



TOSTOCK CHRONICLE



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Photo taken on a phone in Tostock



Some see weeds, others see wishes!

Fancy being on the front cover of the next Chronicle?

Then just colour in the image below to be in with a chance.

Colouring has become very popular amongst all ages due to its calming and relaxing nature. By concentrating on the colours and shapes you can begin to reduce your levels of stress or it can just be a fun activity to do.

Enjoy, open to all ages

Then either email to reader2014@talktalk.net or post into 'The Leap', Leys Road.





Tostock 40th Art Show

Weekend of 15th and 16th June

Saturday - 10am to 6pm • Sunday - 11am to 5pm

Open Gardens - Sunday - 11am to 5pm

St Andrews Church

Homemade teas and refreshments • Plant and craft stalls

Preview Evening

Wine & Canapés

Friday 14th June - 7pm to 9.30pm

Opportunity to make an early purchase

Tickets are free of charge but required for entry -

Contact: 07764 872900 or 07912 419936 or tostockartshow@gmail.com

This time last April 2018 I managed to take 2 quite stunning photographs of two of the most iconic migrant birds that make the long journey to our shores from Africa each Spring. Of course I'm very proud of my achievements, without being boastful the least I can do is to share my success with all you lovely people from Tostock. The iconic birds are the Turtle Dove and the Cuckoo in which I photographed both birds down at the Black Bourn Nature reserve formerly Grove Farm, just a mile or so from Tostock. They both took a little bit of skill and knowhow on my behalf. As you know birds are very wary of people, the slightest sound or movement will fly away in the opposite direction so I had to wait patiently inside a hide and hope they come to me. Here are the 2 photos for your enjoyment.



Both birds are very much in decline these days. We have lost nearly half of our breeding Cuckoos since 1995, the situation for Turtle Doves is even worse, there population has dropped 95% in the last 25 years and are becoming very rare to hear let alone to see or even photograph. When Penny and I first came to Tostock 23 years ago one of the first sounds that drew our attention was that of the Turtle Dove. You could hear its purring all day long down in the valley towards Norton, not so much these days, unfortunately becoming increasingly more scarce in the U.K. Turtle Doves favour farmland with tall thick hedges or scrub, often seen on wires and on top of shrubs. Has fast flickering flight and characteristic purring sound or turring call which gives the bird its name, usually seen near a pond or water. Arriving in the U.K. end of April early May.



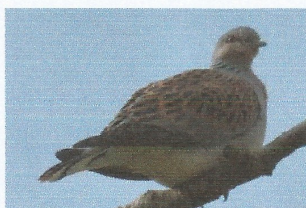
Cuckoos breed in many habitats including woodland, reedbeds and uplands. Listen for their cuckoo song, then as soon as it stops look for a falcon-like bird flying low. wing beats not above horizontal often cuckooing as it goes. We all know the female lays its eggs in other species nests making them foster parents. The carers are usually Reed Warblers, Meadow Pipits, Dunnocks or Robins. Lets try to understand the isolation of a young chick. It hatches among a clutch of unrelated birds and spends its earliest days killing its adopted siblings by arching its back to heave them either eggs or siblings out of the nest to oblivion. Left all alone in the nest it then begs the foster parent to be fed having nothing in common with its provider. It will never meet its genetic parents unless by chance if it crosses paths in Africa or in its natal area next year.

The last juveniles depart from the U.K. in August. Cuckoos seem to know how to navigate all the way back to where they were born. Whether or not it would recognize its genetic parents or not no one knows. By the end of June Cuckoos don't change their tune, they change continents so it is possible that a small chick could fledge long after when the mother is thousands of miles away in Africa. This poor thing has to find its own way back, quite a remarkable aspect how these young Cuckoos somehow grow from being nest dependent parasites to veterans of a long migration to Africa so soon. Definite proof that each individual migratory bird has its journey programmed into its brain. With no previous experience and nobody to follow, knows how to prepare, when to set off, the correct direction and when to stop when it gets there. Next Spring that same chick also knows when to leave Africa and what direction to go to arrive back at the Black Bourn next April or May. If it's a male it will instinctively sing the song it's never sung before, the one we all know so well and listen out for. Once back males have a home range and may mate with a number of different females. She will spend many hours scouting the nests in advance, checking the comings and goings of the host parents. The Cuckoo lays its egg and then removes the host egg in its bill. She must lay her egg when the hosts clutch has been started. Her egg is strengthened to prevent breakage and will only have about 10 seconds to lay its egg and remove the host's egg. It also mimics the colour of the egg that resembles that of the host – very clever.



