

TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

February/March 2020

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Saturday, 9th MAY 2020

75th Anniversary of VE Day

TOSTOCK TEA PARTY ON THE GREEN

An afternoon, with a vintage Forties feel, for all to get together, enjoy a bring & share picnic, as well as some good old fashioned village games



DOGS IN NEED OF SPACE

To: *Friendly Dogs, Off-Leash Dogs, & Retractable Leash Dogs*



DOGS IN NEED OF SPACE are good dogs. They may not want to socialize with your dog, but they have the right to walk with their owners, on leash, without harassment from strangers who insist on a forced greeting. Their owners do not want to cause a scene or yell, in a panic, at strangers. They don't want their dog to act inappropriately, get hurt, backslide on their training, or frighten anyone. Please, dog lovers of the world...

1. **OBEY LEASH LAWS**
2. **ASK PERMISSION BEFORE APPROACHING**
3. **LISTEN TO OUR RESPONSE**

CAN MY DOG SAY "HI"?

SORRY, NO. I HAVE A DOG THAT NEEDS SPACE. THANK YOU.

For owners of boisterous dogs

On Tuesday December 3rd I was out for a walk on a footpath across an open field on the edge of Tostock. The sun was low in the sky and it was impossible to see a head. I did not know a person with a Labrador/retriever cross which was off the lead was about 50 yards in front. I did not see or hear the dog until it had run into my right knee. I was left in agony and unable to put weight on my leg. I called out to the person for help and she eventually made her way over to me. She asked if I was ok? I explained that the dog had just run into me and could she help me, her reply was the dog is usually on the lead, with no apology she turned and walked away.

I did not have my mobile, the nearest house was about ¼ mile and I was ¾ mile from home. Whilst wondering how I was going to get back, I saw someone come out from a footpath up ahead. I called for help, as the lady walked up to me I explained what had happened, she very kindly took my arm and insisted on helping me to hobble home, I am indebted to Jean.

The reason I am writing is to explain the impact on such an injury.

If this had been someone older and frailer the dog would have knocked him or her over and an injury such as a dislocated knee, or worse a broken wrist or hip.

I am a Pilates instructor who is self employed and relies solely on my income, 4 weeks on; I am still having treatment at a cost to me. I was extremely lucky that it was not damage to my cruciate ligament, as I would be unable to work or drive.

If your dog is boisterous with no recall please keep on a lead at all times.

UPDATE

I don't wish to name or shame but just want to point out the impact of such an accident.

Personally, It is also not the way to behave within a small community.

I actually own a dog too, she is a small working Labrador, coming up to 13 now, but i didn't have her that day as she was out shooting . She is very gentle and well behaved.

My knee is slowly improving it is still very tender where the dog actually hit it and every night since the accident it wakes me as it gets stiff and sore, but i am on the mend.

I am happy for you to publish it, fingers crossed it might make owners of boisterous dogs think a little more before they take the dogs for a walk.

Name & Address Supplied

Other incidents

When walking the Dog today to see 12 lots of dog mess from new road to the Gardners pub. Why has it not been picked up? I always pick my dogs mess up? This was on the Path where the children walk to the school bus!

Name & Address Supplied

My neighbour and I were walking towards Church Road just past the pub and spotted some dog mess on the path and were (just in time) able to stop a toddler peddling his tricycle right through it. The child was only a little ahead of his Mum.

Needless to say she was relieved and horrified! Unfortunately at the moment this is not an isolated incident.

I myself have Always got a bag with me and very often find myself picking up other peoples dog mess!

Another persons Child was playing on the field and came home with dog mess on his shoes and trousers.

PLEASE PLEASE make the effort and take time to be responsible and pick up your dog mess! It really spoils it for everyone who wishes to walk around and enjoy our village. If you find (for some reason) you don't have a bag PLEASE go to the nearest residence, pub etc., I am sure they would be only to happy to supply you with one, and we have PLENTY of dog bins (at least six) in and around the village.

This is such a problem now that there are volunteers that regularly walk around the village with their phones to spot and take photo's of such offenders in order to seek prosecution and get the message through that **not picking up dog mess after your dog** is just **not acceptable**

If you were to get caught you could be facing a fine of up to £1000.

Name & Address Supplied

TOSTOCK TIDY DAY DATES FOR 2020



Following on from a successful year in 2019 we propose to have four tidy days this year to maintain the momentum.

It is hoped that as many villagers as possible will turn out on the designated days to undertake various tasks to improve the amenities in the village.

We have identified the following four Saturdays for tidy days which we would like you to note in your diary:

14 March
13 June
22 August
17 October

We will put out further reminders closer to each of the dates. Hopefully you will be able to come and support us and get involved.

If you have any questions or wish to suggest tasks which could be done as part of this initiative please contact:- jimlanglois@btinternet.com



TOSTOCK 2020 CALENDAR

This year we have managed to sell all 100 calendars.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a calendar. Also to **Steve** and staff at the **Gardners**, who helped to sell the calendars along with **Derrick** and myself.

