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CHRONICLE**

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Wishing everyone and all, a very



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More details and the latest up to date information, is available on our village website.

[www.tostockpc.org.uk](http://www.tostockpc.org.uk)

### Services

#### **Emergency Police/Fire/Ambulance 999**

Energy power failures & Emergencies	08007 838866
Anglian water	08457 145145

#### Health

Woolpit Health Centre	01359 240298
Out of Hours	111
West Suffolk Hospital	01284 713000
BMI Hospital	01284 701371
St Nicholas Hospice	01284 766133

#### Advice

Relate	01284 767305
Samaritans	01284 750000
Drugs Hotline	0800 253 253
Citizens Advice Bureau	01284 753675

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Non-emergency	101
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Suffolk County Council	03456 066067
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Norton Pre-school	01359 232736
Norton Primary School	01359 230520

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Theatre Royal	01284 769505
Apex	01284 758000
Picture House	01284 754477

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## **February/March 2022**

Please may I have your contributions on or  
**BEFORE 19<sup>th</sup> January**

preferably in word or publisher format, much appreciated.

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# Tostock Art Show

The Tostock Art Show made a welcome return to the village in September. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying high quality artworks, great fudge and fabulous cakes. There are some potential "Great British Bake Off" contestants out there! A huge thank you from Vanessa and me to all the helpers - we couldn't do it without you.



This year's visitor's favourite artwork was Donna Wisdom's, "Resting (Boat Painting)" pictured.

And the icing on the cake.....after costs we raised just under **£3,000**, which will be split equally between the Village Hall and St Andrew's

Church.

Looking ahead to 2022, we have decided to stay with a date in September in the lovely St Andrew's Church, thanks to

Rev. Katherine Valentine.

Date	Action
Wednesday, 31 August	Setting up marquees and stands
Thursday, 1 September	Receiving and hanging artworks
Friday, 2 September	Preview Evening
Saturday, 3 September	Art Show and refreshments
Sunday, 4 September	Art Show and refreshments
Monday, 5 September	Dismantling marquees and stands

We look forward to seeing you all next year and we would welcome any new helpers interested in getting involved.

Diane Mathews and Vanessa Malcom

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING ON SEPTEMBER 21ST.

THE FINAL FIGURE FOR THE AMOUNT RAISED WAS **£634.**



To Jim Langlois and Derrick Poole for producing such a Super **Village Calendar** yet again !

# Tostock Flower and Vegetable Show 11th September 2021

A big thank you to all the entrants this year for the wonderful displays in every class. It was lovely to see such great support for the show with some new faces entering classes too. Well done to everyone and below is a list of all the cup and trophy winners.

Parish Council Challenge Bowl : Jane Putt

Pineacre Runner-up Cup : Derrick Poole

Cowdell Cup for Homecraft : Dianne Brewer

George Taylor Plate for Gardener under 25yrs : Faramir Newport

Floral Art Cup : Sarah Reader

Copeland Trophy for Photography : Rachel Newport

Simon Reynolds Best Tray : Jane Putt

Tostock Trowel : Sarah Scully



## TOSTOCK FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW 11.9.2021

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
ENTRIES	50.29	PRINTING SCHEDULES	31.07
RAFFLE	85.50	GIFT VOUCHERS(PRIZES)	35.00
DOOR	25.10	TROWEL(PRIZE)	10.99
TEAS	21.70	RAFFLE PRIZES	9.97
	132.30	JUDGES EXPENSES	20.00
LESS FLOAT	30.00	ENGRAVING(TROPHIES)	35.00
	102.30	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	142.03
TOTAL INCOME	152.59	SURPLUS FROM INCOME	10.56
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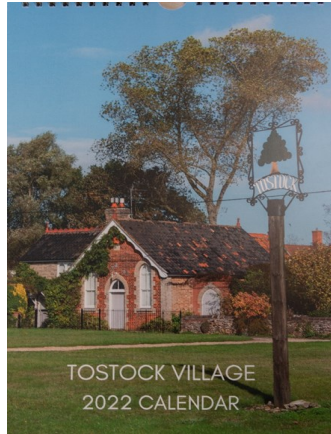
THE SHOW COVERED ALL COSTS MAKING A SMALL PROFIT OF £10.56

The show is open to all Tostock residents so please encourage your neighbours to enter the 2022 show!