Cuckoo in flight All taken in the Black Borne last year including the Turtle Dove on the previous page

It would be hard to think of 2 birds with more starkly different life styles than the Cuckoo and Turtle Dove. The secretive Cuckoo gobbles down large invertebrates – many hairy caterpillars feeding on or near the ground, whereas Turtle Doves will be picking on seeds out in the open – on fields and verges also hedgerows. They are a model parents both bringing up their brood of 2 on a form of milk they make in their crop. The Cuckoo has a very different parenting style which I just mentioned. The two species don't even sound similar. The Dove purrs all day long as I have already said, whereas the Cuckoo calls out it's name. However, they both have something in common making the long journey between the U.K. and Africa to spend the winter there returning to the same place in the U.K. In the Spring. I have already heard the Cuckoo in the middle of April back in the Black Bourn, at this time of writing still waiting for the Turtle Dove to arrive. The Turtle Dove flies a migratory round trip of about 6,800 miles passing through France, Spain, Portugal to Senegal, whereas the Cuckoo goes further travelling roughly 9,000 – 12,000 miles to the Ivory Coast and onto Gabon near the Congo and back again – a fantastic achievement. Hope some of you will make the effort to go down to the Black Bourn at least to hear these 2 iconic birds and with luck will see them also. I am always willing and available should you need any help in locating them. I can always arrange and meet you there if need be, nothing is too much trouble as far as I am concerned. My contact number is (01359 270197) P.S. Today Sunday 5th of May 3.45 pm. With the weather looking much brighter I decided to go down to the Black Bourn with the inclination that the Turtle Dove could arrive any day now. Believe it not, there it was, exactly the same tree and the same branch as last year – absolutely unbelievable. It makes our countryside around Tostock such a wonderful place to live.



latest arrival 2019

HOME SECURITY

The Parish Council invited PC Stefan Henriksen to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 10th April 2019, to give a short talk on home security highlighting some simple things householders can do to help prevent being a victim of burglary.

Below are the main points he made:

- Ensure the perimeter area is seen by neighbours and passersby, with fences/hedges low at front and high at rear.
- Lock gates and sheds and keep them secure.
- Keep outside doors locked even if you have locked interior doors.
- Do not leave windows open when out unless the window is lockable in the open position.
- Don't leave tools/bricks etc. outside which could be used to gain entry.
- A chain on the doors helps.
- If you are going away let neighbours know.
- Use a timer for lights if going away – do not leave curtains closed.
- Alarms are always good but don't just get one that is audible, there are ones that advise you of issues.
- Motion activated lights have only limited capability.
- CC TV has only limited capability.
- Modern windows/doors are quite secure.
- It is useful to keep a low light on at all times at entries / exits.
- Mark all property & take photos of jewellery etc. keeping a record of serial numbers.
- Burglars do not normally get into safes.
- A Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is worth considering.
- If you see anything suspicious report it to the Police.
- *Secured by Design* is a good website to check.
- The police will always carry out a crime prevention survey if requested after a burglary has been experienced.
- More information can be found on Suffolk Constabulary website, on police connect and Facebook etc.

Tostock Summer STEM Club (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths)

Date: Tuesday 20th August Time: 1pm to 4pm. Venue: Tostock Village Hall

I am running a STEM Club again during the August School Summer holiday for 7 to 12 year olds. It will be free of charge thanks to our benefactor. We will have some familiar things together with some brand new activities.....

- * Water Rockets
- * Robot cars
- * Fun with Slime
- * All about Water
- * Having fun with Magnets
- * Messaging using Cipher coding
- * Fingerprints for crime detection

There will be demonstration of a Wind Tunnel and wing section.

If you would like your child to take part please email me johnparnum@yahoo.com or ring me on 01359 270874. I will limit it to approx 20 children and priority will be given for Children living in Tostock.

I will be supported by a number of adults but more adult help would be very welcome!

Thanks

John Parnum

STEM Ambassador johnparnum@yahoo.com





TOSTOCK PHOTOGRAPHS

A few years ago, the Tostock Past and Present Society went around the village and took photographs of all the houses in the village, and holds these as an archive. I have been requested by the society to update those pictures and add all the new properties, to build a picture of how the village has developed over the years.

I am hoping to undertake this work over the summer between now and September, visiting each home to photograph the property – and if you wish – the family too. If you are not at home when I call, I will leave a note through the door with my contact details. These pictures will become part of the Tostock Past & Present Society archive that will be available for you and your family (and possibly your descendants!) to view on request. The pictures will be made available to you via e-mail on request.

DRINKSTONE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



Have you thought about trying something new in 2019

Have you thought about the Women's Institute?

Would you like to find out what is involved in becoming a member?

Drinkstone Women's Institute meet on the 2nd Thursday evening at 7.30pm

of every month in Drinkstone Village Hall.

We have a varied programme lined up for the coming year including a talk on hedgehog rescue

and flower arranging with summer flowers in June and July.

We would love to see you – do come along for a chat over a slice of cake and some tea

for further details contact either:

Helen Cooper on 01449 736192 – email helen@iandhcooper.co.uk

or

Sharon Rose on 01449 736221 – email sharon.rose068@btinternet.com



St Andrew's Church News



Easter may seem long time ago, but we would like to thank all those who helped decorate the Church the sight and smell was breath taking.

By the time you read this issue we will have had our first Wedding in The Church this year, so Congratulations to The New Mr. and Mrs Buckle. May you have many happy years together.

Some dates for your diaries.

The next coffee mornings will be held on 11th June and 9th July, both in The Village Hall at 10.30 am.

The Annual Afternoon Tea will be on 17th July at 3.00 pm at Flinders on The Green, Jeanne and Mike O'Reilly's home.