A profit of £230 has been made which has been shared between the Tostock Village Hall and the Church.

Jim Langlois and Derrick Poole



NOTICE

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



Parish News

The Parish Council has vacancies for residents to take up the for voluntary posts.

***Tree Warden**

The Tree Warden will have the opportunity to represent Tostock on the Suffolk Tree Warden Network (STWN), who run events and meetings, arrange surveys and produce regular updates on related issues.

The Tree Warden would also become aware of the regulations regarding Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) and dealing with trees within the conservation area.

The Tree Warden could also seek opportunities for tree planting in the village, liaising with local landowners and interested residents.

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***Footpath Officer**

Ideally suited to someone who regularly walks the Tostock footpaths.

The Footpath Officer would be expected to check all the footpaths, access gates and stiles etc are maintained by the landowner or SCC.

The Footpath Officer would ensure footpath signage and dog fouling notices are easily seen at the start of every footpath, and arrange to either have undergrowth cleared / signs replaced where necessary.

*These posts can be shared, more volunteers will enable these posts to be easier, more manageable and very enjoyable

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Further details of both posts are available from:

The Clerk (clerk@tostockpc.org.uk) or

The Chair(pip.fletcher2@btinternet.com)

It would be expected that feedback is given, either in writing or in person, to the Parish Council at suitable intervals, and full support and information will be available when required.

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The **Parish Council** would like to invite tenders for **Litter Picking** in the village.

These should be submitted to the Clerk by **4th March 2020**.

Full details of the post, which is for 2 hours per week and undertaken on a self-employed basis, are available from:

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Think of February and the first thing that comes to mind is Snowdrops, or it could be the shortest month only 28 days, 29 if it is a Leap year. This year happens to be a Leap year. Thinking about it I can't remember many Leap years, although I have lived 15 of them which is equivalent to 2 extra weeks work, however I do not recall getting 2 extra weeks wages.

Think of March and you would probably think of the mad March Hare which undoubtedly is my favourite mammal.

I have been watching and photographing this most adorable creature for the past 5 years, all these pictures I am now showing have been taken in and around the fields of Tostock and outskirts of Thurston. There was one occasion when I counted 9 Brown Hares in one of Mr K. Ollett's fields all at the same time.

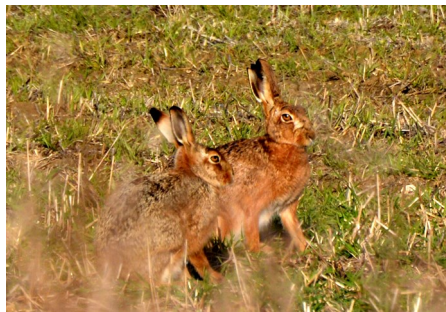
There are 3 types of Hare in Gt. Britain and Ireland – Brown or European - (*Lepus europaeus*) Blue or Mountain Hare (*Lepus timidus*), Irish Hare (*Lepus timidus hibernicus*) There are anatomical differences between Rabbits and Hares, Most obviously the long back legs of the Hare, less obvious is the size of its heart and volume of the circulating blood, which enables it to run at speeds of up to 45mph, faster than a Puma and certainly faster than a Rabbit. The Hares top lip is split to its nose, and in old Hares the teeth will protrude through the gap.

There are 4 simple and easily remembered differences between Rabbits and Hares

- 1) Hares shelter in a hollow depression above ground known as a form, whereas Rabbits live in burrows underground Known as a warren
- 2) Hares are born fully furred, and Rabbits are born bald.
- 3) Hares are born with their eyes open, Rabbits with their eyes shut.
- 4) Hares eyes have a distinctive orange iris, Rabbits eyes have a dark brown iris and appears almost black.

It is believed that the Brown spread into Northern Europe after the British Isles was separated from mainland Europe which is about the time the Wild Cat possibly disappeared from Tostock. They are creatures of steps and plains and evolved in Northern Asia after the last Ice Age and spread west as the ice melted. However, there are no actual records of Brown Hares in the British Isles before the Romans came. Over time agricultural methods favoured the Brown Hare and gradually pushed the native Mountain Hare north and into Scotland where it still hangs on today. Any Brown Hares found in North West Ireland are there as a result of deliberate introductions 200 years ago. The Irish Hare is a separate species.

Here now are some of my photos for you to enjoy



Adults will move around and graze most days unless the weather is very wet when they will sit tight.