Finally a very big thank you to all the helpers and judges but especially to Julie and Barney who have been organizing the show for many years now, long may it continue.

## TOSTOCK CALENDAR 2022

The calendars are available at £6 each, with the profits shared between the Village Hall and St. Andrew's Church, Tostock.



### They can be purchased at the Christmas Fayre

On November 27th at the Village Hall from 12pm onwards  
and from any of the people listed below:

Jim Langlois Tel No 01359 270456.  
Derrick Poole Tel No 01359 270197  
Shirley Nice Tel No 01359 271727



I wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who donated and supported me in running this year's **London Marathon**. It was an amazing experience that really pushed me to my physical limits, however I was over the moon and incredibly fortunate to raise **£3400** for Sarcoma UK. Sarcoma is a rare form of cancer that affects bone and soft tissue. Sarcoma UK help to facilitate new and necessary research as well as providing support for those living with or affected by Sarcoma.

Thanks to your donations, they're able to keep doing their amazing work that has been deeply affected by the pandemic.

Thank you all once again, I'm sure you'll see me out-and-about in Tostock over the Christmas period.

All the best, Ted





## Tostock Tidy Day Volunteers



Yet another year has passed and under Covid rules. Sadly, whilst this did restrict what we were able to do, we still managed to complete a number of tasks whilst having some fun along the way. The most notable achievements were:

Clearing the ditch down Norton Road from the Croft to the Village Hall entrance.  
Edging the footpaths around the Croft.  
Cutting the hedges surrounding the Playing Fields.

In addition, I would like to thank Archie and Tom Taylor who, as part of working towards their Duke of Edinburgh award, volunteered to clear the paths around the church, removed the weeds growing in the gutter and sweeping the footpath on Norton Road. Sterling work lads!

We will now start working on what can be achieved next year and advise of forthcoming dates in due course. If you have any suggested activities this group could undertake to help enhance our village please let us know. Whilst we can't promise to do everything, we are happy to give serious consideration to all sensible proposals.



**Thank you to everyone who helped on the Tidy Days and we wish you a **Merry Christmas** and **Happy New Year**.**

We look forward to seeing you next year



## Tostock Past & Present Society



On October 5th we welcomed the **Blood Runners** who transport blood & life saving commodities round the UK. The organisation is staffed by groups of dedicated volunteers and they rely on donations from the public. They are used extensively by the NHS and their services will affect many of us during the course of our lives. We really appreciate what they do.

In November Ashley Cooper came on his 6th visit to the Society in the last 30 years. Ashley gave us a fascinating talk exploring our regional literary links. There are few people, so well read, with an ability to captivate his audience.

Unfortunately, David Lilley is unable to come to our next meeting in December. David is due to have a serious heart operation this month and we wish him well.

**We are fortunate to have as a replacement speaker Sarah Moyle who will talk to us about the life of a Professional Actor. Sarah has appeared on the New York stage, The London Stage as well as a variety of television appearances.**

**The event will be in the Village Hall as usual with an earlier start of 7pm on Tuesday December 7th. As it is our Christmas event we will be supplying wine, and ask everyone to bring a plate of food to share.**

Please contact me if you need any further information. Email [a.r.scully@btinternet.com](mailto:a.r.scully@btinternet.com)

Anthony Scully. Chairman

# Thank you!

A big thank you and huge appreciation to everyone that is involved with the continuation of this historical archive **'The Chronicle'**

Importantly all our Contributors:

- Clubs :** Past & Present- Anthony & Sarah Scully, Book Club-Julie Harrison, Tennis Club- Elizabeth Dunn & Susie Walton, Bowls-Doreen Buckle, Stem club-John Parnam
- Events:** Art Show-Diane Mathews and Vanessa Malcom, Open Gardens- Gail Moyles, Flower and Veg Show-Barney Harrison & Sharon Markell, Macmillan Coffee Morning-Dianne Brewer, Church News and Christmas Fayre-Jeanne O'Reilly, Church services-Reverened Katherine Valentine, Tostock Tidy Days- Jim Langlois
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And especially **Derrick Poole** who spends a lot of time and effort to produce interesting topical news and lovely pictures of our beautiful countryside in every issue for quite some years now.