We are asking gardeners to grow a few extra plants for us to sell on our plant stall outside the Church over The Art Show weekend. Please bring them down to The Church on the Friday evening or Saturday morning. We are always most grateful for donations, veg, herbs, shrubs, bedding plants, we've even sold the odd tree in the past. So please plant a few extras for us. Thank you.

Our other big event this summer is our concert by "Out of The Shadows Choir", a talented choir who sing everything from Opera, Classical, modern and songs from the musicals, this is being held on Saturday 13th July in The Church. Tickets will be on sale soon and will cost £10.00 each including nibbles and your first drink, please keep yours eyes open for more details.

The Floodlights are sponsored for June by Heather and Mick Spencer for family and friends.

We hope you are able to support us at all these events!

TOSTOCK POORS ESTATE.

Just a gentle reminder that within our village there is a charity fund. Rev. Valentine wrote an article outlining its history and function recently (see Oct/Nov 2018 edition). While historically it was a Christmas charity it can be applied for throughout the year for help with such items as car parking fees for hospital trips, heating costs or special equipment.

All applications are treated in the strictest confidence.

For details please contact Sharon Markell Tel 271190.



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

SERVICES JUNE 2019 - JULY 2019

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

JUNE

2nd **BENEFICE SERVICE** 9.30am -for 10am family@church at Pakenham: Trinity -
Indescribable God

9th Pentecost	9.30am	Holy Communion
16th Trinity Sunday	6pm	Outdoor Songs of Praise (Art Show weekend)
23rd	11am	Morning Prayer
30th	10am Benefice Communion at Norton - Revd Jay Price's 1st communion after being ordained priest	

JULY

7th BENEFICE SERVICE	9.30am -for 10am family@church at Pakenham: Running the race
14th	9.30am Holy Communion
21st	6pm Evening Prayer & Praise
28th	11am Morning Prayer

SERVICES AT THE CROFT

Mondays 17th June & 15th July 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!


SIX
CHURCHES
UNDER ONE ROOF

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.

Look out for the invitation coming through your door!
SUNDAY 2ND JUNE - TRINITY - INDESCRIBABLE GOD

SUNDAY 7TH JULY - RUNNING THE RACE

Tostock Village Hall News - JUNE & JULY 2019

The Village Hall Committee's **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** took place on Wednesday 1st May 2019, Thank you to those who were able to attend. The Committee for the coming year is outlined below. Our

TOSTOCK VILLAGE COMMITTEE 2019/20

Chairperson - Graham McDowell

Vice Chairperson - Rosemary Lister

Trustees - Graham McDowell Rosemary Lister, Bee Baully & Huw John.

Treasurer: Martin Hayman

Booking Secretary: Doreen Buckle

Secretary: Hannah Jones/Sam Guirguis.

Committee: Rosemary Lister, Graham McDowell, Bee Baully, Sam Guirguis, Huw John, Jo John, Gillian McDowell, Ron Perks, Karl Seely

Representatives: Pip Fletcher (Parish Council) Sarah Scully (Past & Present), Diane Mathews & Vanessa Malcom (Art Show). Ian Friend (Football), Alan Jones (Fireworks), Jo Chaplin (Toddlers)

The Village Hall Committee would like to **say farewell to Alan Jones** as its Chairman and to say a big thanks for all of the hard work that Alan has put in whilst acting as our Chairman and Trustee and working on our Committee. He will continue to help organize the Tostock firework event. We would like to welcome **Graham McDowell into the Chairman role** and very much look forward to working closely him.



Bring & Share Bookcase

A bring & share bookcase is planned just inside the entrance door to the hall. In exchange for leaving your unwanted but favourite read, you will be able to borrow a book of your choice.



HOLD THE DATE:

**TOSTOCK FIREWORKS,
SAT 2nd NOVEMBER 2019**

The first planning meeting will shortly take place. This event couldn't happen without lots of support, so if you weren't previously involved, and would like to be – please email hannahgracejones@hotmail.com

Art Show

takes place on the weekend of 15th - 16th June 2019

with a preview evening on Friday, 14th June, 2019.

Tostock Open Gardens Sunday 16th June 2019

For more details on the opening times etc, please see the separate notice.

Diane Mathews: 270317 or 07764 872900

Vanessa Malcom: 271272 or 07912 419936

email: tostockartshow@gmail.com

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

TOSTOCK TIDY DAY

Good morning everyone,

Time certainly seems to be flying past as we are now approaching our

2nd Tostock Tidy Day, on Saturday 1st June.

Hopefully you will be able to attend.

We will all meet up in the Village Hall at 1000 on the 1st June (Saturday) and we aim to finish at 1200. The Village Hall will be kindly providing tea and coffee (thanks to Hannah and Team). Hopefully we will be a bit more constructive this time, it is our aim to break into four teams with the following leads Jim Debenham, Brian Jenkins, Adrian Malcom and myself to cover Norton Road (two teams), Church Road and New Road.

Please wear suitable footwear as we aim to do litter picking, cleaning signs where required, continue clearing verges on footpaths, clearing the grass and shrubs around village signs and the village gates. The person who kindly volunteered to clean the village signs on a regular basis could they let themselves be known to me. I do apologise that I did not take your name and details on the day.

