Tree Officer.

A letter was received from Mrs Judy Swallow regarding permission for siting a celebratory bench in memory of her husband Mr Adrian Swallow. The land referred to is not Parish Council land and no funding is necessary from the council therefore the Parish Council have no objection and look forward to seeing the bench in situ next year.

ITEMS FOR THE CHRONICLE: Council Tax Scam, Something about recycling to follow up on District Councillors reports. Mention of the ongoing work and the super results regarding the village benches.

PLANNING: Application DC/19/03789 Notice of refusal received.

It was noted that planning application DC/18/05568 at Westwood, Leys Road had started but was restricted.

An eye to be kept on its progress.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Cllr Olivia Boland reported flooding/standing water and blocked drainage ditches near the single pass bridge pull in near the A1088. The chair advised that anyone can use the highways reporting tool on line and this is not a parish council matter – anyone can report and everyone, councillors and residents alike, should do so.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: To confirm the date of the next meeting as

Wednesday, 13th November 2019 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

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*** Notes from the Tostock Parish Council Meeting on on Wednesday 13th November, 2019**

Present: In the chair: J Kearsley (Vice-Chair), D Blundell, O Boland, P Fletcher, G Macdowall, N Cytacki and M Johansson
County Councillor Jane Storey, District Councillor Harry Richardson, Mrs S Burman (Clerk)

30 Members of the Public

APOLOGIES:

Apologies received from Cllr P Boland.

REPORTS:

County Councillor Cllr J Storey: Spoke about the new recycling waste hub opening at Bury, the changeovers at Highways and the newly named fleet of gritting lorries. Road safety information available for older and younger drivers and horse riders. Cllr Olivia Boland asked if the 4% rise in council tax had been announced yet and was told that it had not as it had not started to progress its way through council approval yet. Cllr Olivia Boland put it to Cllr Storey that MSDC had no money and Cllr Storey stated that this was incorrect.

District Councillor: Cllr Harry Richardson gave his report which included: MDSC corporate plan for economy, housing and wellbeing. The free swimming sessions for children programme has been extended to include the Christmas holidays. Cllr Kearsley enquired when it would be known details enabling Tostock to set budget and precept. Cllr Olivia Boland voiced her opinion re CIFCO and queried its directors. DC Richardson stated that CIFCO has varied directors expert in their fields and two County Councillors.

Village Hall: Cllr MacDowall gave a full report including trial of rubbish disposal – covered in section 9 later, VH Improvement Group, Playground Inspection, Fireworks went ahead and were successful, Fete to be held next spring – possibly anniversary of VE day? Wild Flower meadow discussed and VH committee voted to continue to nurture and grow this feature. Bring, share, swap bookcase now in operation in the foyer. Cllr Kearsley stated the need for the village hall committee to come up with a firm date for plans to be reviewed by the parish council when applying for CIL monies.

Chairman: No report.

Public Forum:

A villager stated that he had been down to the single pass bridge area of Church Road and taken note of the flooding problems there. He stated that a new entrance created for a previous planning application at Appledores Farm which was subsequently turned down, is still in place and had involved piping the ditch and creating an earth bridge over to the water meadow. In his view this should be returned to its original condition as no entrance was there historically and the water course would benefit from the ditch being reinstated.

A villager stated that in view of fly tipping being something no one liked to see, would the Parish Council investigate the removal of an old caravan which had been dumped at Appledores Farm which indicated that this area would become an increasing eyesore at the entrance to the village. The Vice Chair stated these queries could be added to the next agenda.

A resident wished to make a statement regarding the resignation of the Parish Council Chairman and wished to know the reason for his resignation.

Part of this statement is reproduced here:

‘Forgive me if I am talking out of turn or questioning somebody’s right for privacy. I am a Tostock villager and have been resident here for 12 and a half years. A couple of weeks ago I was told that the parish council chair had resigned from his post. I can honestly say that I was devastated by this news. Jim Debenham has lived in Tostock for some time and now has made this village his permanent home. He has integrated into village life so well and we are privileged that he and his wife chose to come here. He took on the role of parish council chair and has been instrumental in looking forward so much to enhance the lives of everyone who lives here. He gets things done. He presented as a professional and driven individual, and his relationship with councillor Graham MacDowall (as chair of the VHM team) is commendable – we are not a divided village as we once may have been, working together now in close harmony. Can you enlighten me please as to the reason for the chairs’ resignation as it is a very sad loss?’