Also vital support from Jim Langlois (photography), Sarah Reader (Ads) including Proof reading (at very short notice), very much Appreciated.



Wishing you all a Very **Merry Christmas** and a happy healthy **New Year !**

**Christmas cards** showing the Church beautifully decorated for the celebrations, photographed by Jim Langlois, will be on sale at the Christmas Fair, priced £5 for a pack of 5 or sold singly.

This is a new venture for the Church, which we hope people will enjoy.

Cards can also be purchased from Jim Langlois or Jeanne O'Reilly if you miss the Fair !





# Tostock Village Hall News

## December 2021



**It has been great to see so many groups safely returning to the Village Hall and enjoying getting back to our new normal.**

We have also been really encouraged to see an increase in booking enquiries. If you would like to book the hall, please contact

**[tostocktvh@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tostocktvh@hotmail.co.uk)**

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NEW NORMAL

Our **last committee meeting** took place on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021, where we discussed and made progress with many issues related to the day to day maintenance of the hall, as well as more longer-term projects. Our next meeting will be held in January 2022. If you have any general questions regarding using hall, please email: [tostockvillagehall@outlook.com](mailto:tostockvillagehall@outlook.com)

### VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Earlier this year we carried out a village hall survey to help us understand your views as to what improvements could be made to enhance the hall and ensure that it meets the needs of the community. We received a great response with over 50 replies, so we now have plenty of ideas! Thank you again to everyone who took the time to return their survey.



Since then, we have had several meetings with the architects who are creating some proposals for the building. It is our intention to hopefully be able to arrange an event at the hall where you will be able to view these and allow us to incorporate your feedback into the final design proposals. We may of course be constrained by the funding that is available so it is important that we have a range of options. Hopefully you will hear from us soon with a date for the event at the hall.

### Further Vandalism at Tostock Village Playing Fields – Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021.

We are very sad, and also shocked, to report that four newly planted silver birch trees in the wild flower meadow area of the village playing fields have been sawn down. The trees were intentionally and maliciously destroyed on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021, very shortly after they had been planted. This has been reported to the Police who are treating this as an act of criminal damage and taking the matter very seriously. Given this is the second act of vandalism to take place in the village playing fields, they have since been out to investigate this matter in more detail.

**If anyone has any further information that would assist the police in their investigations, please email them on [07967752750@suffolk-sms2.co.uk](mailto:07967752750@suffolk-sms2.co.uk), quoting the Crime Number 37/63664/21**

In planting the trees, we had hoped to play a small part in reversing climate change. Trees help to combat global warming by absorbing carbon dioxide, removing and storing carbon while releasing oxygen back into the air.

In fact a recent study has found that the silver birch is capable of removing 40 tonnes of CO2 from air in 20 years

**The Village Hall Committee would like to offer their thanks to Ian Friend for the time and dedicated support that he gave to Tostock Football Club over the many years that he spent with the club.**

**Sadly, the club has recently decided to disband.**





## Tostock Parish Council Fireworks



Remember, Remember Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021! Back with a great bonfire, amazing fireworks & record numbers attending. Our biggest thanks are to Thomas, Chris & Simon who stepped in at the last minute to set the fireworks off after Alan & Nick unfortunately came down with Covid. We are also grateful to Gerda Security who kindly donated the pallets for the bonfire. But, of course planning, setting up and running the evening is a very big team effort, so our thanks to everyone who helped and allowed the event to safely take place!