They are mainly active at night and for this reason are most often seen at dawn and dusk. Hares breed most of the year but more are fertile in the Spring after a Winter break. The boxing behaviour we associate with Spring is most clearly seen at that time of year as crops are low and sight lines are good. Would be Hare suitors are seeking acceptance from the females who will box them away until they are ready to mate. The large Hare seen in these competitions is the female, who may be surrounded by a group of males all nipping in to try their luck. The onset of the breeding season is governed by day length and gestation has been noted as normally being between 40 and 50 days. The Hare may be capable of superfoetation i.e. fertilisation of new eggs while already pregnant, giving a potential minimum duration between successive litters of 38 days. This may explain why Hares have been seen as fertility symbols. The phenomenon of superfoetation in mammals was speculated upon as far back as the 4th Century BC by Aristotle and occurs in other species. The young of Hares, known as leverets, weigh about 100 gms at birth and are weaned after approximately 28 days, suckling can, however, last longer at the end of the season. Litter sizes vary according to how mild the weather is and the age of the mother. The female, Jill or Doe, can conceive in the calendar year of her own birth but the majority of young female Hares first become productively active in the Spring of the year of their birth when they reach a weight of about 1.5kg.

They can have up to 4 litters a year but 3 is normal.

After the long Winter months there can be few sites more uplifting to the human spirit than the Spring-time boxing antics of these delightful creatures. What I like about the Hare is its shape and athleticism, it's so strong and agile and can jump, twist and bend left or right on all four legs, but you never ever see them get tangled up or fall over. At such fast speeds they can then stop instantly and stand up on their hind legs like a human being. I love their long ears which are actually longer than their face and the lovely sharp orange iris in their eyes. Here is the one and only photograph I have managed to get of Hares boxing and a drawing I did myself, and the one on the right a photograph (next Page) caught one standing on its hinds.

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The leverets are born fully furred and their eyes open. The Doe makes a scrape (form) under some overhanging vegetation or in long grass. After a day or two they will move, or the mother moves them to separate nest areas as a precaution against predators.

If you are lucky enough domestic gardens are a favoured spot, here the mother will visit once a day, usually at around 8pm, to suckle them, which only takes a few minutes as Hare milk is very rich. When they are older the Doe will call them to her by “mewing” They will leave their forms, suckle and then return to where their mother left them. We know that it is usual for the leverets to stay around the spot where they grew up for up to 4 months, leaving to explore during the night and returning by day.

The Hare in danger – there are 3 main reasons why Hare numbers have dropped dramatically in the last 100 years

1) changes in agricultural landscape, 95% of hay meadows have been lost in the last 50 years. Hay has been replaced by silage, and grassland for forage tends to be sown to reduced number of grass species resulting in landscapes poor in biodiversity.

Agricultural machinery such as grass cutters and combine harvesters also kill Hares. Despite this, Hares fare best in arable areas of the East of England such as Tostock.

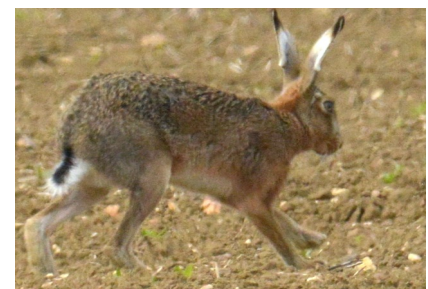
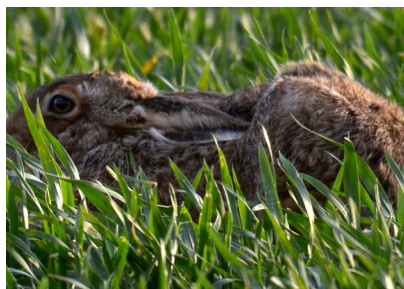
2) Predation – The main predator of the Hare is the red Fox (*vulpes vulpes*) and fox predation accounts for 75-100% of annual losses of the Hare population in southern England. There is a complex balance between predation, habitat quality and land management practices, including management of land through game keeping which determines the impact of predation and Fox numbers on Hare populations. The Hare is U.K's fastest mammal and, in a standoff between the Hare and the Fox the Hare will leave the Fox standing. The Fox has the upper hand against leverets, or sick or ailing adult Hares.

Decreased numbers are also due to birds of prey and raptors.

3) Hunting – most Hares are taken by shooting and organised shoots, typically take place in February at the end of the Pheasant shooting season. And also lost through illegal Hare coursing.

The Brown Hare is the only game species in England and Wales that doesn't have a close season. Other threats to the population is disease. Hares are subject to a range of diseases that can cause mortality (EBHS) European Brown Hare Syndrome, a virus related to the viral haemorrhagic disease. Coccidiosis, a protozoan infection of the intestines caused by parasites is common, usually later in the year when conditions are wet. It affects the Brown and Mountain Hare and causes mild to moderate diarrhoea but can kill leverets especially in the Autumn (*Eimeria Perforans*) Is the most predominant species affecting Hares. Viral hemorrhagic disease is carried by vectors such as mosquitoes which can kill Hares. They can also contract hepatitis a liver disease, weed killer such as Roundup can also kill.