The Vice Chair Cllr Kearsley made a response at this point: He said that Tostock Parish Council were shocked, surprised and greatly regretted the resignation of Jim Debenham.

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continued

He reported that this occurred following an exchange of e-mail correspondence between Councillor Olivia Boland and Mr Debenham (then chairman) and mentioned that Mr Debenham was better placed to respond on this than he. The correspondence in question had included threatened legal action and various accusations. The Vice Chairman stated that in his personal view this was a most unfortunate state of affairs and that individual councillors needed to act in a collaborative and constructive manner for the benefit of the village and the community. The parish council did not wish to conduct itself in this way, and he had never come across this conduct in his working life.

A villager wished to state that he was not in favour of extended 30mph limits in Church Road. He felt cutting back trees and filling potholes would achieve a safer country road. The Clerk advised the Woodland Trust had assured her that they were arriving to carry out maintenance in the next couple of weeks when she had needed to telephone them for advice after speaking to someone who was cutting wood and trees to take away from the wood. The woodland trust advice was to call the police if anyone is seen removing timber as it is theft.

A villager spoke in favour of applying to extend the 30mph limit in Church Road and stated GL Cars and Tostock Old Hall Livery Yard as reasons.

The Vice Chair encouraged **everyone to use the online Highways Dept reporting tool** for the potholes and flooding and Cllr Storey stated that she too would engage with Highways over the potholes.

LOCAL PLAN/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

Cllr MacDowall had consulted Beyton Parish Council who had a plan. Their advice was to engage a consultant who works with a core group of councillors. Beyton PC felt that this had saved them a lot of time and money. The chair asked Cllr MacDowall to carry on researching and the clerk to keep the subject on the agenda for the next meeting.

TO CONSIDER COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY:

The chairman stated that Tostock has £15,900.88 to be used by March 2023 and £10,833.92 to be used by April 2024 in CIL monies (already in our bank account but Tostock must apply to spend it.) Tostock also has £6,420 to come from Section 106 from the Flatts Lane development. Plus £764.67 for outdoor sport provision. This money must be applied for and used before 27th September 2020. It was agreed that the clerk would contact village clubs able to apply for this money. It was reiterated as previously covered in the discussion when Cllr MacDowall gave the village hall report towards the beginning of the meeting, that the Parish Council would like a firm date for a plan from the village hall. Cllr MacDowall reported that progress is being made and provisionally agreed the end of March 2020 for a plan for the PC to consider CIL monies to be spent.

Cllr Boland advised the chair of the village hall management committee on grants and charities information. She was assured that the village hall already was a charity and that a sub-committee was looking into various grants.

MOTIONS TO APPROVE GRIT BIN REPLACEMENTS AND LITTER BIN EMPTYING:

To approve purchase of 3 replacement grit bins for the junction of old A45, the point of the Leys and between The Drift and the Church @ £99 each. 6 councillors in favour.

To approve the addition of two litter bins to the MSDC collection (currently Fridays) One at the children's play area and one by the dog poo bin near the village hall/tennis court @ £35 per year each. Village Hall happy for Tostock PC to invoice them for the additional costs to TPC. 6 councillors in favour.

MOTION TO APPROVE COLOUR PRINTING OF THE CHRONICLE:

Cllr Olivia Boland queried lowering costs by using an online printer rather than the local Gipping Press as is currently used. Cllr Blundell queried the type of paper it would be printed on. It was proposed to defer this decision until the next meeting. Cllr Cytacki proposed that it be approved provisionally and Cllr Kearsely seconded this. The chair to speak to Shirley who currently produces the Chronicle.