We will need some volunteers to help to load the branches and waste that is sitting outside the Village Hall into a truck. The aim is to do this at the end of the session, more details on the day.

Tools that would be useful are secateurs, shovels, spades. We should have enough wheelbarrows, litter grabbers, hi-vis vests, protective gloves, sponges and water sprayers, brooms and four petrol trimmers.

Kind regards
Jim Langlois

All in all, it was a successful first event and hopefully it will build momentum at the future events scheduled for **1st June, 7th September and 30th November 2019.**



A hand-drawn poster for a 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' event. The poster has a decorative border of green and blue chevrons. The main text reads "LET'S CHANGE LIVES TOGETHER AT" in green and purple. Below this, a hand-drawn box contains the address "'OAK APPLES,' LEYS RD." in black ink. The text continues: "Every penny raised helps us make a difference to people affected by cancer." Below that, it says "Where: DIANNE & ARTHURS." and "Time: 10 AM TO 12". A question is posed: "Can we make this year our biggest ever? Of course we can!" followed by the phone number "01359 271127". At the bottom right, there is a logo for "WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING" and "MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT". At the bottom left, there is a logo for the "FR" Fundraising Regulator, with text indicating registration in England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland.

Please do come, a very enjoyable get together and an excellent opportunity to be involved and meet people in the community, and raise funds too!



THE TOSTOCK RECORDER

I have recently volunteered to be the Tostock Recorder since sadly Jean Wheeler, the previous recorder, has passed away. Until I went to a training day, I had little idea of what the Recorder did, or where the information went to. I would imagine I am not the only one in the village, so I thought it would be good to write this article to enlighten us all.

The Recorders' scheme was started in the early 1950s by the Suffolk Local History Council, with the purpose of having a network of people acting as Recorders across the county to ensure the survival of valuable material for future local historians. Today's recorders are asked not only to ensure that the present time is adequately recorded at local level but also be aware of items of historical interest that might otherwise be overlooked or lost forever.

The Village Recorder collates all that is happening within the village over the year and retains any useful documentation. Once a year a report is produced and submitted to the Records Office at Bury St Edmunds. Here it is stored, building a historical record that can aid historical research, family ancestral research or other specific information in years to come. Tostock is also well served by the Tostock Past and Present Society who maintain a valuable archive of village life.

I aim to carry on the sterling work that Jean Wheeler has done. If you have any items from the past (pictures, newspaper cuttings, postcards, maps, documents etc) that are peculiar to the village and are wondering what to do with them please contact me or the Tostock Past and Present Society and we will try and advise you on the best way forward.



TOSTOCK CARPET BOWLS CLUB



We have had another successful year bowling wise. We have now finished the league games and have won our league, The Bury League East. It all went down to the last game of the season which was a home game. We needed six points to win and all depended on the last pairs game, going into the last end two shots down. It was a tight game with Tostock pulling back to hold two shots on the last end, ending with a draw, making Tostock winning with seven shots overall.

This is the fourth time Tostock has won the Bury League East. The first time was 2001/2002 season, then 2010/2011 followed by 2016/2017.

By the time you read this we'll have been to the finals day on Sunday 19 May at the Skyliner Sports Centre to play Barrow, the winners of the Bury League West. We will either come away with the Victor Trophy or the League Shield.

The Club continues during the summer as usual with a few friendly fixtures.

Well done club members.

Doreen Buckle

Extracts from the Tostock Archives Tostock Church School - Part 3 **(Reminiscences of “Honey” Mrs Elsie Manning (née knock) in 1974)**

When she was 18 Elsie came back to the school and taught there from 1917 to 1921. There were 3 teachers and about 70 pupils. Elsie taught the infants and Standard 1. Some children came at the tender age of 3.

Naturally they tired easily and when taking the babies' class in the afternoon in the back room Elsie would often say to them, “Put your heads on the desk and have a little nap.” The children were given beads and string with which to make necklaces and one of her constant problems with the tiny ones, was how to stop them from sticking beads into their ears and up their noses !

The pupils were allowed to bring an apple to school and eat it during play-time. There were some who brought no apple, and they would call out, “Can I have the core, give us the core ! One is reminded of the answer in the story; “There ain't goin' to be no core.” (Tom Sawyer Abroad by Mark Twain)

Elsie remembers one of the characters of the school was the daily cleaner named Alice Nunn, who lived with her elderly mother near the top of Flatts lane. They were North country folk, and both their cottage and the school were kept spotlessly clean. Alice's work was beautiful but she had an incurable habit of grumbling. When cleaning the classrooms she had to move the easels and blackboards. One of her favourite grumbles was, “I can't hardly move them old teasels ! They're too heavy for me !”

A word more about the Rector, the Rev. Julian Tuck, known to the children as Jackie Tuck. He was sometimes heard to say, “There are two things in this world that I do not understand; one is Algebra and the other is Alice Nunn !” All agree that he was a most sincere man and a very conscientious Rector, and much respected by all. It must be said that he was a source of merriment to some, probably the younger ones, as he spoke with a lisp. He was a very keen ornithologist and the walls of his study in the old Rectory were lined with cases of stuffed birds and their eggs. It made a wonderful collection.