Here are a few more pictures for you to enjoy -



I shall be very interested to hear from all you dog walkers, nature lovers and general walkers of any encounters you may have in and around Tostock with these adorable mammals during the joys of Spring – good luck



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 FEBRUARY-MARCH 2020

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

FEBRUARY

2nd <i>BENEFICE SERVICE</i>	9.30am for 10am family@church at Pakenham - <i>CANDLEMAS</i>
9th	9.30am Holy Communion
16th	6pm Evening Prayer & Praise
23rd	11am Morning Prayer
26th <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	10am <i>Holy Communion at Norton</i>
	7.30pm <i>Holy Communion with imposition of Ashes at Pakenham</i>

MARCH

1st <i>BENEFICE SERVICE</i>	9.30am for 10am family@church at Pakenham - <i>LENT</i>
8th	9.30am Holy Communion
15th	6pm Evening Prayer & Praise
22nd <i>MOTHERING SUNDAY</i>	11am <i>MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE - with posies for all mums/grannies - all ages welcome!</i>
29th <i>BENEFICE SERVICE</i>	10AM <i>HOLY COMMUNION AT NORTON WITH BISHOP MIKE HARRISON - BISHOP OF DUNWICH</i>

SERVICES AT THE CROFT

Mondays 17th February 2020 & 16th March 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!

Six
CHURCHES
UNDER ONE ROOF

family@church

9.30am for 10am - St Mary's Pakenham

Breakfasty 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 2nd February - CANDLEMAS

SUNDAY 1st March - LENT

LENT 2020

Ixworth Deanery invites you to "Who is Welcome?"

Come and watch the film Green Book and discuss Jesus' teaching on God's hospitality.

5 Wednesday evenings at St Mary's Pakenham March 4th- April 1st 7.30pm-9pm

Refreshments provided. All are welcome!!!

St Andrew's Church News



Tostock News

Our December Coffee Morning was the annual Charity event ,this year for the British Red Cross Appeal for Syria . A lot of people kindly attended , and £220:30p was raised which is an amazing result . Julie has received a letter of thanks from the Red Cross , so many thanks to everyone who contributed .

The Christmas Services were all very well attended , and our flower arrangers had decorated the Church beautifully .

*The candles were all lit for the Carol Service which made a lovely start to our celebrations .

We welcomed two ladies from the Bury Refuge – Annie ,a friend of many years,the former manager of the Refuge, and Tina the new manager .

Tostock is always so generous with gifts for the children and mothers , so Annie and Tina were able to take the parcels to the Refuge .

The Crib Service was the usual excitable event ,especially this year , for the first time ever in at least ten years , Mary ,Joseph and the donkey failed to arrive ! Luckily “spares “ were found , so the story could be told .

The Midnight Communion attracted a large congregation , many young people who sang with great enthusiasm , and created a joyful atmosphere at this very special Service .

Many thanks to Katherine and Jay for all their work for us at this special time .

Once again the Salvation Army Band came to play carols in Church on December 19th - wonderful music, singing ,and readings all made a very special evening . Thanks to Gail for arranging all this for us .

On December 12th we heard the sad news that Jane Sherwood had died ,aged 90 , at The Beeches in Ixworth , where she had been living for the past three years .Jane was an important part of Church and Village life for many years ,being Churchwarden and Parish Councillor , a wonderful flower arranger and renowned for her beautiful garden especially for her roses . She was always accompanied around the village by an assortment of her beloved dogs , all part of her life at Spring Cottage . Jane's funeral was held on January 7th and the Church was specially decorated for her .

A large congregation of friends and neighbours came to say “Goodbye “ – including a lovely black Labrador ! we shall miss her very much .

February Coffee Morning on Tuesday 11th at 10:30 am in the Village Hall.

The Floodlights in February are sponsored by Margaret and Keith Osbourne , to celebrate Keith's 70th Birthday .

Appeal -lost ,stolen or strayed !

Mary ,Joseph and donkey- if found ,please return to St. Andrew's Church or leave in the porch .

Jeanne O'Reilly

* Please see next page

Carol Service



* Please see back page for **NEWS From THE TOWER**



Tostock 41st

Art Show

Preview Evening, Friday, 19th June

Art Show, Saturday, 20th and Sunday, 21st.

St Andrews Church

New helpers are welcome as there is always a lot to do. Interested! Please get in touch.

Diane Mathews on 07764 872900 or email: dianemathews@hotmail.co.uk

Vanessa Malcom on 07912 419936 or email vjmalcom@aol.com

Tostock Village Hall News: February/March 2020

TOSTOCK VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE



The Village Hall Committee meets four times a year to discuss the best way to manage the running and the future improvement of our Village Hall & Playing Fields. Meetings are kept informal, yet focused and often discuss future fundraising, and many other sociable aspects of village life.