This year, we will be sharing some of our profit with the East Anglian Air Ambulance and Suffolk Accident Rescue Service (SARS).

## 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](tel:01359270605) or [tostocktvh@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tostocktvh@hotmail.co.uk) to reserve it for your Event

**\* Booking & covid-secure restrictions may apply**

### DATES FOR NEXT YEARS DIARY

TOSTOCK OPEN GARDENS

AND

FLOWER FESTIVAL

IN THE VILLAGE

IN THE CHURCH ON SATURDAY JULY 9TH

SUNDAY 10TH JULY 2022

AND SUNDAY 10TH JULY 2022

**Bingo** is Back!

Starting on **Tuesday 25th January 2022**,

then every last Tuesday of the month in

the village hall from 2.pm onwards, including refreshments and snacks,  
raffle



**LOTS OF FUN TO BE HAD!**

Also Coffee Mornings, Tidy days, clubs, etc.,

St Andrews

NEWS from the CHURCH

Our Christmas Fair takes place on Saturday Nov.27<sup>th</sup>, it seems along time since the last one, but our usual events are slowly coming back.

We hope for a successful and enjoyable day. On Sunday Dec.12<sup>th</sup> the Carol Service will take place at 3pm. Gifts for the children at the Bury Refuge will be collected during the Service, but if you can't come to the Service, please bring your parcels to Church during the morning. A label for a girl or a boy and approximate age will help when the gifts are sorted out at the Refuge.



The people of Tostock are always so generous when we make our appeal for gifts at Christmas, and they are very much appreciated. Parcels can also be left at 6, Wood Close or Flinders, the Green, until Tuesday Dec.14<sup>th</sup>.

The Monthly Coffee Mornings have returned to the Village Hall now that the weather has become colder, and the next one is December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. This will be the annual Charity event, but at the moment we have not made a final decision on which Charity to support! (there are so many!)

Gail had some wonderful news today – the Norton Salvation Army Band will be coming to play for us in Church on Tuesday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm. This has become such a part of Christmas for us in Tostock, it will be lovely to take part in the Carols and music again. If you haven't been before, do come along and join in!

The Crib Service is on Christmas Eve at 3pm – there will not be a "Posada" this year, but we have a new Mary and Joseph to replace those who went missing and they will be there to tell their story.

Our Service on Christmas Day is Family Holy Communion at 9:30 am.

The flood lights for December are sponsored by Mr. And Mrs. Temple -Nidd to celebrate the birth of Freddie Riley Runswick, on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, their first Great Grandson.

The flood lights for January 2022 are sponsored by Jean le Fleming, in memory of Peter.

**Happy Christmas to all.**

Jeanne O'Reilly,

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NEWS FROM THE TOWER

Well what an odd year it has been. Lockdowns, churches locked, no ringing allowed. Then limited ringing... only three ringers in the tower. Now thankfully the whole band is allowed to again, with Christmas coming up it'll be nice to ring all six bells again. We hope that in the Year we'll get back to our Monday night practices. We're on the lookout for anyone who like to learn to ring or anyone returning to ringing if you've had a break, you can get in touch or any of our ringers.



some ring New would with me

All that is left to say is have a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

from all The Tostock Bell Ringers.



Fantastic



**St Andrew's Church, Norton IP31 3NB**

presents:

# **A CONCERT**

by:

## **JENNY'S ACCORDIONISTS**

(Returning once more by popular request, this internationally-acclaimed group will be playing a range of accordion music to suit all tastes)

**Saturday 4th December 2021 at 7.00pm**

**Tickets £10.00**

(all profits in aid of St Andrew's Church)

**Light Refreshments included  
and wine available for purchase by the glass**

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**St Andrew's Church Tostock**

**(Benefice of Pakenham, Norton & Tostock**

**with Great Ashfield, Hunston & Stowlangtoft)**

Rector: Revd Katherine Valentine Tel 01359 235095

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**Our benefice Church magazine** is also available online at [www.vcnews.org.uk](http://www.vcnews.org.uk)