For many years Mrs. Tuck regularly played the pedal organ in the church until ill health made it necessary for her to ask Elsie to take over. Elsie played for two years, before handing over to Miss Mash who went to play the organ every Sunday for over 50 years. No one knew better than her on how to coax music out of that venerable and sturdy instrument, of which she grew very fond.

Another character was Ted Everitt's father Charles, who not only rang the bells but used to light the fire which heated the church most efficiently and keeping it beautifully warm long before the days of electricity. To do this he used to lift the iron grating at the back of the central aisle and go down the steps which led to the stove.

One day Elsie was on duty in the playground during the mid-morning break. All of a sudden she was surprised to hear the church bells ring out. It was 11am on November 11th 1918 and they were pealing to announce the signing of the Armistice, which heralded peace at last at the end of the first World War.

TOSTOCK SCHOOL CHILDREN with MISS ELSIE KNOCK

1919



Class A

back row : Willie Randall, Brian Mulley, Mollie Mulley, Cissie Wignal, Dennis Murton
middle row : Ket Jordan, Willie Ong, Vera Friend, Olive Everitt, Bobbry Everitt, Vera Austin
front row : Joan Mulley, Leila Mulley, Jimmy Finch, Betty Randall, Nancy Wignal & MISS KNOCK

Tostock Open Gardens 2019

SUNDAY JUNE 16th 11am – 5pm .



Now that the weather has improved a little , we hope that people are thinking about their gardens

again and are planning to join in with the open gardens ! It doesn't matter how big or small your garden is ,

visitors will find things to interest them ,and they are very pleased that we let them walk around our lovely village and see what lies behind the hedges ,walls and fences !

We need to know how many gardens will be open as soon as possible , for printing publicity material ,so

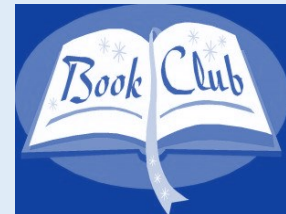
if you are planning to open your garden , please let Gail , 270787 , or Jeanne , 270337 , know .



Matthew Walker (Tostock)

Matthew has been asked to play as a concerto soloist with Suffolk Sinfonia Orchestra at their concert in the **Apex on Saturday 22nd June**. It would be lovely if some of our friends and villagers who have followed his progress so far could come and support him at his first professional performance in Bury St Edmunds.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Tostock Bookgroup

Having read a non-fiction book, then a historical novel in the last two months, the title we are reading for the June meeting is a murder mystery set in Australia..... "The Dry" by Jane Harper. Jane Parnum will be our hostess on June 26th.

Then on July 24th we meet at Penny Taylor's house to discuss "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman..... a bittersweet, funny Swedish book about a grumpy old man!

As usual library copies of these books should be available from Julie Harrison,(4 Perkins Way, tel 270247) who will answer all enquiries about the Bookgroup.

We urgently need more volunteers to support families in Suffolk, would anybody like to help?

Be Amazing and become a Home-Start Volunteer



Because Childhood Can't Wait.

We recruit and train volunteers to support families with children aged 11 and under in their own home. We couldn't carry out this vital work without volunteers, so if you are a parent, grandparent or step parent and can spare 2-3 hours a week to do something amazing, please contact us.

For more information call Linda on 01379 678552 or email office@homestartmidsuffolk.org.uk

Home-Start Mid & West Suffolk Registered charity no. 1127760



Tostock Past and Present Society

Our meetings so far this year have been well attended and the feedback has been good. Our final regular meeting before the summer break is as follows;

June 4th 7.30pm Dr Nick Amor - **The Suffolk Medieval Cloth Industry**- the talk will focus on sheep & shepherds, the wool trade, cloth production & finishing, & the rise of the clothier.

We have two extra events in July and August. (Members & Non-Members welcome)

Will Cranstoun who gave us a talk in April on the **Black Bourn Valley Nature Reserve** will be leading a 2 hour walk (no dogs), to explore the reserve on Thursday July 18th at 7pm. The walk will start at Grove Farm (map reference 646943) and the Suffolk Wild Life Trust will be charging £4 per person payable on the night. We need to know numbers so please could you email me or return the attached form.

Our second event is a visit to **Gestingthorpe Roman Villa and Museum** on Friday August 16th at 2pm. The visit will be hosted by Ashley Cooper at Hill Farm, Gestingthorpe, Halstead CO9 3BL. Tea and biscuits will be provided at the end of the visit. There is no charge but Ashley has requested donations on the day to Gestingthorpe Church. The P & P committee suggest that individual donations should be between £3 to £5. Again we need to know numbers so please could you email me or return the attached form.

Anthony Scully (Chairperson Tostock Past & Present Society)

Email a.rod.scully@gmail.com)

(a.rod.scully@gmail.com)

Tostock P & P – Gestingthorpe Roman Villa & Museum 2pm Friday Aug 16th

Names.....

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No Charge - Donations to Gestingthorpe Church

Please return the form plus to Anthony Scully, Pine Acre, Norton Rd, Tostock, Bury St Edmunds, IP30 9PT Or email me to say you are coming (a.rod.scully@gmail.com)

Tostock Past & Present - Black Bourn Valley Walk 7pm Thursday July 18th

(Meet at Grove Farm carpark map reference 646943)

Names.....