**Our Annual General Meeting (AGM)
will be held on
Tuesday, 31st March 2020, 7pm.**

All are welcome to come along to the AGM

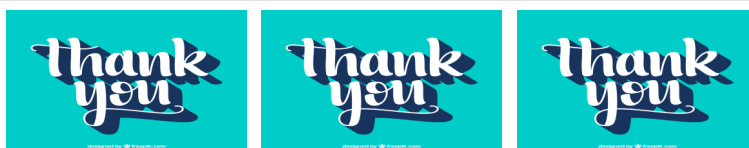
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IMPORTANT NOTICE: Village Hall Rubbish Disposal

Thank you to everyone for their help in changing the way that we manage the disposal of rubbish at the hall. Following a successful trial period, we are very pleased to now be able to make this change permanent. If you were not aware of this trial, we had asked that all users of the hall kindly take their rubbish away with them, which has allowed for the easier day to day running and management of the hall (bin bags are available at the hall, if required).



**Remember to use and enjoy
THE BRING & SHARE BOOKCASE,**
just inside the entrance door to the hall.

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



**The Village Hall Management Committee
and The Tostock Past & Present Society**

Are Co-hosting the following event.

This follows on from a few years ago when many Villagers attended an interesting talk, by Doug Patterson, on the Monasteries of Bhutan.

Saturday March 7th, in the Village Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm - Doug Patterson (Artist and Architect)

‘The Mughal Cascade, Night Scented Garden and Astronomical Observatory’.

Cheese and Wine will be served.

Tickets £5 in advance. Tel Sarah Scully 01359 270482 or Rosemary Lister 01359 270179

The Cascade forms a staircase rising 70 metres and flanked by scented gardens and a marble pavilion.

At the top is also an Observatory. The marble was sourced and carved in Northern India and shipped from Bombay to the West Indies.

The team that made it possible included specialist structural and hydraulic engineers, artists and craftsmen from India and construction expertise from the West Indies.





Tostock Past and Present Society

Winter Newsletter Jan 2020

Our Christmas event was a social event for members and friends. We enjoyed a glass of wine and the supper provided by members. The Tostock and Norton archives were on show and members also brought interesting items to display. A special thank you to Gail Moyle for providing the table decorations.

We now look forward to 2020 and the programme is set out below. This is the seventh successive year we are able to keep the membership fee at £12 with non-members still paying £3 per meeting.

Our new year commences on

Tuesday Feb 4th at 7.30pm, with our AGM followed by a talk by **John Parnum - 'Great British Engineers'**. John is a great enthusiast for producing a range of working engineering models, one of which will be on display. He is actively involved in STEM which promotes Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths in schools, business and the community.

Tuesday March 3rd - Will Lord - 'Prehistoric Man brought to Life: The 21st Century Caveman in our time'. Will grew up at Grimes Graves, a prehistoric flint mine in Norfolk, where his parents were custodians. Continuing the strong family tradition of archaeology and flintknapping, Will has become a leading figure in prehistoric survival skills.

Saturday March 7th 7pm for 7.30pm - Doug Patterson - 'The Mughal Cascade, Night Scented Garden & Astronomical Observatory'.

A few years ago Doug gave us a very interesting talk on Bhutan. A more recent project is the completion of the Mughal Cascade. The evening, run jointly with the Village Hall Management Committee, will include cheese and wine and tickets cost £5 in advance.

April 7th - Andy Mason **SARS: Suffolk Accident Rescue Service**

May 5th - Chris Parfitt **The Isles of Scilly** - An exploration of these lovely islands

June 2nd - John Field **Carl Giles & his adopted town - Ipswich**

July 9th - 2pm Visit to **Suffolk Farmhouse Cheeses and their working dairy**

September 1st - Mike Wabe **That Rings a Bell: The history of the Town Crier**

October 6th - Jeanne O'Reilly **Tostock's Millenium**

November 3rd - Peter Green **The History of the Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds**

Tuesday December 1st - Pip Fletcher **The Real Sound of Music**

For further information contact Anthony Scully 01359 270482 email a.rod.scully@gmail.com

TOSTOCK CARPET BOWLS CLUB

We are halfway through the 2019/2020 season.

We have progressed to the quarter finals in the Joe Rice Cup, to be played at Needham Market in March but out of the Bury League Knock-out.

Forthcoming fixtures:

February: Monday 10 - home to Hargrave
Thursday 20 - home to Brockley

March: Monday 2 - Joe Rice Cup - away - Needham Market
Thursday 5 - Stanningfield - away
Monday 9 - Hundon - home
Monday 16 - Withersfield - home
Monday 23 - Cockfield - home

April: Thursday 16 - Whelnetham - home



Our thanks to **Jim Langlois** for his photography and photographs.

Doreen Buckle.

* Notes from the Tostock Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 11th December 2019

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

15 Members of the Public .

Apologies received from DC Harry Richardson and DC Sarah Mansell

Reports:

County Councillor: **County Councillor Jane Storey:** No report.

District Councillors: Reports circulated to all councillors previously.