**DECEMBER 2021- JANUARY 2022 BENEFICE CHURCH SERVICES**

TOSTOCK SERVICES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN **BOLD**

**5th 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Norton  
9.30am for 10am family@church CHRISTINGLE Pakenham

**12TH 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9.30am Morning Worship Great Ashfield  
11am Holy Communion & Baptism Pakenham  
2.30pm CAROL SERVICE Hunston  
**3pm CAROL SERVICE Tostock - Bring gifts to put under the Christmas Tree for children at the Bury Women's Refuge**  
6pm Evensong Norton

**19TH 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) Tostock**  
3pm CAROL SERVICE Stowlangtoft  
4pm NORTON VILLAGE OUTDOOR CAROL SERVICE Norton Baptist Church  
5pm CAROL SERVICE Great Ashfield  
6.30pm CAROL SERVICE Pakenham

**24TH CHRISTMAS EVE  
3pm CRIB SERVICE**

11.30pm MIDNIGHT COMMUNION  
**Tostock - Children are invited to come dressed as Angels, Wise Men or Shepherds**  
Great Ashfield

**25TH CHRISTMAS DAY**

**9.30am FAMILY FESTIVAL COMMUNION Tostock**  
9.30am FAMILY FESTIVAL COMMUNION Norton  
10.30am CRIB SERVICE Great Ashfield  
11am FAMILY FESTIVAL COMMUNION Pakenham  
11am FAMILY FESTIVAL COMMUNION Hunston

**JANUARY 2022**

**2ND EPIPHANY SUNDAY**

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Norton  
10am Family@Church - EPIPHANY Pakenham

**9TH BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

continued

<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>	<b>Tostock</b>
9.30am	Morning Worship	Great Ashfield
11am	Holy Communion	Pakenham
6pm	Evensong	Norton
<b>16TH</b>	<b>2ND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY</b>	
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Pakenham
11am	Morning Worship	Norton
11am	Holy Communion	Great Ashfield
<b>6pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer &amp; Praise</b>	<b>Tostock</b>
<b>23RD</b>	<b>3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY</b>	
9.30am	TOAST	Great Ashfield
9.30am	Holy Communion	Norton
11am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Hunston
<b>11am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Tostock</b>
<b>30TH</b>	<b>THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST</b>	
<b>10am</b>	<b>Benefice Holy Communion</b>	<b>Tostock</b>
	<b>With Elder commissioning by Archdeacon David Jenkins</b>	

**SERVICES AT ROMNEY COTTAGE, TOSTOCK.**  
**20th December 10am Carols & mince pies**  
**17th January 2022 Prayer, Praise & Chat. All welcome.**

**THE CHRISTMAS GOSPELS - A BIBLE STUDY FOR ADVENT**

**Mondays December 6th & 13th at 2.30pm-4pm at Spring House, Church Rd Tostock** Come and explore together the 2 versions of the story of the Nativity in Matthew's and Luke's gospels. All welcome. (Park in the pub car park and turn left down the drive by Reynolds, opposite the side of the pub, keep going left and you will come to Spring House).

**CAROL SINGING WITH THE SALVATION ARMY BAND**

**AT ST ANDREW'S TOSTOCK**  
**Tuesday 21st December 7.30pm - All Welcome.**  
**In aid of St Nicholas' Hospice.**

**Norton Churches Together**  
**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**  
**18TH - 25TH JANUARY**

**"We saw his star in the East"**

This year's resources for worship have been put together by the churches in the Middle East and use the story of the visit of the Magi to help us reflect on how Christ draws people together from all over the world to worship him.

This week in Norton we will be getting together at the following dates and times - all are welcome.  
 An Evening of Prayer & Reflection - Wednesday 19th January 7.30pm-8.30pm - Norton Baptist Church Hall.

United Service - Sunday 23rd January 6pm Norton Salvation Army Hall

## COUNTRYLIFE – D. POOLE NUMBER 42

Although the Corona virus Covid 19 pandemic wiped out most of 2020 and continued with us throughout the beginning of 2021, causing lockdown for at least the first 4 months of this year. So what I thought I would do for this edition is to treat you all to a month by month diary of my photographs and events, that I have managed to achieve throughout most of this year. Where possible in and around Tostock and some much further afield amongst my travels.