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No payment required now. (£4 to Suffolk Wild Life Trust on the night). We just need numbers.

Please return the form to Anthony Scully, Pine Acre, Norton Rd, Tostock, Bury St Edmunds, IP30 9PT Or email me to say you are coming

***Notes from the Annual Tostock Parish Meeting on Wednesday 10th April 2019**

Present: Cllr R Perks (Chairman)
S Brown (Temporary Clerk)
14 villagers

Apologies: David Blundell, Pip Fletcher and Julian Kearsley
MINUTES OF MEETING 18 APRIL 2018

The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 18th April 2018 were read by those present and approval proposed by J Langlois, seconded by R Perks all in agreement.

It was asked what progress had been made with the ditch on Norton Road.

The Chair advised the Parish Council had written to the landowner a number of times and some of the ditch had been cleared. It was advised rats had been seen in the area where the feral cats were being fed. This was briefly discussed to place on the next Parish Council agenda.

HOME SECURITY PRESENTATION PC Stefan Henriksen attended and gave a short talk on home security highlighting some simple things a householder can do to help prevent being a victim of burglary. SEE PAGE 7

REPORTS FROM LOCAL GROUPS/ORGANISATIONS

Reports received and circulated to all present from:

Tostock Village Hall Chairman

Past & Present Society

Poors Estate was read to the Meeting

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Copies of the report circulated to all present. Cllr R Perks also explained the use of CIL monies and reserves. It was also advised the Clerk had now left and the post was being advertised if anyone was interested in applying.

PARISH MATTERS

Poor's Charity Meadow Norton Road:

The Chairman advised the Charity had approached the Parish Council for ideas for the use of this small meadow which is approximately 1 acre and of poor soil with no water. It was hoped this land could benefit the village with the possibility the Parish Council could rent the land which is currently £60 a year. One idea was planting trees and wildflowers

creating a path and could be used for dog walkers, to possibly add picnic table. It was asked if anyone had further ideas.

It was asked if they could be used as extra allotments, it was confirmed all the allotments were currently rented but there was no one on the waiting list. It was thought the tidy group or a community group could help clear and plant the area. To possibly link up with Suffolk Wildlife. To place in The Chronicle asking for ideas to also place on the next Parish Council agenda.

Neighbourhood Plan:

It was advised this had come up mainly due to the possible

development of 40 houses. Cllr Mansel explained what a Neighbourhood Plan is and what it involved. The Chair highlighted a Neighbourhood Plan did not stop planning but identifies areas within the village which can be used for development. This was briefly discussed it was felt it would need someone very interested and committed to take this forward.

It was asked when the grass will be cut on The Green. The Chair advised the mower had been sent for a service 3 weeks ago, the company had not carried it out and it has been asked for the mower to be returned and other arrangements would be made for the service. It was hoped the grass would be cut as soon as possible.

It was advised the 'Mermaid Fresh Fish' sign had been left out the Chair will contact the owner.

It was advised a resident had reported a number of potholes around the village and all appeared to be repaired within 2 weeks. A letter of thanks had been sent to Highways.

It was advised the flooding on The Green had been reported a number of times, Highways have said nothing can be done. It was asked if Cllr Storey could follow this up as it has been an ongoing issue, to send Cllr Storey a copy of the reply that had been received from Highways.

The floor proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair for all his hard work over the last four years, all in agreement.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: it was advised the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council on **Wednesday, 17th April**.
The date of the next Annual Parish Meeting to be confirmed at a later date.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9 p.m.

***Notes from the Tostock Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 17th April 2019**

Present: Cllrs J Kearsley (Vice-Chair), D Blundell, N Cytacki and P Fletcher
Mrs S Brown (Temporary Clerk)

Three Members of the Public

APOLOGIES: Received and accepted from: Cllrs: R Perks, C Debenham, J Debenham and S Mansel

Litter Picker: The March report was circulated it was noted what a good job was being carried out.

Public Forum: A resident felt any flooding was due to a number of residents having filled in their ditches. A resident also felt the speed stickers were unsightly, Cllr Fletcher advised it had achieved an effect on Norton Road with a significant reduction in the speed of cars.

TO CONSIDER PARISH CLERK VACANCY:

No applications for the position of clerk had been received. It was resolved for the temporary clerk to place a notice in local newsletters: Elmswell, Norton and Woolpit. To place on next agenda.