PLANNING:

None received.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

Litter picker contract renewal, Footpaths Officer, Tree Officer

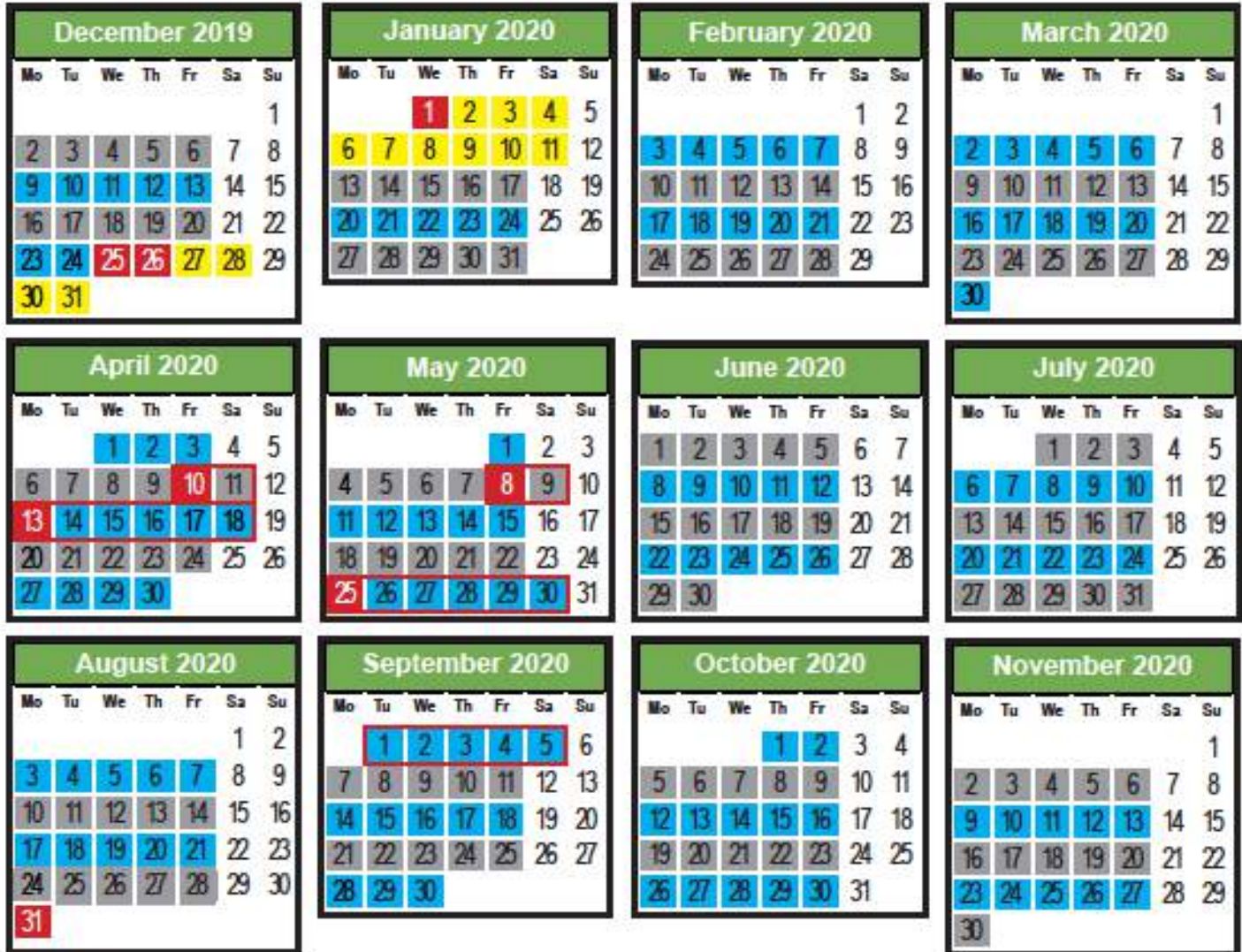
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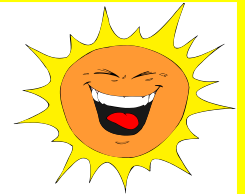
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