We'll start with the beginning of **January** and this magnificent scene I get the moment I draw the curtains back from our bedroom window. The scene is along the ride behind Wood Close and it only appears on a particularly cold and frosty morning.



The second scene was a welcoming view of the pond in the ancient meadow opposite the Leys, one morning in January when I went to check the Owl box which you can see in the middle of the oak tree. Moments later I was gifted with a surprise appearance of the Barn Owl scene 3 which immediately came out of the box on my arrival - how lucky can you get.

**February** 2nd gave me one of the greatest moments of my life. It occurred down at the Blackburn Nature reserve which is just about a mile away from Tostock, when I stumbled upon, not 1 but 3 Long-eared Owls all congregated together in a 12ft tall bush. They were just as startled as I was because I could not believe my eyes. Rather than fly away Long-eared Owls when aroused blow themselves up to look big and stretch out their wings and body to defend their habitat. Straight away I get the immediate intuition now I have seen them to make a mental note in my head as to their whereabouts and hope that they stay there. I couldn't resist the temptation to go back the very following day, and well and behold, they were still there. It resulted in me becoming obsessed with them and on the 25th February I managed to get a photograph of a lifetime of one of them - seen here, something I will treasure for ever. The Owls stayed there for about the next four months when I saw them on regular occasions.



**March** - Is the month for the mad March Hares and I would like to dedicate the next two pictures to our regular Tostock bell ringers - Mark and Serena because it was just in front of their house across the road in the meadow where I took these two pictures of the Hares and the third of the primroses in the ditches along the road from Rectory Farm going towards Woodend Green which are very prominent in March and a welcoming site to Spring



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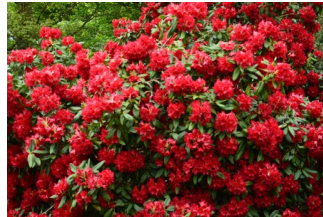
**April** brought about another surprise when a Peregrin Falcon turned up on a gargoyle on St Mary’s Church Pakenham, also April is the month of the carpets of beautiful Bluebells back home in my back garden. I was able to get numerous garden birds come in–Blue tits, Great tits, Goldfinches, even a Red poll and a Nuthatch and Great Spotted Woodpecker.



**May** - We had two ventures out during May. First to Hillington Tulip fields advertised by Anglia Tv and secondly to Sheringham Park which I featured in the last edition.



6<sup>th</sup> May - Hillington



25<sup>th</sup> May – Sheringham Park



25<sup>th</sup> June - Icklingham

**June** – brought a wealth of wildlife to the Blackbourn Nature reserve, so much so I could have a complete page Some of the highlights being the Orchids, Nightingales, Dragonflies, at least 10 species of Butterflies, Turtle Doves, Cuckoos, Roe deer the list goes on, but the biggest highlight was at Icklingham when on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June a Roller from the continent turned up, picture above. The last four days of June and the first four of July Penny and I spent our annual main holiday on a trip to the Isle of Mull, Scotland (that would have to be chapter on its own) the rest of **July** meant only one thing to me and that is the search for the iridescent male Purple Emperor butterfly which was most successful on two occasions – one on the floor at Bradfield Woods, and the other on the ground at Theberton Woods.

**August** - Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of August we both paid a visit to Mid Suffolk Light Railway at Brockford Station which resulted in us taking a short steam train trip along the line and back, in the afternoon, we took a trip aboard a 1950’s Eastern Counties Bus, travelling along some of narrow country lanes around Suffolk – which was very nostalgic. On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August the Spitfire plane flew into Rougham Airfield on an organised flypast mission, just hours later we also had a steam train The Mayflower hauled by a diesel pass through our village towards Bury.