PLANNING:

- i. Applications decided by Planning Authority: DC/18/05144 Discharge of Condition 9 (Energy Strategy) Land North of Village Hall, Norton Road – Approved
- ii. Appeal: Land adjoining Foresters, New Road – outline planning application - Noted

11. VILLAGE MATTERS:

- a). Norton Road – Ditches and Trees: The Clerk advised SCC had been informed of flooding in the area. Cllr Fletcher advised the ditch below the development had been cleared. It was felt nothing further could be done by the Parish Council. To take off the agenda.
- b). Speed Indicator Displays: Cllr Perks had advised this should be actioned very soon.
- c). Speed Stickers – It was advised there were a small number of stickers left which will be available for any residents who wished to have them. To take off the agenda.
- d). Home Security Presentation: Cllr Cytacki advised the Police Officer giving the presentation had highlighted a number of ways to prevent burglaries, it was felt it was very worthwhile and would be useful to place the bullet point tips in the Chronicle. Cllr Blundell highlighted a recently planted hedge had been stolen. To take off the agenda.
- e). Village to Do List: This had already been highlighted under the Community Infrastructure Levy item. To take off the agenda.
- f). Flower boxes at gateways: This was being progressed and an invoice for materials would be given to the Parish Council on completion. To take off the agenda.
- g). Tree planting: Cllr Fletcher felt this linked very well with the Meadow on Norton Road and would be an ideal opportunity to take up the offer of free trees. It was briefly discussed and it was hoped the Poor's Charity would be prepared to have a number of trees planted on the land. It was also felt there was a need to think about maintenance and the adjoining land what plans they may have and if there was a common cause. To link with the item below on the next agenda.
- h). Poor's Charity Meadow Norton Road: there had been no objection from residents who attended the Annual Parish Meeting to the Parish Council leasing the Meadow as a benefit to the village. This was discussed including planting of trees, a kissing gate and fence. To ascertain the legal obligations and to provide for it in the budget for regular checks and if necessary, a qualified tree surgeon's expense. Cllr Kearsley proposed in principle to lease the land from the Poor's Charity at £60 a year subject to the proper legal formalities being carried out seconded by Cllr Cytacki all in agreement. Cllr Blundell to contact the Poor's Charity. Cllr Fletcher to contact Suffolk Wildlife to inform them the Parish Council maybe taking on the neighbouring land as they may well offer help with tree planting etc.
- i). Photo Frames for Village Hall: Defer to next agenda
- j). Cleaning equipment for village tidy days: It was advised the cleaning equipment would be procured on Tuesday, the invoice to be forwarded to the Parish Council for re-imburement. To take of the agenda.
- k). Remote control car club: Defer to next agenda.
- l). Feral cats: This was on village hall land, Cllr Fletcher to advise the village hall committee that this was raised at the Annual Parish Meeting. To take off the agenda.
- m). Neighbourhood Plan: It was advised there had been no enthusiasm for a Neighbourhood Plan at the Annual Parish Meeting. To defer the item until the Local Plan has been published.

n). Flooding on The Green: It was advised Cllr Perks had reported the matter to SCC who had responded that nothing could be done. County Councillor Jane Storey had been asked to help with the matter in the hope she can achieve a more favourable outcome. To take off the agenda.

Ideas and suggestions for CIL monies

Refurbished footpath

COUNCILLORS REPORTS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

Cllr Fletcher advised a footpath which had been getting dangerous had now been refurbished by SCC to add to the Chronicle items. It was proposed a vote of thanks was given to Cllr Perks for all his hard work as Chairman of the Parish Council over the last four years this was agreed by the whole meeting. A vote of thanks was also agreed to go to the two Councillors who were standing down Cllr Christine Debenham and Cllr Sarah Mansel.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: To confirm the date of the next scheduled meeting, as **Wednesday, 15th May 2019** at 7.30pm in the village hall.

To Resolve to close the meeting to the public to progress staffing issues: No further update.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

***Notes from the Annual Tostock Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 15th May 2019**

Present: Cllrs R Perks (Chair), J Kearsley (Vice-Chair), D Blundell, O Boland, P Boland, N Cytacki, J. Debenham, P Fletcher, M Johansson and G MacDowell
Mrs S Brown (Temporary Clerk)

Fifteen Members of the Public

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Cllr R Perks opened the meeting with the election of the Chairman. Cllr Kearsley proposed Cllr Debenham as Chairman of the Council seconded by Cllr Fletcher all in agreement Cllr Debenham was duly elected Chair and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. R. Perks left the meeting. All Councillors completed and signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Councillors were advised the register of interest forms must be completed within 28 days of election.

i. Requests for dispensations: None

ii. To confirm method of service of summons: Councillors signed the service of summons form.

Public Forum:

A resident highlighted the increase of HGV vehicles through the village. It was noted a number were using the bridge which had a 3ton weight limit. The Chair advised if there was a weight restriction these vehicles should be reported. Cllr Fletcher to contact Highways and Norton Parish Council and report back at the next meeting if the Council is able to help with the situation.

It was asked, if known, the procedure for receiving affordable housing at the new development. This was briefly discussed and it was noted there was only one house left for sale in the development and the issue of social housing had been discussed at previous meetings. Cllr Kearsley to contact the District Councillor to find out what the process should have been.

A resident highlighted it was nice to see a full Council but asked why Cllr P Boland was eligible to be a Tostock Councillor. Cllr P Boland to email a response to the Chair.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Cllr Fletcher proposed Cllr Kearsley as Vice-Chairman seconded by Cllr Cytacki all in agreement Cllr Kearsley was duly elected Vice-Chairman.

i. Officers: Cllr Fletcher Tree Warden it was explained the work of the Suffolk Tree Warden Network who supplied free trees once a year as well as holding events and useful information. Cllr MacDowell to check with a resident if he wished to continue as the Footpath Officer.

ii. Representatives: Cllr Fletcher and Cllr MacDowell as Village Hall representatives. Cllr Blundell and Cllr Cytacki as Poor's Charity representatives.