Cllr Harry Richardson had sent a brief report which confirmed MSDC had not held meetings due to the General Election. He wished everyone a Pleasant Christmas and a Happy New Year. **Councillor Sarah Mansell** who is standing in for **Cllr Wendy Turner** had sent a report that mentioned among other items, Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice Bureau having 45 volunteers that had carried out work valued at more than £380,000 assisting clients with claims, refunds and support. Cllr Cytacki proposed a vote of thanks to the CAB which was seconded by Cllr Kearsley.

Chairman: Cllr Fletcher reported that since she had taken over as chair it was apparent that meetings need to be more formal with limited discussion on issues which do not require a vote at that meeting. This will not impact on the public forum as the Parish Council is answerable to residents and should take note of issues raised. The general rule is that issues raised in the public forum that are already on the agenda will be discussed at the meeting but those that do not appear will be dealt with at the next appropriate meeting. Written reports submitted by councillors are sent out prior to meetings. Only questions regarding these that are relevant to Tostock Parish Council will be discussed and minuted. Updates will be factual and not subject to extended debate. A debate will obviously take place if a motion is proposed and will take place before the vote on that motion. A full text of motions debated and voted will be recorded in the minutes.

Village Hall: Cllr MacDowall confirmed that the Village Hall Committee had not met since the last Parish Council Meeting.

Public Forum: A resident who had received information via a Freedom of Information request made to Tostock Parish Council wished to state that he was appalled and disgusted at the emails the previous chair had received from a councillor before his resignation. He felt the previous chair had been harshly treated. Another resident wished to see tree planting in the village on the agenda in 2020 and also applauded the village hall on their new bins policy but noted that the dog poo bin was overflowing and appeared to have been missed on the emptying rounds. The clerk stated that she had received an email regarding this already and had been in touch with the relevant department. The resident hoped that if it was missed in future there would be notification so that the bin could be emptied by a volunteer. It was hoped it wouldn't be missed on a regular basis. A resident enquired about the eligibility of one councillor to sit on Tostock Parish Council. The resident agreed to put the query in writing to the Chairman who would pass it on. The retired footpath officer informed the council that he had useful material which can be passed on when the current vacancy is filled. The Chair thanked him.

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY The chair confirmed that no election for the vacancy had been called by villagers and that one indication of interest had been received from Jane Storey. She invited County Councillor Jane Storey to speak and tell those present a little about herself. Jane firstly stated that she was recording proceedings as it was of interest to her mother – a long standing resident of Tostock. She wondered if anyone else was recording the meeting? At this point Cllr Peter Boland stated that he had been/was recording the meeting. Jane spoke a little about her history of council work since 2005 and stated that although she now resides in Woolpit, she retains land and property in Tostock and her family continue to live and work here. Cllr Olivia Boland questioned County Councillor Storey further and was reminded that further details would be available when a declaration of interests was made and published in the near future. Cllr Kearsley proposed Tostock Parish Council co-opt Jane Storey and this was seconded by Cllr Cytacki. A vote was held – all in favour. The chair welcomed Cllr Storey. The acceptance was signed by Cllr Storey and the clerk.

UPDATES:

SID Speed Indicator Displays: Further work to be done on this. Cllr Kearsley proposed Cllr Fletcher to carry on looking into the finer details. Seconded by Cllr Cytacki. All in favour.

30 MPH limit extensions on roads leading to and from the village. Ongoing.

SALC Training: (Suffolk Association of Local Councils.) The Clerk reported she had attended the Clerks Networking event and found it invaluable to spend the morning with 25 other clerks.

BENCHES: The bench on the junction of Church Road and New Road is the only bench not to have had an overhaul – this is due to the weather - it has not been forgotten. Cllr Olivia Boland asked where the concrete slab costs would be coming from as the budget had not allowed for them. She was informed that current benches are set on concrete slabs and as there were no new benches proposed – no new concrete slabs were required.

LOCAL PLAN/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: Cllr MacDowall welcomed Cllr Jane Storey to the Parish Council and said he felt she could provide invaluable knowledge and experience of plans. Cllr Blundell stated that indeed, all councillors would be interested in learning more. Cllr MacDowall to carry on researching and the clerk to keep the subject on the agenda.

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THE CHRONICLE –

COLOUR PRINTING: The chair reported that she had spoken to Shirley Nice who does the most excellent job voluntarily producing The Tostock Chronicle for the Parish Council. Some advertisers had cancelled therefore Shirley was not in a position to confirm most of the cost of colour printing could be covered as previously thought. There could certainly be 2 editions a year in colour – one at Christmas and one in the summer. There were several compliments made on the festive edition recently produced and Cllr Blundell proposed a vote of thanks for Shirley’s hard work. Seconded by Cllr Cytacki. Cllr Olivia Boland questioned whether the printing could not be sourced more cheaply on line but it was explained that no two copies are ever the same length therefore a fixed price cannot be obtained leaving costs unknown. Local printers Gipping Press are used and also provide support as necessary. Shirley reminded the public and the Parish Council that the Chronicle is the villager’s publication and they should decide when it moves to colour printing.