**September** means two important events for the village, the first being on the 11th The Flower and Vegetable Show, which was a great success and congratulations to the organisers for this long running event, the second being the Harvest festival on Sunday the 26th which is always a joy to attend. Again well done to the cleaners and flower arrangers, Katherine the vicar and all concerned. Also a mention and thanks to the person/persons who decorated the letter box on the village green – brilliant, well done. Also not forgetting this month for the first time on the weekend of the 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> the 41<sup>st</sup> Art Show was held in September including the Open Gardens – well done to everybody concerned. Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September we travelled up to Bolton Lancashire on a coach excursion to fulfil a life-long ambition, on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> we travelled from Bolton a short journey to Bury Station where we boarded the iconic steam train The Flying Scotsman, we were also lucky to have a repeat journey on this train again in October the 4<sup>th</sup> nearer to home at Dereham, Norfolk.



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**October** – started as mentioned on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> with a ride on The Flying Scotsman from Dereham station towards Wymondham and back again. Middle of October we had a day out at Helmingham Hall Park to see the herds of deer. We had a good day out, parking at the Church and walking freely on the footpath through the park. Our main hope was to capture the Red Deer at their annual rut activity, which you can see from the photos was successful. At the end of the month we spent a short break in Norfolk in the Royal Estate at Sandringham.



**November** – starting with the Fireworks and bonfire night, well done and a thank you to all the various organisers followed by a week later on the 11th by the Annual Remembrance Day for all those who lost their lives during various conflicts of wars. November and Autumn is a fantastic time of year for the scenery, with the changing colours of the trees and falling leaves but the stars of the show have to be the evergreens of the Hollies and Ivy, and of all the trees that are in the wood the Holly bears the crown.



Dedicated to Lionel and Margaret - New Road

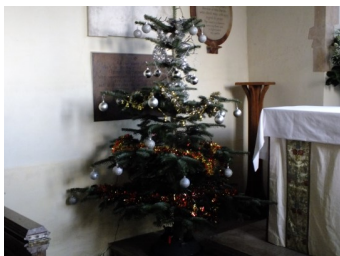
Righthand side of Norton Road after The Leys

One of the joys of living in Tostock is to see these lovely Holly bushes full of berries which put you in the mood ready for Christmas.

**December** - As we all know means just one thing and that is the greatest birthday on earth - Christmas

One of the pleasures is singing some of the many Christmas Carols and hearing the story told at our little Tostock Church.

So I will conclude with my last few pictures and wish you all a **Merry Christmas** and **Prosperous New Year**





# Mid Suffolk District Council

## Refuse & Recycling Collection Schedule 2022

December 2021							January 2022							February 2022							March 2022						
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August 2022							September 2022							October 2022							November 2022						
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-  Refuse (general rubbish) collection week
  -  Recycling collection week
  -  Please refer to the Christmas & New Year Waste Collection Schedule 2021/22
  -  Collections following a bank holiday will be a day later than usual for the rest of the week
- All recycling collections during the week commencing 6th June will take place a day later than usual*
- \* Refuse collections for Thursday 2nd June will take place on Saturday 4th June instead*
- \*\* Refuse collections for Friday 3rd June will take place on Monday 6th June instead*

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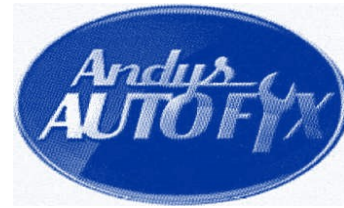
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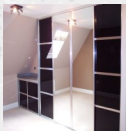
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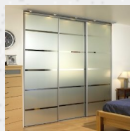
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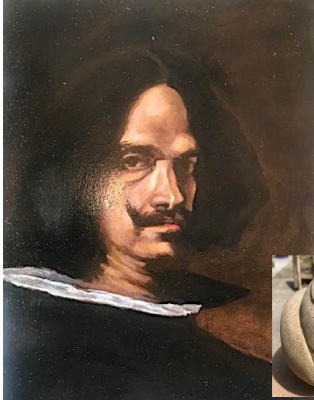
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