TO CONSIDER POOR'S CHARITY MEADOW, NORTON ROAD:

Cllr Blundell had contacted the Poor's Charity who confirmed they would be happy to rent the meadow at £60 per year to the Parish council but would need a letter explaining what the Parish Council would wish to do with the meadow before permission was given.

Cllr Cytacki proposed leasing the meadow at £60 a year seconded by Cllr Debenham. Council discussed maintenance issues including the number of dead trees which would have to be dealt with as well as the ongoing possible costs. The purchase of a lockable gate/ kissing gate and added insurance costs was also discussed. Cllr Cytacki to look into costs and maintenance and liaise with the Poor's Charity and whether tree planning would be allowed as this may be an issue. To update the next meeting before a formal letter is sent to the Poor's Charity.

UPDATES:

- i. Clerks Vacancy: The Clerk advised The Woolpit diary charged £20 for a half page or a quarter page for £10, Elmswell Newsletter charged £40 for a one-off box, nothing has been heard back from Norton Newsletter. The vacancy was discussed Cllr Debenham proposed up to £150 could be used by the temporary Clerk on advertising the position in local newsletters seconded by Cllr Blundell.
- ii. Speed Indicator Devices: This was being undertaken and it was advised would cost in the region of £4,500
- iii. Photo Frames for Village Hall: It was confirmed this had been agreed at a previous meeting and Council were waiting for the invoice. To take off the agenda.
- iv. Croft and Driveway access on The Green: Cllr Blundell explained the background. It was advised the Solicitor had asked if this should remain 'open', as work has started on the house it is unclear whether the drive would be affected. Cllr Kearsley proposed keeping this 'open' seconded by Cllr Blundell all in agreement.
- v Remote Control cars: Cllr Fletcher advised there had been a continuing lack of interest, to take off the agenda.

12. ITEMS FOR THE CHRONICLE:

Ideas for CIL and Extraordinary meeting to look for ideas

Bullet points from the Home Security Presentation

Refurbished footpath

13. PLANNING:

- i. Application DC/19/01871 Land adj Foresters, New Road: Outline planning erection of 3no. two-storey dwelling & 1no. single storey dwelling & vehicular access. Application DC/19/02307 land adj Foresters, New Road: Submission of details relating to approved Outline planning application DC/19/00190 – Erection of 2no dwellings and associated garages: Council discussed both applications Cllr Fletcher proposed no comment seconded by Cllr Cytacki all in agreement.
- ii. Application DC/19/02023 6 New Road: Outline planning DC/18/05272 appearance, landscaping, layout & scale of 1no dwelling & vehicular access: Council discussed Cllr Kearsley proposed no objection seconded by Cllr Fletcher all in agreement.
- iii. Application DC/19/02088 1 The Lodge, Norton Road: Subdivision to create two dwellings known as 1 & 2 The Lodge: Council discussed Cllr Kearsley proposed no objection seconded by Cllr Debenham all in agreement.
- iv: Application DC/19/02089 1 The Lodge: Installation of stud walls: Council discussed Cllr Kearsley proposed no objection seconded by Cllr Debenham all in agreement.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

Cllr Debenham to check the parish council insurance in relation to volunteers at the proposed Tostock Tidy Days.

Cllr Cytacki advised the bus service through the village is often late or cancelled with no method of reporting this to users. Council happy for Cllr Cytacki to speak to the providers for a possible electronic strip to inform users of the bus service and will inform Clerk if it is to go on a future agenda.

Cllr Fletcher had attended Suffolk Highways Self Help launch which were offering training and equipment and will put together a full report for the next meeting. Cllr Fletcher advised she had given a response as an individual to East Anglian Daily Press on her thoughts on the session. The Chair advised Councillors should not make comments to the press without permission of Council.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: To confirm the date of the next scheduled meeting, as **Wednesday, 10th July 2019 at 7.30pm** in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

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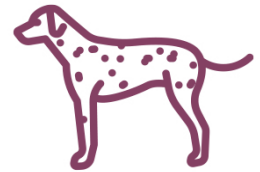
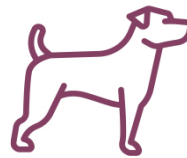
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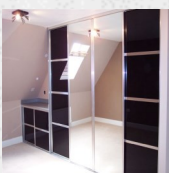
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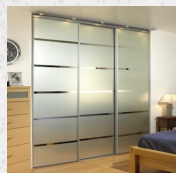
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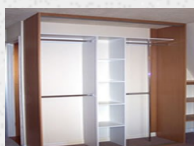


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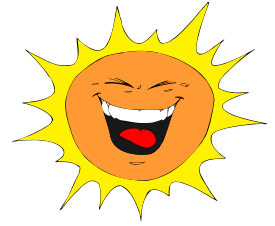
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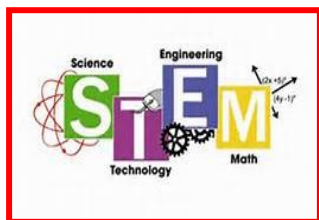
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