MOTIONS TO APPROVE GRIT BIN REPLACEMENTS AND LITTER BIN EMPTYING The chair thanked Cllr Cytacki and his team of helpers for siting the new grit bins. Cllr Cytacki reported that whilst reviewing the situation it was apparent that two more are needed. Therefore: Cllr Cytacki proposed to approve the purchase of two more replacement grit bins for the damaged bins on the flagpole triangle and at the junction of The Green and Norton Road. Cllr Kearsley seconded. All in favour.

PLANNING : Planning application:DC/19/05278 Appledores farm had been refused. Planning application: DC/19/04752 Place Farm had been approved. The enquiries brought up by residents in the public forum at the previous meeting had been investigated. The chair reported that the planning department had notified Tostock Parish Council in 2016 that the Appledores Farm gate was permitted however this had never been minuted nor can the correspondence be located. Highways enforcement continues an investigation however. The caravan on site is privately owned and on private land. This does not constitute fly tipping (the phrase used in the public forum at the previous meeting) therefore is not a parish council issue. There followed a discussion regarding the understanding of the word defamatory – Cllr Peter Boland referred back to the minutes of the previous parish council meeting when it had been recorded in the minutes the phrase that a resident had used in the public forum.

Cllr Peter Boland did not agree with the chairs understanding of the word defamatory.

LITTER PICKER CONTRACT: Proposal to extend the Litter Picking Contract to the end of the financial year to bring in line with everything else and to give time for any other interested parties to apply for the role. Cllr Fletcher proposed and Cllr Cytacki seconded. .

COUNCILLORS REPORTS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Cllr Olivia Boland asked about the list of items made after the village meeting – particularly the music festival. This can be considered at a more appropriate time. Recording of meetings to be placed on the agenda. The type of equipment needed to be purchased, the budget for such equipment and the storage of recordings. Whether it was a good use of tax payers money. An explanation of the difference between ‘in camera’ meetings and on camera was given by Cllr Storey. All were reminded that the public are not allowed to be recorded on camera. Cllr Blundell requested that to prevent one person taking over the meeting – hands should be raised in future before any councillor speaks so that the chair may select the order of speaking ensuring all councillors get a turn to speak if required. Also that there should be a time limit on speaking. The clerk reported that many clerks/parish councils use egg timers to indicate speaking time to councillors.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

_To confirm the date of the next meeting as **Wednesday, 8th January 2020 at 7.30pm** in the village hall.
(Not the 11th as on the published Agenda) The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

- WEDNESDAY, 11th MARCH 2020
- WEDNESDAY, 8th APRIL (ANNUAL PARISH MEETING)
- WEDNESDAY, 15th APRIL 2020
- WEDNESDAY, 13th MAY (ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)
- WEDNESDAY, 8th JULY 2020
- WEDNESDAY, 12th AUGUST 2020
- WEDNESDAY, 7th OCTOBER 2020
- WEDNESDAY, 11th NOVEMBER 2020
- WEDNESDAY, 9th DECEMBER 2020

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*** Notes from the Tostock Parish Council Meeting on on Wednesday 8th January 2020**

Present: Chair: P Fletcher, J Kearsley (Vice-Chair), D Blundell, O Boland, G Macdowall, N Cytacki, M Johansson and J Storey. County Councillor Jane Storey Mrs S Burman (Clerk)
10 Members of the Public

Apologies: Apologies received from P Boland, DC Harry Richardson and DC Sarah Mansell

Reports:

County Councillor:

County Councillor Jane Storey: Suffolk Fire Service reported to be working very well, particularly with the other emergency services in non-fire related incidents. The pathway to and from the Suffolk Business Park is up and running and being used. The SCC scrutiny committee will be meeting with KIER and SCC Highways for review. SCC draft budget is ready for review and expected to be approved at full council meeting on 27th Feb. Total increase in rates: 3.9% Band D tax will be around £40 extra per year.

District Councillors: Reports circulated to all councillors previously.

Cllr Harry Richardson had sent a report and also **Councillor Sarah Mansell** both mainly covering the SCC budget and rates to go to full council in Feb as reported by CC Jane Storey.

Chairman: Cllr Fletcher reported that as it had only been a month since the last meeting and Christmas, New Year and illness had taken up the weeks between – there was no report.

Village Hall: Cllr MacDowall confirmed that the Village Hall Committee meet next week.

Public Forum: A resident brought up the subject of not being able to hear the councillors very well during meetings. Cllr Macdowall confirmed that there is an audio system already installed in the hall but not an actual hearing loop. It was agreed to put on the next agenda.

UPDATES:

SID Speed Indicator Displays: Further work to be done on this. Cllr Fletcher hoped to have the information prepared for the next meeting.

30 MPH limit extensions on roads leading to and from the village. Ongoing.

SALC Training: (Suffolk Association of Local Councils.) Nothing booked at present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

After the last parish Council Meeting on 11th December, the clerk had received another Freedom of Information request. This has been dealt with and the requested information sent to the requestee. An email had been received regarding a memorial to the late Allison Scofield – this has been passed to the Village Hall Committee as Allison's link was with the Tostock Brownie Pack at the village hall.

PLANNING :

Planning application:DC/19/05941 Removal of conifers at The Cottage, The Leys.

The parish council had no objection. Clerk to write to planning department.

TREE PLANTING, TREE OFFICER & FOOTPATHS OFFICER:

It was proposed that a piece is written for the Chronicle to advertise these posts to villagers who regularly walk the footpaths and or have an interest in trees. It was felt tree planting may be applicable on the Leys and the idea of an avenue of trees was mooted.

TO CONSIDER THE RECORDING OF MEETINGS

A discussion took place in which the council was divided. It was felt that it was a shame that a small village such as Tostock should need to be recording meetings, that it was an unfortunate necessity, that it was a shame to have to consider it and two councillors were firmly against. One councillor stated that with the current level of threats, intimidation and bullying against councillors, it was warranted to substantiate claims made after meetings. One councillor stated that councillors could record individually should they see fit. No agreement was reached bearing in mind the storage of recordings and the cost having made the decision to approve an austere budget. It was agreed to consult SALC and leave on the agenda.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

Cllr Olivia Boland stated that in view of the increase in population in the surrounding villages she would like the idea of a mobile GP put on the agenda.

The clerk reported that **Saturday 9th May 2020** has been decided as a day for gathering on the village green in honour of the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. (The bank holiday having been moved to Friday 8th May)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: To confirm the date of the next meeting as **Wednesday, 11th March** 2020 at 7.30 in the village hall.

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Collection Calendar 2020

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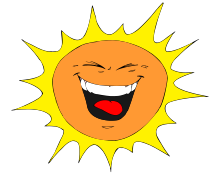


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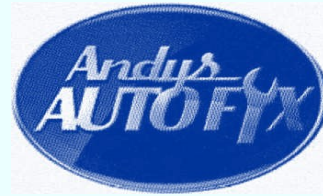
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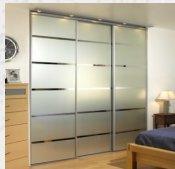
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MARCH 2020

Saturday 7th



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Saturday 14th



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Wednesday 11th



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Tuesday 31st



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News from the Tower

On Sunday December 1st, we held a Service to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the restoration of Tostock's bells . It was lovely to be joined by so many people who had helped in various ways with the project , Guild members Winston and Carol Girling and others ,especially Mrs . Margaret Pamment and Mrs. Betty Baines .The Revd Katherine Valentine took the Service, with Revd. Carl Melville , Vicar of Bramford , giving the Address . Carl had joined us to learn to ring when he was 16 . At the end of the Service a Garden Bench was dedicated to John , our carpenter , and Tony ,our bell-hanger and presented to Margaret and Betty .This will be placed in the Churchyard later, as a memorial to two outstanding craftsmen .

The Bells project began in 1997 with lots of fundraising and seeking grants from Charities , which eventually raised £52,000 . At the same time ,every Monday evening , the "Tostock Ten", nervously climbed up the stairs of Rougham Church to learn the art of Bell -ringing from Elizabeth Teversen and Maurice Rose who were very patient with us ! We were almost all complete beginners , but today three of the original 10 are still ringing . We are fortunate to be able to ring for Services with the help of our more recent members Mark and Serena , Keith and Jim ,and our newest recruit , Robert .

Every year , visitors come from all over the country to ring our bells , from Cumbria to Devon , and they have been rung for many local and national events , village weddings , funerals . Andrew Marriott was our youngest ringer , aged 10 , when we rang for the Queen Mother's 100th Birthday . Following the tribute , Andrew then chimed the 7th bell 100 times .

This year ,the bells were rung for Andrew and Lauren's Wedding !

The first Tower Captain was Jane Sherwood , who died on Dec. 12th, aged 90 . The bells were rung at her funeral on Jan.7th , as she had requested , un-muffled .

Tostock is known as a very friendly tower , if you would like to try ringing , our practice night is Monday , contact Sue Marriott the Tower captain 270143



Betty Baines and Margaret Pamment with the Bench .



The first Ring Dec. 24th 1999. Doug Swinden ,Jeanne O'Reilly, Sanya Oldroyd , Sue Marriott, Margaret and Lionel Grooms , Ann Gath , Andrew Marriott .



the Queen Mother's Birthday , with Tracey Rushton and Donna Cocksedge .



The Peal for 20th Anniversary, Winston and Carol Girling , Mark and Serena Stegges ,Carl Melville ,Betty Baines